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NARMADA WATER DISPUTE

AGREEMENT BETWEEN MADHYA PRADESH, MAHARASHTRA, GUJARAT AND RAJASTHAN

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It is agreed:

- 1) that the water dispute referred to the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal be determined by the Tribunal on the basis of this agreement between the States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan (hereinafter referred to as 'Madhya Pradesh', 'Maharashtra', 'Gujarat' and 'Rajasthan' respectively);
- 2) that development of Narmada should no longer be delayed in the best regional and national interests;
- 3) that the quantity of water in Narmada available for 75 percent of the years be assessed at 28 MAF and that the Tribunal in determining the disputes referred to it do proceed on the basis of that assessment;
- 4) that the requirements of Maharashtra and Rajasthan for use in their territories are 0.25 and 0.5 MAF, respectively and that the Tribunal in determining the disputes referred to it do proceed on the basis that the requirements of Maharashtra for use in its territories are 0.25 MAF and that Rajasthan will get for use in its territories 0.5 MAF without prejudice to the level of the canal;
- 5) that the net available quantity of water for use in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat is 27.25 MAF and that the Tribunal in determining the disputes referred to it do proceed on the basis that the net available quantity of water for use in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat is 27.25 MAF;
- 6) that the Tribunal do allocate this balance of water namely, 27.25 MAF, between Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat after taking into consideration various contentions and submissions of the parties hereto;
- 7) that the height of Navagam Dam be fixed by the Tribunal after taking into consideration various contentions and submissions of the parties hereto;
- 8) that the level of the canal be fixed by the Tribunal after taking into consideration various contentions and submissions of the parties hereto;
- 9) that in the light of this agreement, issue No. 4, 5, 7, 7(a), 7(c), 7(d), 7(e), 7(f), 8, 10, 11, 12 and 20 framed by the Tribunal on 28 January 1971 may be deleted and that issue No. 6, 7(b), 13 and 17 may be suitably modified as in the Annexure to this Agreement. All other issues may be determined by the Tribunal after taking into consideration the various contentions and submissions of the parties hereto;
- 10) that for the limited purpose of effectuating the terms of this agreement Madhya Pradesh do withdraw the proceedings filed by it before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and arising out of the decision of the Tribunal dated 23 February 1972 on the preliminary issues of law;
- 11) that for the limited purpose of effectuating the terms of this agreement, Rajasthan do withdraw the proceedings filed by it before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and arising out of the decision of the Tribunal dated 23 February 1972 on the preliminary issues of law; and
- 12) that Rajasthan shall be a party to the further proceedings before the Tribunal, without prejudice to the legal position regarding the rights of a non-riparian State.

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