OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Chairperson's Visit to MMT and Freight Village at Varanasi – reg.

The Chairperson along with Secretary & P.D (FVP), Chief Engineer & P.M (JMVP) and Specialist, CE (FVP) visited Varanasi from 4.9.2019 to 5.9.2019 with an objective to discuss upon the land acquisition related issues in respect of various projects being implemented in Varanasi with the State Govt. officials.

2. During the visit to Varanasi, the team carried out visits to Multi-Modal IWT Terminal, Varanasi and proposed sites for the development of Freight Village at Varanasi.

3. Based on the above visit and decision taken by the Chairperson, a Tour Report has been approved by the Competent Authority. The undersigned has been directed to circulate the said tour report for information & compliance at the earliest.

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1. The District Magistrate, Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh.
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P.P.S./P.S./P.A. to Chairperson/ Vice Chairman/ Member (Technical)/ Member (Traffic)/ Secretary, IWAI, Noida.
Visit note on Chairperson Dr. Amita Prasad, IAS, visit to Varanasi on 4th and 5th Sept 2019.

The Chairperson along with Secretary, IWAI-cum-Project Director (FVP), Chief Engineer & Project Manager (JMVP) and Specialist, CE (FVP) visited Varanasi from 04.09.2019 to 05.09.2019 with the objective to discuss the land acquisition related issues in respect of various projects being implemented in Varanasi with the State Govt. officials.

During the visit to Varanasi, the Chairperson along with the team carried out visits to Multi-Modal Terminal, proposed site for Freight Village in Milkipur and Tahirpur Villages. Apart from these visits, the Chairperson carried out inspection of IWAI Survey Vessel - Jhanavi.

Visit to Multi-Modal Terminal, Varanasi

Chairperson visited the Multi Modal Terminal at Ram Nagar in Varanasi on 04th September 2019. The Chairperson enquired about the available depth at the jetty, various structures, cable raceways, fenders, etc. provided at the terminal jetties for safe and smooth operation. The Chairperson directed to ensure regular maintenance of the heavy load HC cranes deployed at the terminal. During the visit to MMT, the Chairperson met the officials of M/s Afcons Infrastructure Limited and enquired about the passenger jetty being developed adjacent to the existing terminal jetty.

(Action: C.E., JMVP & D.D. IWAI Sub-Office Varanasi)

Meeting with DM, Chandauli

Subsequent to the visit to MMT Varanasi, Chairperson held discussions with the D.M., Chandauli regarding the issues being faced in acquisition of land in Chandauli District for development of Freight Village and expansion of MMT (phase -II).

Freight Village Project:

Various issues related to land acquisition for Freight Village in Milkipur and Tahirpur Villages in Chandauli District viz., transfer of Govt. land, land under Milkipur - Tahirpur pump canal, etc. were discussed. D.M. Chandauli acknowledged that IWAI has deposited Rs. 41.42 crores for acquisition of 34.10 acres of land in Milkipur in July
2018 and only 2.5 acres of land has been registered so far because of various issues as under:

- **Issue related to temporary agreements (satta)** – D.M. Chandauli brought out that one of the plotters, M/s Planner India holds the major portion of land after satta agreements with land owners. Also, most of these agreements were valid for six months and have now expired. For transferring the land to IWAI, the expired satta agreements have to be cancelled for which the efforts are being made.

- **Issue related to land under Milkipur - Tahirpur pump canal** – D.M. Chandauli ensured the matter will be resolved as soon as the records are traced and once the issue related to titleship is resolved the land will be transferred to IWAI.

- **Acquisition of 40 acres of land in Tahirpur Village** – D.M. Chandauli brought out that the land owners are reluctant to give land and hence it may not be possible to acquire 40 acres of land in Tahirpur through Direct Purchase Mechanism. Chairperson opined that the land under Milkipur Village (Chandauli District) and Rasulaganj Village (Mirzapur District) may primarily be acquired. Efforts for acquiring land in Tahirpur Village may simultaneously be made.

Chairperson suggested that D.M. Chandauli may project the Freight Village Project as the most aspirational project of Chandauli District as it would lead to skill development which will further help in creation of jobs, bringing progress and result in overall socio-economic development of the region. She also requested for early finalization of all land matters.

**Chairperson emphasized that the land in Milkipur and Rasulaganj Village may be acquired by December 2019.**

*(Action: D.M., Chandauli, Project Director, FVP & D.D. IWAI Sub-Office Varanasi)*

**JMVP:**

- Issues related to acquisition of land for road connectivity to MMT – Chief Engineer & Project Manager, JMVP brought out that Mahadev Trust claims that the land for road connectivity to MMT belongs to them and thus the compensation may be paid to the trust. D.M. Chandauli brought out that the matter related to payment of compensation for land under road connectivity to MMT is under judicial consideration and will be resolved soon. **Chairperson directed D.D. IWAI to actively pursue this matter in consonance with the District Administration for early resolution.**

- Issue related to passing drain – Chairperson directed Chief Engineer & Project Manager, JMVP to prepare a comprehensive proposal to invite the District Administration/State Govt’s intervention.

*(Action: C.E., JMVP & D.D. IWAI Sub-Office Varanasi)*

**Visit to Freight Village, Varanasi site**

Chairperson along with the team then visited to the Freight Village proposed site in Milkipur and Tahirpur Village. After seeing the conditions of the proposed land in Milkipur Village, Chairperson instructed that the land in Milkipur Village must be
is being carried out by the land owners on the agricultural land in view of getting higher compensation by getting it considered as the inhabited (abadi) land. Chairperson directed Tehsildar, Chandauli to expedite the transfer of land to IWAI.

(Action: D.M., Chandauli, Project Director, FVP & D.D. IWAI Sub-Office Varanasi)

**Inspection of Survey Vessel – Jhanavi**

Subsequent to visit to MMT and Freight village site, Chairperson inspected IWAI survey vessel Jhanavi. While aboard vessel Jhanavi, Chairperson took stock of operation and maintenance of the vessel, technique and methodology used in hydrographic surveys, measurement of LAD, real time RIS system performance, etc. Chairperson emphasized on the real time updating of hydraulic data, maintaining purity of data and to ensure the functioning of RIS system all day round throughout the year which would help inbound and outbound vessels, ferries, sailors.

(Action: C.E., JMVP & D.D. IWAI Sub-Office Varanasi)

**Meeting with DM, Varanasi**

05th September, Chairperson held discussions with the D.M., Varanasi regarding the issues being faced in acquisition of land for expansion of MMT (phase -II) in Varanasi District.

- Issue related to acquisition of land for MMT expansion (Phase – II) – D.D. IWAI Sub-Office Varanasi brought out that one Shri. Gopal Singh of Varanasi holds a major portion of land (7.5 ha) and has refused to transfer the land stating that the compensation proposed to be paid is very less. **D.M. Varanasi directed Tehsildar, Varanasi to make targeted efforts to interact with land owner Gopal Singh and others for early transfer of land.**

(Action: C.E., JMVP, C.E. (Tech.) & D.D. IWAI Sub-Office Varanasi)
D.M., Varanasi brought out that to address the traffic congestion issue in Varanasi, District Administration is considering operationalization of water taxis. Chairperson stated that if required, IWAI will provide assistance with regard to setting up of the jetties for the operationalization of water taxis by the District Administration.

(Action: C.E., JMVP, C.E., R.O. Patna & D.D. IWAI Sub-Office Varanasi)

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