

**F.No.25/3/2010-ESZ**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change**  
**(ESZ Division)**

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Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Zonal Master Plan (ZMP) of Bhagirathi Eco- sensitive Zone, Uttarkhand- regarding.**

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change issued Bhagirathi Eco-Sensitive Zone Notification *vide* S.O. No.2930(E) dated 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

2. As per para 2 of the Notification, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is mandated to approve the Zonal Master Plan (ZMP) for sustainable development of the Ecologically Sensitive Area of Bhagirathi.

3. The Zonal Master Plan submitted by Government of Uttarakhand *vide* letter No. 800/X-3-18-15(41)/2013 dated the 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 has been examined by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

4. Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR) in the Ministry of Jal Shakti, *vide* letter No. L-34014/1/2018 dated the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 have conveyed their concurrence on the water related issues in Bhagirathi catchment area. A copy of communication dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 conveying concurrence from DoWR, RD & GR is enclosed for reference. The State Government is required to fulfil and comply with the suggestions and remarks, as stipulated by the Do WR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti including maintaining the e-flow of the Bhagirathi River, long term conservation plan for natural springs and boundaries of Bhagirathi river bank keeping in view of disaster management situations.

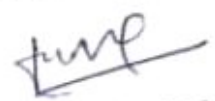
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5. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change advises the State Government to inter-alia ensure effective implementation of the provisions of the ESZ Notification dated 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, as amended time to time including boarder area development plan (Para 2 sub para 3 of the Notification). A comprehensive long term Eco-Tourism Master Plan and the carrying capacity of catchment area, etc. may be finalized on priority.

6. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords its approval to the Zonal Master Plan of Bhagirathi Eco-Sensitive Zone Notification subject to observations given at Para 4 & 5 above.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

**Encl:** concurrence report of DoWR, RD&GR, MoJ dated 06.03.2020

  
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