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Sub: Summary of discussions/decisions held at IWAI on 06.06.207 – reg

A meeting with the Rear Admiral, NM Comdt. Of College of Defence Management (CDM) Secunderabad and Chairperson, IWAI, was held at IWAI, Noida on 06.06.2017. During meeting various issues were discussed with special reference to research work on Brahmaputra Basin and its linkages with national security with emphasis on Inland Waterways.

A copy of summary of discussions/decisions taken during the meeting is enclosed for information and record.

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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS / DECISION ARE HELD AT IWAI ON 06 JUN 2017

An ink signed copy of record of discussions / decision are held at IWAI on 06 Jun 2017 is enclosed for your record & necessary action.

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Summary of Discussions/ Decisions as held at IWAI on 06 Jun 17

1. Following were present :-
   (a) Ms Nutan Guha Biswas, Chairperson IWAI.
   (b) Shri Pravir Pandey, Vice- Chairman IWAI.
   (c) Vice Adm S K Jha, Advisor IWAI
   (d) Rear Admiral D S Chouhan, NM Comdt CDM

2. Comdt CDM thanked Chairperson for the support provided to CDM outreach in research work on B'putra Basin and its linkages with national security with emphasis on inland water ways.

3. Following was discussed and agreed (including recommendations of the Chairperson) :-
   (a) Chairperson agreed to invite of CDM during inauguration of B'putra Study Forum at CDM, tentatively planned in Jul 17, which would be a voluntary study forum on lines of China Waters Club (CWC) as existing in CDM.

   (b) CDM would facilitate availability of Project Study report to the Chairperson as undertaken by HDMC 12 wherein IWAI had provided considerable support.

   (c) Chairperson emphasized need to formulate short, medium and long term goals for implementation as outcome of CDM project study. Comdt CDM informed that Project study, as mentioned above, has these recommendations which can be further refined on those areas where IWAI has direct mandate.

   (d) Chairperson emphasized that identifying logistics load of Indian Army which can be transported through the B'putra river is the urgent priority. Comdt CDM informed that Area Cdr 101 Area, Shillong has consented to work out the same, as informed to CDM team during road show organized by IWAI on 23-24 May...
2017 at Guwahati. In addition, efforts are in hand by CDM, to approach EC officially through HQIDS for the same.

(e) Chairperson fully consented to the recommendation of Comdt CDM to engage with CDM as a stakeholder academic Institute for various facets of IWAI mandate and noted that this relationship would be mutually beneficial as CDM regularly trains large number of senior Mil officers and undertakes projects/dissertations through HDMC course members as also the fact that CDM has a fully tri service faculty.

(f) Drawing from sub para above, Comdt CDM requested the Chairperson to consider contributing an article in CDM flagship publication “Duri Drishti” to articulate the vision of IWAI on faster development of riverine transportation in B’putra basin. This was accepted. This could be given to CDM by end Jun 17.

(g) Comdt CDM requested the Chairperson to consider providing regular information of various initiatives/works being undertaken by IWAI for development of B’putra river transportation eco system as it would help the students & faculty at CDM to be aware of the latest development as part of B’putra Study Forum mentioned at sub para (a) above. This was agreed by the Chairperson (suggested periodicity on quarterly basis).

(h) Vice-Chairman emphasized the need for concrete actions and tangible goals in short term. It was suggested by him that a vessel move with participation of Indian Army (& Navy experts if feasible) should be planned earliest (and thereafter on regular periodicity) to assess locations for creating shore logistics infrastructure, in the stretch from Guwahati to Dubri, as well as identify gaps in night navigation facilities. Comdt CDM agreed to take up the case for participation of Indian Army (& Navy if feasible) in this regards.
(i) The Chairperson fully endorsed the suggestion of Comdt CDM that there is necessity to create an entity at Guwahati to design/construct and operate shallow draft Vessels/barges for logistics movement facilitation. Ex Servicemen from Indian Army/Navy with relevant experience can be part of "Operations" segment in this space while encouragement to private Barge Operators continues (as existing with IWAI).

(j) The Chairperson requested Comdt CDM to suggest suitable agencies to undertake design of required vessels/barges for this purpose. CDM would consult HQIDS/Indian Navy in this regards.

(k) The Chairperson informed that IWAI has a training school at Patna to promote river transportation skills and there is plan to create such Institutes in other States. Towards this, the Chairperson sought if some suitably qualified Navy/IA officers (including retired personnel) could be identified to provide leadership role in improving the existing setup. CDM would consult IDS/Indian Navy in this regards.

(l) The Chairperson informed that next road show at Guwahati to increase awareness towards river transportation in B'putra is planned in Nov 17. CDM conveyed his readiness for CDM to participate in a meaningful manner.

4. These minutes are issued with approval of the Chairperson.

Comdt CDM

Vice-Chairperson, IWAI

Date: 17 July 2017