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Subject:-Setting up of a Standing Committee on Inter-State issues in Water Resources

The National Water Resources Council with Prime Minister as its Chairman and concerned Union Ministers and the Chief Ministers of the State Governments and Administrators of Union Territories as Members was constituted in March, 1983, as an apex body to evolve National Policy for the development and use of water resources in conformity with national interests. One of the functions of the Council is to advise on the modality of resolving Inter-State differences with regard to specific elements of water plans and such other issues that may arise during planning or implementation of the projects. The Council is also to advise on practices and procedures, administrative arrangements and regulation for the fair distribution and utilisation of water resources by different beneficiaries, keeping in view the optimum developments and maximum benefits to the people.

2. To enable the Council to perform its functions expeditiously and efficiently, a Standing Committee of Inter-State Issues in water resources with Members drawn from the Council to meet as often as required is considered necessary. After a preliminary analysis of the matter, such cases referred to the Ministry of Water Resources, will be referred to the Standing Committee for further consideration and advice.

3. It has, therefore, been decided to set up a Standing Committee on inter-State issues in Water Resources with the following composition:-

1.	Union Minister of Water Resources	Chairman
2.	Union Minister of Agriculture .	Member
3.	Union Minister of Energy	Member
4.	Union Minister of Urban Development	Member
5.	Minister of State for Environment & Forests	Member
6.	Minister of State for Science & Technology	Member
7.	Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources	Member-Secretary

The Chief Ministers of the concerned States will be special invitees for the meetings of the Committee.

The Standing Committee shall consider the issues referred by the States to the Union Ministry of Water Resources and recommend the measures to be taken to resolve the issues. The advice of the Standing Committee shall be of a recommendatory nature and will be without prejudice to the provisions of inter-state Water Disputes Act, 1956 as amended from time to time.

The Committee will meet as often as necessary, but atleast once in six months. The recommendations of the Standing Committee shall be placed before the next meeting of the National Water Resources Council for information.

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