MEETING NOTICE

Subject: Meeting of the Project Oversight Committee of Freight Village, Varanasi.

Project Oversight Committee (POC), Freight Village, Varanasi has been constituted by Ministry of Shipping vide order no. IWT-11011/55/2017-IWT dated 25.03.2019 (copy enclosed) with the objective to facilitate smooth and expeditious setting up of Freight Village at Varanasi with the coordination of all the stakeholders.

The first meeting of the POC is scheduled to be held on **28.06.2019 (Friday) at 11:00 A.M. at Hotel Taj Mahal in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.** Agenda for this meeting is also enclosed. The meeting will be followed by Lunch. All members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

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To:
1. The Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India, Noida 201301.
2. The Member (finance), Inland Waterways Authority of India, Noida 201301.
3. Principal Secretary, Department of Revenue, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, U.P. Secretariat, Lucknow - 226001.
4. Principal Secretary, Department of Transport, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, U.P. Secretariat, Lucknow - 226001 (U.P.).
5. Special Secretary (Sh. Rakesh Kumar Verma), Infrastructure & Industrial Development Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, 4th Floor, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Bhawan, Sarojini Naidu Marg, Lucknow- 226 001(U.P.).
6. Special Secretary (Dr. Sarika Mohan), Department of Irrigation and Water Resources, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.
7. Special Secretary (Sh. Rahul Pandey), PWD, Govt of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
8. Director, IWT, Ministry of Shipping, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi
AGENDA FOR THE 1st MEETING OF THE PROJECT
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF FREIGHT VILLAGE, VARANASI
ON 28.06.2019 IN LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is in the process of developing Freight Village at Varanasi in the vicinity of NH-2, NH-7 and Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC). Freight Village is expected to attract industries and logistics players in and around Varanasi enabling socio-economic growth in the region.

As part of pre-investment exercise for the Freight Village (FV) project, IWAI has placed requisition for acquisition of 100 acres of land (34 acres in Milkipur Village and 40 acres in Tahirpur Village in Chandauli District and 26 acres in Rasulganj Village in Mirzapur District). Land is being acquired in Varanasi on Direct-Purchase mechanism as defined in the U.P. G.O. dated 19.03.2015. Only 2.3 acres of land has been transferred in the name of IWAI so far.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Acquisition of land - Milkipur Village (Chandauli District) –

Acquisition of 34.10 acres of land.

• 34.10 acres of land required for the project was identified in Milkipur Village by District Administration in January 2018.
- Requisition for 34.10 acres of land has been filed. A sum of Rs.41.42 Crs has been deposited with District Administration, Chandauli in July 2018.

- So far, only 2.29 acres (0.9 hectare) of land has been registered in the name of IWAI.

**Issues to be resolved:**

i. **Land under Milkipur–Tahirpur Pump Canal**

The land to be acquired for Freight Village at Varanasi also includes some portion of land under Milkipur-Tahirpur Pump Canal. Land owners are claiming that the compensation for land acquired by Irrigation Department earlier has not been paid and are demanding compensation from IWAI for the whole land parcel including the land earlier acquired by Irrigation Department for canal. They are agreeable to transfer the land for freight village only after getting the compensation for both land parcels (a) to be acquired for Freight Village and (b) Land under possession of irrigation department under Milkipur-Tahirpur Pump Canal. As per records of the Revenue Department the area covered by canal is still in the name of respective land owners, while Irrigation Department vide letter dated 14.01.2019 has informed that the land on which canal is located is in possession of Irrigation Department and no compensation against the land under the canal should be given to the land owners. **Irrigation Department, Govt. of U.P. and District Administration, Chandauli need to resolve the issue on priority.**
ii. **Parcel of Land allocated under Schedule Caste category** – Parcel of Land allocated under Schedule Caste category to be transferred to IWAI needs approval of District Magistrate, Chandauli.

iii. **Unauthorised Excavation on Land Acquired by IWAI** – Certain anti-social elements are indulging in unauthorised excavation of land (Gata no. 19, 20, 24 and 25). Information in this regard has been given to D.M., Chandauli and concerned authorities of the Chandauli District. **District Administration, Chandauli needs to take appropriate actions to prevent such activities in future.**

iv. **Payment of Compensation** – An amount of Rs. 46.68 lakh is payable by the District Administration to Sh. Jainendra Kumar on account of transfer of 0.155 Ha of land to IWAI. **Due Compensation (if any) may be paid by District Administration, Chandauli.**

v. **Copy of Consent Letters to be obtained for record** – Vide letter dated 27.01.2018 from office of Dy. D.M., it was informed that the consent of the farmers has been obtained in the meeting held on 08.01.2018 & 11.01.2018 in Tehsil Sabhagar, Mughalsarai. A copy of the same may be provided for record of IWAI. **District Administration, Chandauli is requested to provide copies of the consent letters for record of IWAI.**
AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Acquisition of land - Tahirpur Village (Chauduli District) -

Acquisition of 40 acres of land.

- 40 acres of land is required for the project in Tahirpur Village in Chauduli District.
- Request for confirming the availability and identification of 40 acres of land has been made with District Administration, Chauduli District vide its letters dated 01.06.2018 & 08.08.2018 and D.O. letter by Secretary, IWAI dated 05.03.2019.

Issues to be resolved:

i. Identification of 40 acres of Land – Land has not been so far identified by the District Administration, Chauduli. District Administration, Chauduli is required to expedite the identification of land and convey the same to IWAI.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Acquisition of land - Rasulaganj Village (Mirzapur District) -

Acquisition of 26 acres of land.

- 26 acres (10.521 ha) of land is required for the project in Rasulaganj Village of Mirzapur District.
- Request for confirming the availability and identification of 26 acres of land has been made to District Administration, Mirzapur vide its letters dated 01.06.2018 & 08.08.2018 and D.O. letters by Secretary, IWAI dated 03.01.2019 and 05.03.2019.
24 acres (9.72 ha) of land has been identified in Rasulaganj Village by district administration in January 2019. 1.427 acres (0.578 ha) of land out of the identified land belongs to Gram Panchayat, Rasulaganj Village.

Issues to be resolved:

i. **Gram Panchayat Land** – 1.427 acres (0.578 ha) of land out of the identified land belongs to Gram Panchayat, Rasulaganj Village. **District Administration, Mirzapur is required to transfer the land under Gram Panchayat to IWAI on priority.** Request in this regard has already been made with D.M., Mirzapur.

ii. **Location of Primary School and Population** – A Primary School is situated in Gata no 11 of the proposed land for the project in Rasulaganj Village. In the vicinity of Primary School, there are several residential buildings covering about 02 acres of land. IWAI Sub-Office, Varanasi is in touch with District Administration for allocation of alternative parcel of land. As the land for setting up of Freight Village is required to contiguous, **District Administration, Mirzapur may be requested to provide alternative land parcels for resettlement of primary school and rehabilitation of existing population.**

iii. **Fixation of rates through Direct Negotiation** – A meeting was held by the District Administration with land owners on 28.05.2019 for fixation of cost of land by direct negotiation however, no consensus on rates could be arrived. Some of the land owners desired to know about the proposed
alternative arrangements in view of land acquisition, for their livelihood and education of their children. IWAI Sub-Office, Varanasi has requested D.M. Mirzapur to get evaluated the cost of immovable properties, trees and other properties under the identified land for the project from PWD. This will enable to arrive at appropriate compensation towards acquisition of land. **District Administration is requested to evaluate the cost of immovable properties, trees and other properties under the identified land for the project.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

Exemption from imposing of Stamp Duty and Registration Fee.

Keeping in view the Industrial and Service Sector Investment Policy 2004 and Industrial Investment and Employment Promotion Policy 2017, State Govt. of U.P. and Department of Infrastructure and Industrial Development have been requested to review the imposition of Stamp Duty and Registration Fee on land being acquired by IWAI for setting up of the Freight Village at Varanasi. Revised proposal in this regard has also been submitted on 03.05.2019. **Department of Infrastructure and Industrial Development is requested to expedite review of the imposition of Stamp Duty and Registration Fee on land being acquired by IWAI for setting up of the Freight Village at Varanasi.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

Exploring alternative options for Land Acquisition in Varanasi.

It is to be noted that the pace of land acquisition in Varanasi for the Freight Village Project is quite slow. Land for Freight Village is being acquired
on the basis of **Direct Purchase mechanism as per the Govt. of U.P. G.O. no. 2/2015/215/one-13-2015-20(48)/2011 dated 19.03.2015.** In accordance with Govt. of India decision and fixed time schedule, at least 70 acres of land out of 100 acres was to be transferred to IWAI by March 2019 to enable IWAI to take forward the Freight Village Project at Varanasi. Against this, only 2.29 acres (0.9 hectare) of land has been transferred in the name of IWAI so far. Almost **one year has lapsed** since the sum of **Rs.41.42 Crs has been deposited** with District Administration, Chandauli in **July 2018** for acquisition of land. Several efforts (listed at Annexure – I) have been made by IWAI to expedite land acquisition in Varanasi. Despite this no substantial progress in land acquisition has been achieved. **Timely land acquisition for the project is imperative from technical and financial aspects.** Due to this IWAI is bound to explore alternative options for land acquisition in Varanasi. Since the land acquisition has to be done in Uttar Pradesh, **Govt. of Uttar Pradesh is welcome to suggest potential other options for land acquisition for the project, apart from Direct-Purchase Mechanism in progress.**

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To,

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2. The Vice-Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India, A-13, Sector-1, Noida-201301 (vc.iwai@nic.in)
3. The Member (Finance), Inland Waterways Authority of India, A-13, Sector-1, Noida-201301 (mf.iwai@nic.in)
4. Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, U.P. Secretariat, Lucknow-226 001 - With a request to nominate on the POC a representative each from the Departments of Irrigation, Department of Industry and Department of Public Works.
5. Principal Secretary, Department of Revenue, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, U.P. Secretariat, Lucknow-226001.
6. Principal Secretary, Department of Transport, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, U.P. Secretariat,
7. The Secretary General, Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), 5, Sardar Patel Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021 with request to nominate a representative on the POC.
8. The Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry FICCI, 1, Federation House, Tansen Marg, Todermal Road Area, Mandi House, New Delhi-110001 with request to nominate a representative on the POC (ficci@ficci.com)

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Details of steps taken for expediting land acquisition for setting up of Freight Village at Varanasi:

- D.O. letter dated 18.12.2018 from Chairman, IWAI to Chief Secretary, Govt. of U.P.
- D.O. letter dated 26.12.2018 from Secretary, Ministry of Shipping to Chief Secretary, Govt. of U.P.
- D.O. letter dated 03.01.2019 from Secretary-cum-P.D. FVP, IWAI to D.M., Mirzapur.
- Meeting between Chairman, IWAI and Chief Secretary, Govt. of U.P. on 18.01.2019.
- Visit by Member (Finance) on 22.02.2018 to Varanasi for holding meeting with Transport Department, Govt. of U.P.
- D.O. letter dated 05.03.2019 from Secretary-cum-P.D. FVP, IWAI to D.M., Chandauli.
- Visit by Specialist CE, FVP on 18.03.2019-19.03.2019 to Varanasi.
- D.O. letter dated 16.04.2019 from Chairman, IWAI to Chief Secretary, Govt. of U.P.
- Appointment of Land Acquisition of Officer and Lekhpal in PIU, Varanasi.
- Meeting between Secretary, IWAI and Transport Commissioner, Govt. of U.P. on 29.04.2019 (subsequent meeting held by the Chief Secretary, Govt of U.P. on 30.04.2019).
- Officials of Sub-Office Varanasi participated in the meeting held by District Authorities, Mirzapur for fixation of negotiated land cost on 29.05.2019.
- D.O. Letter dated 30.05.2019 from Secretary, Ministry of Shipping to Chief Secretary, Govt. of U.P.
PMU, Freight Village

Subject: Tour Plan in connection with Meeting of the Project Oversight Committee of Freight Village Varanasi.

In connection with meeting of the POC scheduled to be held on 28.06.2019 (Friday) at 11.00 A.M at Hotel Taj Mahal in Lucknow. It is proposed to depute the following officials to attend the meeting:

**Regional Office, IWAI, Patna**
1. Sh. V. K. Kureel, Chief Engineer, IWAI Patna

**IWAI Sub-Office, Varanasi**
1. Sh. Arvind Kumar, D.D. IWAI Varanasi
2. Sh. Brajesh Kumar, Technical Assistant, IWAI, Varanasi
3. Sh. Ram Naresh Ram, LAO, FVP, IWAI, Varanasi

**IWAI HQ**
1. Smt. Pratima Tyagi, Sr. Consultant, (HR & GA)
2. Sh. Ahinsa Aakash, Consultant (M & BD)
3. Sh. B.A.Sam Paul Jee, Specialist (HR & GA)
4. Sh. Hemant Gupta, Specialist (CE)
5. Sh. V.K. Gupta, PS to P.D. JMVP

Sh. Ahinsa Aakash and Sh. Hemant Gupta will be required to be in Lucknow earlier to make necessary arrangements for the POC Meeting. Accordingly, their proposed travel plan is as follows:

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Submitted for kind consideration/approval of Chairman please.

(B.A. Sam Paul Jee)
Specialist (HR & GA), FVP
19/06/2019

Sr. Cons. (HR & GA), FVP
Secy.-cum-Project Director, FVP, IWAI

Chairman

Secy-cum-PD, FVP