



ADDENDUM TO REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR CONDUCTING JOINT DETAILED TECHNICAL STUDY TO FORMULATE AN INTEGRATED PLAN TO COMBAT THREAT OF EROSION POSED BY GANGA- PADMA RIVER SYSTEM

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1.0 PRIORITIZATION OF WORKS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE

The comprehensive report on “*Joint Detailed Technical Study to formulate an integrated plan for mitigating erosion threats posed by the Ganga-Padma River System in West Bengal*” was prepared and finalized in the sixth meeting held on September 3, 2024, under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, Central Water Commission.

The report was presented before the Hon’ble Minister of Jal Shakti on October 15, 2024. During this presentation, the Hon’ble Minister desired prioritizing the mitigation measures outlined in the study report, in consultations with the State governments of West Bengal, Bihar, and Jharkhand.

Thereafter, the seventh meeting of the Committee was convened on December 6, 2024, at CWC(HQ), New Delhi, wherein, State governments were formally requested to submit brief notes on the prioritization of the proposed mitigation measures. Minutes of the Meeting are enclosed in the **Annexure-IX**.

Meanwhile, a prioritization note prepared by the Consultant appointed by the West Bengal State government was circulated among the participating States for their comments and suggestions. Since no formal responses were received from the States, the note was reviewed and revised. The prioritization of works is proposed as under:

1st Priority: - Ratua-I reach (from Bengal- Bihar border to the confluence of River Fulhar with Ganga)

In this reach of river Ganga, continuous shifting of the river towards left bank has been observed. The thalweg is also observed to be near to the left bank hence, this is identified as the most vulnerable reach to be taken up immediately. The phasing of work and implementation plan in Ratua-I reach is as follows: -

Sl no	Description of activity	Implementation plan		
		2025	2026	2027
1	Bank Revetment	70%	30%	
2	Spur construction	50%	50%	
3	RCC porcupine screen	100%		
4	Paleo Channel activation		70%	30%

2nd Priority: - Dhulian Reach (D/S of Farakka barrage)

In the area near the Dhulian town along both the left and right banks, erosion is observed. Most of the river reach from Dhulian town to Nimtita, had undergone erosion during the last two flood season. Higher velocity and variation in discharge of river resulted in toe erosion and consequent sloughing and sliding of the bank. This zone is identified as 2nd priority. The phasing of work and implementation plan in Dhulian reach is as follows:-

Sl no	Description of activity	Implementation plan		
		2025	2026	2027
1	Bank Revetment	40%	60%	
2	Concrete ghat development		100%	
3	RCC porcupine screen		100%	
4	Char Dredging		70%	30%

3rd Priority: -Manikchalk- Kaliachalk Reach (from confluence of river Fulhar with river Ganga to Farakka Barrage)

Bank erosion is the major issue on the left bank. The top level of existing embankment along the left bank in Manikchalk block is below the HFL at some distinct locations. This zone is identified as 3rd priority. The phasing of work and implementation plan in Manikchalk-Kaliachalk reach is as follows: -

Sl no	Description of activity	Implementation plan		
		2025	2026	2027
1	Embankment Raising		60%	40%
2	Bank Revetment		50%	50%

4th Priority: -Lalgola- Bhagwangola Reach

Bank erosion is the major issue in this zone. Most of the bankline is unprotected making it highly vulnerable to erosion during flood. The right bank of the river is protected by revetment and six spurs are laid up to the border area. This zone is identified as 4th priority. The phasing of work and implementation plan in Lalgola- Bhagwangola Reach is as follows: -

Sl no	Description of activity	Implementation plan		
		2025	2026	2027
1	Bank Revetment		20%	80%
2	RCC porcupine screen		50%	50%



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Annexure-IX

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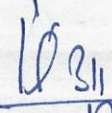
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Seventh (7th) Meeting of the Committee for conducting joint technical study to formulate an integrated plan to combat erosion posed by Ganga Padma River System, was held under the Chairmanship of Member, D&R, CWC on December 06, 2024 at Sewa Bhawan, New Delhi. The minutes of the meeting are enclosed for information and necessary action.

This issue with the approval of competent authority.

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Minutes of Seventh (7th) Meeting of the Committee for conducting joint detailed technical study to formulate an integrated plan to combat threat of erosion posed by Ganga Padma River System in West Bengal

The Seventh (7th) Meeting of the Committee for conducting joint detailed technical study to formulate an integrated plan to combat threat of erosion posed by Ganga Padma River System in West Bengal was held under the chairmanship of Shri Bhopal Singh, Member, D&R, CWC on December 06, 2024 at Sewa Bhawan, New Delhi. The list of participants is attached at **Annexure-I**.

Member, D&R, CWC welcomed all the members of the Committee who joined physically as well as virtually and indicated that a good study has been carried out the same was discussed in the Ministry of Jal Shakti for implementation.

1. Director, Morphology & Climate Change gave a brief presentation outlining the brief background of the committee and mitigation measures proposed in the report of the Committee. In the presentation, he indicated that the report of the committee was presented before the Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti and it was found to be in order. However, it was decided that the mitigation measures proposed in four different zones (Ratua Reach (Zone-I), Manikchak Reach (Zone-II), Dhulian Reach (Zone-III), Lalgola Bhagwangola Reach (Zone-IV) in the report should be prioritised and accordingly implemented. Hence, priority is required from the State Governments (based on infrastructure likely to be damaged, funding available from different sources etc.) for all the four zones and to be indicated as part of the report.

Agenda 1: Prioritization of works suggested in the Report of the Committee

2. Joint Secretary(I&WD), West Bengal indicated that Ratua-I zone includes the reach of the river, immediately after it enters West Bengal from Bihar. The river Fulhar, Koshi channel and the main river Ganga creates many small islands in this zone where population is also seen to be residing in large numbers. It is of immense importance for the State Government to protect those islands. Furthermore, the shifting of the Ganga River in this zone has brought the Ganga and Fulhar rivers dangerously close to each other, reducing the

distance from 3.6 km in 2005 to just 1.2 km today. Apart from threatening of habitat, erosion in this reach is also affecting the stability of the National Highway from Malda to Bihar. He informed the Committee that during the 2024 floods, the Ratua reach experienced massive erosion, embankment breach and was inundated for a prolonged period constantly.

In context of all the above, Ratua-I may be accorded topmost priority during implementation of works. He indicated apart from Ratua reach, Dhulian reach (Zone-3) also has many important installation and municipalities adjoining the river which need timely attention. He also suggested that for the success of the proposed mitigation measures they should be executed in co-ordination with the State Government of Bihar.

3. Chief Engineer (Katihar), Bihar suggested that heavy erosion is observed in Ratua reach and protection of the bank in this reach at topmost priority is highly recommended.
4. Chairman GFCC, informed that the Ratua-I reach in Bihar and West Bengal is facing similar problem of scouring and erosion, hence common specifications for proposed mitigation measures should be made to address the issue.
5. The Consultant gave a presentation suggesting the prioritization of works and implementation plan giving topmost priority to fixing of bank through bank revetments. Mitigation works like paleo channel activation and Ghat Development may be taken up at later stages.

The following actionable points emerged during the meeting:-

6. The Government of West Bengal, Bihar & Jharkhand may finalise a Detailed Project Report for the execution of the proposed mitigation measures. State Governments of West Bengal, Bihar & Jharkhand to co-ordinate with GFCC for finalization of DPR for the proposed works in a timely manner, say within two months. Suitable guidance may be provided to the State Governments during course of preparation of DPR by States to avoid delays, if any, during examination of DPR. (Action: Government of West Bengal, Bihar & Jharkhand /GFCC)
7. A brief note on the prioritization of works (RD/ reachwise) to be suggested by the State Governments of West Bengal, Bihar & Jharkhand to the Committee within a week following which the recommendations of the Committee may be finalized. The priority of works to be earmarked chainage wise.
(Action: Government of West Bengal, Bihar & Jharkhand/Consultant)
8. Due to the ongoing monsoon season and other preoccupations the field visit of the Committee could not be done which will be undertaken in due course for which Govt of West Bengal may co-ordinate with CWC.

(Action: Government of West Bengal & CWC)

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



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