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Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
Central Water Commission

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R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066
Dated the, 03rd January, 2020

Subject: **Prompt Settlement of fee bills of the counsels-reg.**

The undersigned is to forward herewith a copy of email dated 16.12.2019 received from E-IV Section, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti along with D.O. letter No. J-12012/13/2017-Judl dated 11.12.2019 received from Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs on the subject cited subject for information and necessary action at your end.

2. It is requested to kindly comply with the instructions contained in the said DO letter.

Enclosures: **As above**

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Digitally signed by R. K. BALAMURUGAN
Date: 2020.01.06 12:53:28 IST

(R. K. Balamurugan)
Under Secretary (E.IV)
Tel : 011 29583302

To

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2. Chief Engineers, B & BBO,Shillong/ C & SRO,Coimbatore/NWA Pune/IBO, Chandigarh/KGBO, Hyderabad/LGBO, Patna/M & ERO, Bhubaneshwar/Mon(C), Nagpur/Mon(S), Bangalore/NBO Bhopal/M & TBO, Gandhinagar/TBO, kolkata/UGBO Lucknow/YBO, New Delhi
3. Director, RMCD Directoarate,CWC (with request to purse the matter in respect of all the field offices of CWC)
4. Director, D & R(C)/ WP & P Directorate, CWC
5. Director, RD Directorate/PCP Directorate, CWC
6. Pay & Accounts Office, CWC
7. Accounts Officer, Accounts, CWC
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Copy of information to:

1. P.S. to C.E. (HRM), CWC
2. P.S. to Secretary, CWC

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Subject: **Fwd: [Mowr-orgnheads] Prompt Settlement of fee bills of the counsels- reg.**

To: cehrmgmt <cehrmgmt@nic.in>, tcodte <tcodte@nic.in>

Date: 16/12/19 01:26 PM

From: Chairman cwc <chairman-cwc@nic.in>

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From: **"E-IV Section, MoWR,RD&GR"** <soe4-mowr@gov.in>

Date: Dec 16, 2019 11:09:40 AM

Subject: [Mowr-orgnheads] Prompt Settlement of fee bills of the counsels- reg.

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Sir/ Madam,

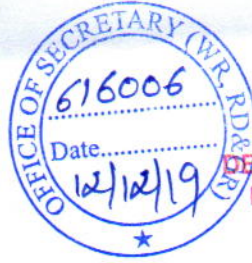
Please find attached herewith a DO Letter No. J-12012/13/2017- Judl. dated 11.12.2019 received from Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs regarding the above subject.

It is requested to kindly comply with the instructions contained in the said DO letter.

Regards,

E.IV Section,
DoWR,RD&GR.

अनूप कुमार मेंदीरत्ता
Anoop Kumar Mendiratta



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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Dated-11th, December 2019

DO. No. J-12012/13/2017-Judl

Dear Secretary,

Please refer to the D.O. letters of even number dated 07.08.2017, for ensuring prompt settlement of fee bills in respect of counsels appearing for Union of India before various courts and tribunals. The same was in the background of the observations made by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana in the CWP No. 8086 of 2013 titled as Indu Mehta vs Union of India and CWP No. 26642 of 2015- Ranjana Shahi Vs. Union of India, wherein there was inordinate delay in settlement of counsel fee bills.

2. Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana vide its order dated 18.11.2019 in the Ranjana Shahi case as mentioned above, expressed a serious view in the matter and directed to finalize the pending fee bills of the Petitioner namely Ranjana Shahi, who is a Senior Panel Counsel for Union of India before the High Court of Punjab and Haryana. The Hon'ble High Court also directed that if the fee bills are not processed by 12.12.2019, the Secretaries of the respective Ministries shall remain present in the Court.

3. This Department has in the past issued OM No. 34(1)/2010-Judicial dated 08.12.2010, wherein all the Ministries/Departments have been requested to ensure prompt payment of fee to the counsels.

4. I shall be grateful, if you could personally intervene into the matter and sensitize the officers to ensure prompt settlement of fee bills of the counsels. These instructions may also be brought to the notice of all concerned sub-ordinate offices/PSUs under your administrative control.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,

DS(E.IV)
→ P1-Speak.
13/12/19

(ANOOP KUMAR MENDIRATTA)

Secretaries to all Ministries/Departments, Government of India.