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Sub: Monsoon Preparedness 2020 – Further Directions issued -reg

Ref: 1) Meeting held on 02.06.2020 at the Chamber of Hon’ble Minister for Water Resources.
   2) This office previous letters of even number dated 27/05/2020,03/06/2020

The Honourable Minister for Water Resources convened a meeting on 02/06/2020 to review the activities undertaken by the department to face the South West Monsoon 2020 that hit Kerala on 01/06/2020 vide read (1). The Chief Engineer (I&A) presented the details before the Honourable Minister. After thorough discussion it was decided to forward directions/activities to the field officer in addition to those already forwarded vide read (2) to tackle the South West Monsoon 2020 in a safe manner. The additional directions/activities are enlisted below:

1. It has been noticed that due to lack of access (ie, inspection road) along the entire canal stretch, inspections were not carried out as per the standards. Hence all field officers who are having control of canals are directed to first ascertain the extent of inspection roads available under their jurisdiction. Then take urgent necessary steps to construct inspection road/bund road (just to ply departmental jeep) wherever possible using the local available materials, machinery/man power.

2. Consolidated Progress report of formation of the new inspection road (as per sl.no.1) shall be submitted by the concerned Superintending Engineers fortnightly to this office email id jointdirectormonitoring@gmail.com

3. It has been noticed that even after repeated instructions, clearing of vegetations and uprooting of trees which are in dangerous condition in some
portions along the canal stretch are not attended. Hence field officers who are not done the same shall do the activity within two days and submit the report.

4. Vide GO (Rt) No 303/2020/WRD dt 14/05/2020 Government accorded sanction to all the Chief Engineers to take up new works in lieu of the dropped SDRF works without the approval of Apex Committee within the amount already allotted after satisfying all the norms of SDRF, Government orders and circulars related to implementation of SDRF works. Under the said circumstances all field officers are directed to take up new works under SDRF namely, cleaning and desiltation of canal/thodu, desiltation of ponds etc after satisfying the norms of SDRF for the free flow of water along the streams, thodu and river to reduce the chance of flooding of water during monsoon period.

Chief Engineer (I&A)

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Superintending Engineer (Minor Irrigation Circle, Thiruvananthapuram/ Minor Irrigation Central Circle, Ernakulam/ Irrigation South Circle, Thiruvananthapuram/ Irrigation North Circle, Kozhikode for information and necessary action.
Deputy Chief Engineer, Irrigation Works/ Executive Engineer, Irrigation Works / Executive Engineer, Planning & IT Cell for information and necessary action.