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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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**RESOLUTION**

**SUBJECT : CONSTITUTION OF BAITARANI RIVER BASIN ORGANISATION.**

Scarcity of water is becoming a global issue. The State of Orissa put its Water Resources Management on a sustainable track. The National Water Policy, 2002 and the State Water Policy, 2007 indicate that Water Resources Planning should be undertaken considering the River Basin as a unit. Accordingly, the State Water Plan has been formulated with an aim to conceptualize Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in order to ensure comprehensive multi-sectoral planning development and management of the State's Water Resources and effective, efficient, equitable and sustainable service deliveries for various water uses. The increasing demand on water for different sectoral use and poor water use efficiency necessitates adoption of measures for sustainable planning, development and management of water resources in the State. In keeping with the above, Government of Orissa in Water Resources Department have formulated River Basin Organisation (RBO) to plan and monitor all water related activities in River Basins.

Constitution of Baitarani River Basin Organisation is felt necessary for integrated planning, development and management of Water Resources in the Baitarani Basin.

After careful consideration, Government have been pleased to constitute Baitarani River Basin Organisation to plan and monitor water related activities in the Baitarani River Basin.

The detailed arrangement for Baitarani River Basin Organisation indicating structure, powers and functions power and funding is appended herewith.

**ORDER :** Ordered that the Resolution be published in the next issue of Orissa Gazette and copies thereof be sent to all Departments / all Heads of Departments.

**By Order of the Governor**

  
**Commissioner-Cum-Secretary to Govt.  
Water Resources Department.**

Memo No. 22163 / Dated 4-9-10

Copy forwarded to the Director, Printing and Stationery, Cuttack ( through Secretariat Branch I/c) for information and necessary action. He is requested to publish the above resolution in an extra -ordinary Gazette and furnish 100 copies to this Department for official use immediately.

Additional Secretary to Government  
Department of Water Resources

Memo No. 22164 / Dated 4-9-10

Copy forwarded to the Private Secretary to Chief Minister / Secretary to Governor of Orissa / All Departments of Government/ All Heads Department / All member of Baitarani River Basin Organisation for information.

Additional Secretary to Government  
Department of Water Resources

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Copy forwarded to the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources/ Engineer-in-Chief, (Planning & Design ) /All Chief Engineers / All Chief Engineer & Basin Managers /All Branches DOWR / Guard File( 10 copies) for information and necessary action.

Additional Secretary to Government  
Department of Water Resources

## BAITARANI RIVER BASIN ORGANISATION

### 1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Baitarani River Basin Organisation (RBO) is to take the responsibility of integrated planning, development and management of water resources in the Baitarani basin in partnership with the Odisha Water Planning Organisation and Department of Water Resources. It will be an organization of all stakeholders including water-related Government Departments in the basin and will co-ordinate their activities with a view to resolve conflicts and avoid duplication of work among them, and achieve maximum results in respect of the measures undertaken by them.

### 2. (a) STRUCTURE OF BAITARANI RBO

Baitarani River Basin Organisation (RBO) will be a single-tier organisation which will comprise of thirty four (34) members including Chairperson and Member Secretary.

The Revenue Divisional Commissioner (RDC), Central Division/ Northern Division will act as the Chairperson of the Baitarani RBO alternatively and the Chief Construction Engineer, Anandapur Barrage will act as the Member Secretary of the Baitarani RBO.

The composition of Baitarani River Basin Organisation(RBO) may be as under.

Group	Stakeholders/Officials	Designation	No. of Members
Group I	Senior Managers and Officials		8
	RDC Central & Northern Division	Chairperson alternatively	

Group	Stakeholders/Officials	Designation	No. of Members
	C.C.E, Anandapur Barrage	Member Secretary	
	C.C.E, Kanupur Irrigation Project	Member	
	Collectors of Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak, Jajpur.	Members	
Group II	People's Representatives	Members	8
	MLAs of Keonjhar, Patana, Anandapur, Jashipur, Karanjia, Bhadrak, Chandbali, Jajpur.		
Group III	NGOs, Farmer and Industry Groups	Members	
	NGOs working in water sector in Baitarani Basin (to be nominated by RBO)		2
	Presidents of Project Committees of Kanjhari, Remal, Salandi Irrigation Project		3
	Representatives from Industries & Mines of the basin (to be nominated by RBO)		2
	Lead Farmers of Baitarani Basin (to be nominated by RBO)		2
Group IV	Officers of Stakeholder Departments (One officer in the rank of SE / Joint Director )	Members	9
	Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Balasore		
	Superintending Engineer (PH) , Cuttack, representing Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak, Jajpur Districts		
	SE (RWSS),Cuttack representing Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Keonjhar Districts		
	SE (MI), Northern Circle, Sambalpur , representing Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak, Jajpur Districts		
	Senior Geologist, GWSI, Baripada, representing Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Keonjhar Districts		

Group	Stakeholders/Officials	Designation	No. of Members
	Joint Director, Agriculture, representing Keonjhar, Jajpur, Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak Districts		
	Soil Conservation Officer representing Keonjhar, Bhadrak, Mayurbhanj & Jajpur Districts		
	DFO, Keonjhar representing Keonjhar, Bhadrak, Mayurbhanj & Jajpur Districts		
	Joint Director, Industries, representing Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak, Jajpur districts		
		Total:	34

### **(b) Role of Chairperson**

The Chairman will summon, prorogue the RBO sessions and will preside over the meetings. He will conduct meetings so that informed dialogue on particular issues are discussed and decisions arrived in the meetings. He will take particular interest to resolve inter sector conflicts in the best interest of the Basin and State. If felt necessary, Baitarani RBO may constitute specific purpose committees to discuss specific issues and present their report to the RBO. The Chairperson may constitute such committees which is to be ratified by RBO in the subsequent session.

### **(c) Role of Member Secretary**

The Member Secretary will provide the secretarial support to the River Basin Organisation (RBO). He will be responsible for convening the session, preparation and circulation of agenda and proceedings of the meetings. He is the main link between the RBO and the DoWR and will

be responsible to facilitate the technical inputs required for the RBO from the OWPO.

#### **(d) Members**

Baitarani RBO will have 34 members including the Chairperson. The membership is honorary and no remuneration will be paid. RBO may co-opt one water resources planner as a member without right to vote. RBO may arrange transport for non official members to attend the meetings. RBO may invite any representative from any sector if so required, but without the rights to vote.

#### **(e) Tenure of Members**

The tenure of members of Group-III (excluding the presidents of Project Committees), will be of 3 years. The list of new members replacing the existing members on completion of tenure will be approved by RBO. If the performance of any member is found un-satisfactory, RBO may replace that member. When an official member (Group-I,II & IV) is transferred or his tenure expired, the new incumbent will automatically become a member in place of the former.

### **2.1 Role of Orissa Water Planning Organisation (OWPO)**

OWPO will provide technical and managerial support to the RBO in preparation of its work plans. A River Basin IWRM Plan in line with Orissa State Water Policy will be prepared by OWPO with active participation from RBO. The draft will be presented by OWPO in a special session of RBO. The River Basin IWRM Plan will be finalized after incorporating the observations of the RBO and will be presented to

the State Water Resources Board for approval and adoption. OWPO will be represented in the RBO by its Chief Engineer.

## **2.2 Special Purpose Committees**

Whenever the RBO/Chairperson feels that more detailed and in-depth discussion and analysis is necessary on any issue, it may appoint a Special Purpose Committee consisting of selected members & or experts & stakeholders. The committee will hold detailed discussions & submit its report to the Chairman/ Member Secretary for consideration of RBO.

## **3.0 FUNCTIONS & POWER OF THE BAITARANI RIVER BASIN ORGANIZATION:**

Baitarani RBO will be a body of stakeholders of the water sector in the Baitarani River Basin. The objective of the Baitarani RBO is to ensure Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in the basin. The Baitarani RBO is an organization of all stakeholders including water-related Government Departments in the basin and will co-ordinate their activities with a view to resolve conflicts and avoid duplication among them, and achieve maximum results in respect of the measures undertaken by them. In order to achieve the above objective, the Baitarani RBO shall, within one year of its formation, advise and assist the Orissa Water Planning Organisation, DoWR ,in the preparation of a **IWRM Basin Plan & ten years implementation plan including a Monitoring Plan for its implementation.**

### **3.1 Function**

The RBO will have the following functions:

- (a) Basin wide education & awareness raising to harness issues in water resources management .
- (b) Provide input into water planning from local water uses and basin citizens.
- (c) Review, advise and assist OWPO in developing the River Basin IWRM Plan along with ten years implementation plan.
- (d) Advocate basin issues to government and to local citizens in the basin.
- (e) To coordinate among the stake holders and avoid duplication in the basin.
- (f) Resolve upstream – downstream problems & inter-sectoral disputes by using conflict resolution and consensus building,
- (g) Deliberate on IWRM Plan prepared in coordination with OWPO .
- (h) ‘Ground truth’ the IWRM plan developed by OWPO at the basin level.
- (i) Monitor progress in implementation of River Basin IWRM Plans.
- (j) Annual Report on implementation of River Basin IWRM Plan to be submitted to government & published in the website.
- (k) Provide voice to Government on new and emerging issues though regular meetings and in special purpose meetings as called by State Government.
- (l) To under take studies to be undertaken on different aspects and problems relating to water within the basin and come up with various solutions.

- (m) Any other function deemed proper to be decided by RBO & / or Government from time to time.

### **3.2 Power**

For the purpose of efficiently performing its functions the Baitarani RBO may within its area of operation:

- (a) Cause to be inspected any work or programme of action undertaken in the basin by any Department
- (b) Collect such topographical, meteorological, hydrological, and agronomical, sub soil water, social and economic data related to water resources management as it deems necessary
- (c) Cause any department and its field functionaries to furnish such information as the RBO may require in relation to its functions,
- (d) Communicate its apprehension on the delay/hurdles in implementation of any scheme as per the approved basin plan to the line departments and its field functionaries and WRB for taking necessary steps for timely implementation.
- (e) Any other matter as may be necessary to perform the functions effectively

#### **4.0 FUNDING:**

There will be no separate funding from the Government to carry out development works in the basin. The sectoral departments will execute the projects/activities as provided in their budget. The expenses of the Baitarani RBO will be met from the budget of Department of Water Resources.

#### **5.0 RBO Logistics:**

##### **(a) RBO Office**

The RBO will function in the office building of the Member Secretary (CCE, Anandpur Barrage, Salapada) in its separate office space allotted by the CCE. The office space will be fully furnished with provision of a conference room. The RBO will have its own budget and CCE will be authorized to operate the budget as its Member Secretary.

##### **(b) RBO Office Staff**

The staff of the RBO will consist of one Assistant Engineer, one Office Assistant, one Peon. The job description of RBO staff will be as follows.

RBO Officer will be in the rank of an Assistant Engineer: He will be in charge of the office of the RBO. He will prepare agenda, memorandum and minutes of the RBO proceedings .He will report to the Member Secretary and the Chairman.

Office-Assistant will be a graduate, efficient in computer application. He will handle all correspondences, arrange all logistics and keep accounts of RBO. He will report to RBO Officer.

Peon will discharge the duty of housekeeping of office and report to RBO Officer.