

**SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE BUDGET SUB  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 09<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2024 IN THE BBMB  
SECRETARIAT AT CHANDIGARH.**

**The following were present including Video Conferencing:**

**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**S/Sh./Smt.**

1. S.D. Sharma, Member/Irrigation, BBMB
2. Amarjit Singh Juneja, Member/ Power, BBMB
3. Balvir Singh Sinhmar, FA&CAO, BBMB
4. Vipin Gupta, Chief Engineer/Transmission System
5. Satish Singla, Secretary, BBMB
6. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Special Secretary
7. Ajay Bhardwaj, Dy. Chief Engineer, Talwara
8. Tajinder Kaur, Dy. Chief Engineer, Head Quarter/TS
9. Surjeet Singh, Director/P&D (TS)
10. Ajay Pal Singh, SE/Circle-I, Sundernagar
11. Surjit Singh, Dy. FA, Chandigarh.
12. V.K. Chawla, Dy. CAO, Sundernagar
13. Shashi Paul Rana, Dy. CAO/F, BBMB, Chandigarh
14. Rajeev Shahi, Joint Secretary/Tech. to Chairman, BBMB
15. Jaspawat Singh Gill, Assistant Financial Advisor-I
16. Shashi Bala, Assistant Financial Advisor-II

**PUNJAB GOVERNMENT**

17. Narinder Mehta, OSD/Power Reforms
18. Rupesh Puri, ADFA, Department of Water Resources.
19. Jatinder Kumar, Under Secretary/Finance, Finance Département
20. Munish Sethi, Superintendent Finance Département

**PSPCL**

21. Sanjeev Thakur, Deputy Financial Advisor

**HARYANA GOVERNMENT**

22. Nitesh Jain, Chief Engineer/IWRD, Irrigation & WR Deptt.
23. Rajesh Kumar, Under Secretary, Finance Department

**HVPNL**

24. Rajeev Kumar Tayal, Chief Engineer/SO & Commercial
25. Navneet Chhabra, FA & CAO
26. Rohtas Kaushik, SE/Technic
27. Sarabjit Singh, Sr. Accounts Officer/Budget

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**RAJASTHAN GOVERNMENT**

28. Surender Singh, Chief Accounts Officer, Hanumangarh

**RRVNL**

- 29. Rohit Maheshwari, Accounts Officer
- 30. Banwari Lal Chaudhary, AEN
- 31. K. K. Gupta, Assistant Accounts Officer

**HPSEBL**

32. Ram Singh Mehta, Sr. Accounts Officer

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At the outset, Member (Irrigation), BBMB extended heartiest welcome to all the participants attending the Budget Sub-Committee Meeting and wished them all a very happy new year and prayed the Almighty to bring peace, progress and prosperity in life of all the participants.

2. Member (I) apprised the committee that Bhakra Beas Management Board has been constituted under section-79 (1) of the Punjab Re-organization Act, 1966 for the Administration, Maintenance & Operation of works mentioned in Section - 79 of the said Act. According to Sub-section 5 of Section 79 of this act, the Governments of successor States and the State of Rajasthan are required at all times to provide necessary funds to the Bhakra Beas Management Board to meet all expenses required for the discharge of its functions.

3. Member (I) further stated that the meeting of Budget Sub-Committee has been called for consideration and recommendation of BBMB Budget Estimate for the year 2024-25 including Revised Budget Estimate for the year 2023-24, which would subsequently be placed before the full Board for approval in its next meeting.

4. Member Irrigation, BBMB further highlighted some of the achievements of BBMB as under: -

- The total energy generation of BBMB generating stations during 2022-23 was **10835.587 MU**, which is **12.29%** higher than the Annual Generation Target of **9650 MU** fixed by the CEA and the same upto 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2023, in FY 2023-24 is **9525 MU**, which is about **17.08%** more than the target fixed by CEA.
- Through optimum planning and best utilization of generating capacities, BBMB has supported the grid operation and in turn earned a sum of **Rs. 26.58 Crores** during the year 2022-23 and **Rs. 55.69 Crores** in the year 2023-24, upto 31.12.2023 under Deviation Settlement Mechanism.
- Machine Availability of BBMB Power Houses was **98.99%** for the year 2022-23 and **99.76%** in 2023-24 upto 30<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2023.
- Availability of Transmission System of BBMB was **99.80%** for the year 2022-23 and **99.61%** in 2023-24 upto 30<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2023.

5. Member Irrigation, BBMB informed the committee that BBMB is setting up 15MW Floating Solar project on BOO basis at Nangal Dam reservoir near village Neilla Distt. Bilaspur, HP. Further, execution of Ground mounted solar power plants of 18 MWp on BOO basis at project station and 11.5 MWp Ground mounted solar plant (10 MWp at Bhiwani and 1.5 MWp at Hisar) on CAPEX mode are under process.

6. Construction and execution of 2 x 21 MW Baggi Hydro Electric Power Project is also under process for which tender has been floated.

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Further, tender for carrying out the work of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Pumped Storage Hydro Electric Project of 1500 MW (6x250 MW) at village Dobar Uparla, District: Una (HP) is also under process.

7. Member Irrigation initiating the discussion for Budget Estimates of BBMB apprised the committee that Original Budget Estimate for the Year 2023-24 was **Rs. 1622.71 Crores**, against which actual expenditure till Nov., 2023 is **Rs. 911.50 Crores**. Revised Budget Estimate for the year 2023-24 is **Rs. 1490.77 Crores** and Budget Estimate for the FY 2024-25 is **Rs. 1797.37 Crores**. The committee was informed that the increase in FY 2024-25 is due to funds demanded for various projects/works such as 2x21MW Baggi HEP, DRIP-II, Solar Projects, RM&U, Golden Jubilee of Beas Dam and other miscellaneous works. Member Irrigation requested the members of the committee to consider and recommend the same for approval by the Board. Thereafter, he requested FA&CAO, BBMB to present the Revised Budget Estimates for the year 2023-24 and Budget Estimates for the year 2024-25 of BBMB before the Budget Sub Committee.

8. Then, FA&CAO, BBMB also welcomed the Members and other officers attending the Budget Sub Committee Meeting of BBMB. FA & CAO stated that he is working as Director/Security, BBMB & is holding the additional charge of FA & CAO, BBMB. He further requested Sh. Surjit Singh, Dy. FA, BBMB to present the budget before the Budget Sub Committee.

9. Dy. Financial adviser, BBMB wished all a very Happy New Year 2024 and prayed the Almighty to bring peace, progress and prosperity in life of all members and presented the Revised Budget Estimates for the year 2023-24 and Budget Estimates for the year 2024-25 before the Budget Sub Committee as per following details: -

**Net revenue expenditure debitable to the Irrigation as well as Power Wing**

(Rs. in Crores)

Description	Actual Exp. for the year 2022-23	Original Budget Estimates 2023-24	Revised Budget Estimates 2023-24	Budget Estimates 2024-25
Net Expenditure debited to Irrigation Wing	373.57	475.63	435.77	504.25
Net Expenditure debited to Power Wing	901.85	1147.08	1055.00	1293.12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1275.42</b>	<b>1622.71</b>	<b>1490.77</b>	<b>1797.37</b>

10. Sharing of above revenue expenditure of **Irrigation Wing** in respect of Revised Budget Estimates for the year 2023-24 and Budget Estimates for the year 2024-25 between Partner State Governments comes on the next page: -

**(Rs. in Crores)**

State Govt.	Actual Exp. for the year 2022-23	Original Budget Estimates 2023-24	Revised Budget Estimates 2023-24	Budget Estimates 2024-25
Punjab Govt.	149.64	189.52	171.10	196.70
Haryana Govt.	97.61	122.88	114.06	131.14
Rajasthan Govt.	126.32	163.23	150.61	176.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>373.57</b>	<b>475.63</b>	<b>435.77</b>	<b>504.25</b>

11. In Power Wing, the net shares were worked out after adjusting the revenue generated by BBMB from sale of Power to Common Pool Consumers. The revenue receipt of Power Wing likely to be earned by BBMB in the Revised Budget Estimates 2023-24 and Budget Estimates 2024-25 is Rs. 361.79 Crores and Rs. 385.82 Crores respectively. After adjusting the receipt from net expenditure debitible to Power Wing and including RM&U, the share of partner state power utilities comes as under: -

**(Rs. in Crores)**

Power Utility	Actual Exp. for the year 2022-23	Original Budget Estimates 2023-24	Revised Budget Estimates 2023-24	Budget Estimates 2024-25
PSPCL, Patiala	241.95	323.65	257.64	335.94
HVPNL, Panchkula	201.92	272.72	224.07	294.44
RVPNL, Jaipur	138.01	183.93	153.83	201.46
HPSEBL, Shimla	35.73	48.01	38.78	50.75
UT, Chandigarh	17.40	23.37	18.88	24.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>635.01</b>	<b>851.68</b>	<b>693.20</b>	<b>907.30</b>

Subsequently, following issues were also deliberated in the meeting:

- ❖ FA, HVPNL & Dy. FA, PSPCL pointed out that works budget for RBE 2023-24 as compared to actual expenditure upto 11/2023 is on higher side and only four months of current financial year are left. The utilization of the same during the current year seems impossible.

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Dy. FA, PSPCL further stated that budget of BBMB should be on realistic basis, as funds are raised & provided according to budgetary share, but the actual expenditure is on lower side.

In reply, Member/Irrigation stated that BBMB has prepared the budget estimates on realistic basis and the demand of funds by BBMB is on necessity basis. However, he ensured that, in future, BBMB will prepare the works budget on more realistic basis. He ensured that efforts will be made to utilize the funds as demanded in the budget.

- ❖ FA/HVPL further pointed out that in the slide of RBE 2022-23 Vs. Actual Expenditure for the year 2022-23, the total expenditure has been mentioned. However, actual expenditure required to be shown separately for works and establishment.

In reply, Dy. FA, BBMB ensured that actual expenditure will be presented for works and establishment separately in future.

- ❖ Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Water Resources Department, Haryana pointed out that Budget on account of DRIP-II works was demanded last year, but same was not utilized. They further stated that Audit Party raised observations due to non-utilizations of funds on account of DRIP-II works.

In reply, CE/Bhakra Dam, BBMB, Nangal apprised that DRIP-II project got delayed due to non-receipt of consent intime from Partner States/Power Utilities of BBMB. The agreement to be executed between BBMB and World Bank is under process and some formalities are pending. CE/Bhakra Dam further ensured that DRIP-II works will start in next financial year and expenditure will be booked accordingly.

- ❖ The representative of PSPCL pointed out that works budget demanded for BE 2024-25 is more than double of current financial year. Further, FA/HVPL also stated that works budget demanded for BE 2024-25 seems on very higher side as compared to expenditure of previous 3 years.

In reply, Member/Irrigation, BBMB, apprised that BBMB is going to start new works like Solar Power Plant, Baggi Power House and Pump Storage Projects. Hence, the expenditure on works will increase from next year.

- ❖ The Chief Accounts Officer, Water Resources Department, Rajasthan pointed out that demand of funds amounting to Rs. 14.18 Crore in BE 2024-25 on account of Golden Jubilee of Beas Dam, Talwara seems on very higher side. He further stated that list of works provided at Page No. 77 of Budget Book seems regular works like white wash and procurement of general items.

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In reply SE/Hq., Beas Dam, Talwara apprised that Rs. 3.00 Crore has been proposed as expenditure on celebration of Golden Jubilee and rest of the funds are demanded for upkeep of infrastructure. The work like white wash etc. are proposed to be carried out in advance. However, expenditure will be incurred on realistic basis.

Accordingly, after detailed deliberations, the Budget Sub Committee unanimously recommended the Revised Budget Estimates for the year 2023-24 & Budget Estimates for the year 2024-25 as presented by Dy. FA, BBMB. Further, Dy. FA, BBMB also requested the representatives of the States Govt./Power Utilities to ensure the provision of full Budget as recommended by the Budget Sub Committee in their respective budgets.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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