

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ**  
**ON BILATERAL COOPERATION IN**  
**WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT**

The Ministry of Water Resources of the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Water Resources of the Government of the Republic of Iraq hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

- ✓ Desirous of strengthening cooperation in the field of water resources development and management between the two countries;
- ✓ Recognizing that such cooperation will promote further their already existing friendly relations;
- ✓ Determined to realize the food security goal and taking into account each other's experiences, strengths and opportunities;

Have reached the following understanding:

**ARTICLE - I**

The Parties shall work to enhance cooperation at the national, regional and international levels in the field of water resources management and development by collaboration and sharing of expertise in the following areas:

- Project Hydrology, Practising Hydrology and Hydrological Modelling
- Applications of Remote Sensing & GIS in Hydrology and Water Resources
- Integrated Water Resources Development and Management
- Flood and Drought Management
- Irrigation and Drainage
- Surface and Groundwater management and development
- Minor Irrigation
- Modernisation/renovation of old irrigation schemes
- Hydrometeorology
- Watershed, Lakes and Wetlands Development
- Dam Safety and Surveillance
- Reservoir Regulation
- Training and capacity building
- Micro Irrigation
- Any other field related to water resources management and irrigation as may be agreed upon between the Parties.

## **ARTICLE - II**

The Parties shall encourage exchange of experts, literature and organize training programmes, workshops, study tours and other such activities in order to build capacities in the areas referred to in Article I.

## **ARTICLE - III**

The Parties shall promote cooperation within the framework of joint activities mentioned in Article I through biennial work plans to be drawn up by mutual agreement.

## **ARTICLE - IV**

The Parties agree to work out mechanisms and modalities that allow funding and exchange of technical assistance.

## **ARTICLE - V**

A Joint Working Group shall be formed, not later than three months of the signing of this MoU, comprising equal number of members from each of the Parties which will monitor the activities to be carried out in fulfillment of the MoU. The Working Group shall hold its meetings alternately in India and Iraq atleast once in every two years. In addition, the Working Groups may interact at any time using telephone and video conferencing.

## **ARTICLE - VI**

Any dispute between the Parties concerning the implementation or the interpretation of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably by way of consultation or negotiation.

## **ARTICLE - VII**

This MoU shall enter into force on the day of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of five years; thereafter it may be further extended automatically for subsequent periods of five years at a time, unless either of the Parties gives to the other a written notice six months in advance of its intention to terminate it before the date of its expiry.

Signed at New Delhi on 23.08.2013 in two originals each, in Arabic, Hindi and English languages, all text being equally authentic. In case of any diversion of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Ministry of Water Resources  
of the Republic of INDIA



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