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Dam Safety Circular - 1/2021

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All Director of Irrigation (Region/Zonal/ Head office),
All Chief Engineer (Region/Zonal/ Head office.),
All Divisional Irrigation Engineer

Procedure to be followed in Modifications of Headworks for Recreational Activities and Major Repairs to Headworks.

Even though the Irrigation reservoirs were created mainly to store water for irrigation, at present many reservoirs have become multipurpose reservoirs catering for different uses such as drinking water supply, fisheries, hydro power generation, tourism, and other recreational activities. The responsibility of ensuring the safety of the reservoir and water management lies with the Irrigation Department whatever the modifications requested on these headworks by different parties. Each dam and its appurtenant structures are unique and their behavior is very complex under hazardous situations. Hence, the safety of the headworks should be considered as the first priority while handling modifications.

Most of the Irrigation Department circulars issued so far, have covered this matter. However, this circular is issued to strengthen the current practice in this regard by the officers who are responsible for operation and maintenance of the irrigation head works.

When proposals are considered for using reservoirs for purposes other than irrigation, it is appropriate that the stakeholders should get involved in the decision making process. Especially, the riparian rights of the farmers should be protected.

Hence, you are hereby instructed to follow the procedure specified below when and where necessary in making any modification to the existing irrigation headworks.

- When a proposal is framed for any modification or major improvement, deviating from routine maintenance of any headworks, it should be forwarded to DGI including the following supporting documents for the consultation of the appropriate Specialized Divisions or Branches to get their concurrence.
 - Letter of request which describes the nature of development briefly,
 - Approval from governmental forums in the area (if available) such as PMC, DAC, DCC, etc.
 - Technical report prepared by Zonal Director of Irrigation or Regional Director of Irrigation including hydrological, structural analysis etc.



- · Lay out plan, LS, CSs of the bund.
- Present condition of the Headworks and any identified defects with locations.
- Available instrumentation details, records of the data, interpretation of data and their results.
- 2. Proposals should be forwarded allowing sufficient time to scrutinize the proposals that may need to submit to more than one Specialized Division/Branch for their concurrence depending on the scope of the work. The Divisions/Branches that may need to consult would be Engineering Materials, Engineering Geology, Planning and Design, Environmental Studies, Water Management and Mechanical (for Hydro-mechanical structures). Accordingly, DGI will appoint a Technical Committee (TC) to scrutinize the proposal with the coordination of Chief Engineer, Dam Safety.
- If the TC recommends that the intended modification/improvement is technically feasible and if it is not economically/socially/environmentally/culturally sensitive, approval for implementation will be granted by DGI.
- 4. If the TC recommends that the intended modification/improvement is technically feasible and if it is economically/socially/environmentally/culturally sensitive, it will be submitted to the District Secretary by DGI. The District Secretary shall discuss the social and environmental issues with relevant organizations and public community groups and forward his/her recommendation along with mitigation measures to DGI.
- 5. The technical report submitted by TC and the recommendation received from District Secretary will be submitted to Secretary (Ministry of Irrigation) by DGI. Based on that, the approval will/will not be issued by Secretary (Ministry of Irrigation) for implementation.

You are instructed to bring the contents of this circular to the notice of all relevant officials, for strict compliance.

Eng. K.D.Nihal Siriwardana Director General of Irrigation

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Copy to: Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation -

For your kind information and request you to aware the District Secretaries as per your letter No. Mol/S/30 dated 07/09/2021, please.

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