OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Non-requirement of environment clearance for maintenance dredging in rivers for the purpose of navigation - regarding.

This has reference to your Office Memorandum IWT-11011/89/2016-IWT-(Vol.II) dated 7th December 2017 on the above mentioned subject.

2. The minutes of the meeting held under chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation held on 24.10.2017 concluded that as per the extant legal position, no prior EC is required for maintenance dredging for navigational channel for Inland Waterways.

3. In view of the above the Ministry of Shipping may like to go ahead with the decision taken during the meeting held under chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Road Transport & Highways, Shipping held on 24.10.2017 subject to the implementation of the environmental safety measures as enclosed as annexure.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Sharath Kumar Pallerla
Director

To

The Secretary,
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xviii. Disposal places of Dredged sediments needs to be predetermined, along the shore by assessment of suitability, which will not affect the shoreline (erosion) and also causing impacts during monsoon and flooding.

xix. As much as possible, it shall not be disposed off in the river itself, and the site should be such that the dispersion is quicker by undertaking modelling studies.

xx. Ballast water control and management measures shall be implemented.

xxi. Waste and waste water reception facilities in Jetty shall be implemented.

xxii. The Risk and Disaster management plan has been prepared in consonance with the manual of terminals and harbours issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests dated 5th May 2010.

xxiii. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for onsite and offsite emergencies shall be prepared and implemented based on Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment to handle, process, store and transport of hazardous substances.

xxiv. Oil spill contingency plan shall be prepared and part of DMP to tackle emergencies. The equipment and recovery of oil from a spill shall be assessed. Guidelines given in MARPOL and Shipping Acts for oil spill management shall be followed.

xxv. No diversion of the natural course of the river shall be made without prior permission from the Ministry of Water resources.

xxvi. All the erosion control measures shall be taken at water front facilities.

xxvii. Necessary Air Pollution Control measures shall be taken during loading, unloading, handling, transport of the material at the berthing and water front facilities.

xxviii. The Vessels shall comply the emission norms prescribed from time to time.

xxix. All safety measures are to be implemented in coordination with the respective state government departments such as State Forest Department, Public Works Department, State Pollution Control Board etc.

Signed
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Director