

**Minutes of the 1st Joint Steering Committee (JSC) Meeting on Nepal – Bangladesh
Cooperation in the Field of Power Sector held on December 4, 2018 in Kathmandu**

The 1st meeting of Joint Steering Committee (JSC) pursuant to the Article – IV of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on August 10, 2018 between the Government of Nepal and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on Cooperation in the Power Sector was held in Kathmandu on December 4, 2018. The Nepali delegation was led by Mr. Anup Kumar Upadhyay, Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation, Government of Nepal and the Bangladesh delegation was led by Dr. Ahmad Kaikaus, Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The lists of delegates from Nepal and Bangladesh are attached at *Annex – 1*.

Adoption of Agenda

Both sides adopted the agenda placed at *Annex – 2*.

1. Review of decisions taken in 1st JWG meeting held on December 3, 2018

The leaders of JWG from both the Nepali side and the Bangladesh side appraised the deliberations of the JWG to the JSC.

2. Discussion on possibility of power trade between Nepal and Bangladesh

The JSC noted the deliberations of JWG and endorsed its recommendation. JSC further suggested that both the countries may review their long term planning in view of exploring possibility of power trading between the two countries.

3. Discussion on possibility of investment in hydropower development in Nepal

The JSC noted the deliberations of JWG on forming the Joint Technical Team (Generation) and endorsed its recommendation. JSC further agreed to convey each other the names of the members of the Team within a month.

4. Discussion on possibility of Cross Border Interconnection between Nepal and Bangladesh

The JSC noted the deliberations of JWG and endorsed its recommendation. JSC further agreed to convey each other the names of the members of the Joint Technical Team (Transmission) within a month.



JSC endorsed the recommendation of JWG regarding efforts to devise a trilateral arrangements by proposing the matter as a common agenda in respective JWG/JSC meetings between Nepal & India and Bangladesh & India. JSC is of the view that BBIN forum could also be utilised to deliberate on this matter.

5. Progress on import of 500 MW hydropower from 900 MW Upper Karnali Hydropower Project, Nepal to be developed by GMR, India through NVVN, India to Bangladesh

JSC took note of the deliberation made by JWG. During the discussion, Nepali side informed that Project Development Agreement (PDA) was signed between the Government of Nepal and GMR and the required facilitations are being carried out by the Investment Board of Nepal in this regard.

6. Cooperation between Nepal and Bangladesh in the field of renewable energy especially in the field of Solar Home System (SHS)

The JSC noted the deliberations of JWG and suggested that the respective entities of the two countries would be sharing their experiences, knowledge and expertise in the related area for the mutual benefits of both the countries,

7. Meeting of the 2nd Joint Working Group (JWG)/Joint Steering Committee (JSC)

JSC agreed with the recommendation of JWG to hold the next JWG/JSC meeting at Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh in the month of May/June 2019.

8. Any other matters

JSC endorsed the deliberation of JWG in regard to the capacity building to be offered by Bangladesh side in the field of power sector of Nepal through various training programs.

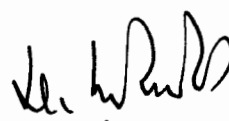
The meeting was held in cordial and friendly atmosphere.



(Mr. Anup Kumar Upadhyay)

Secretary

Ministry of Energy, Water Resources & Irrigation
Government of Nepal



(Dr. Ahmad Kaikaus)

Secretary, Power Division

Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources
The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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List of Delegates from Nepal

S.No.	Name and Designation	Position
1.	Mr. Anup Kumar Upadhyay Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation	Co-Chair
2.	Mr. Dinesh Kumar Ghimire Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation	Member
3.	Mr. Bhriku Dhungana Joint Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Member
4.	Mr. Phanindra Gautam Joint Secretary, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs	Member
5.	Mr. Nabin Raj Singh Director General, Department of Electricity Development	Member
6.	Mr. Kul Man Ghising Managing Director, Nepal Electricity Authority	Member
7.	Mr. Sagar Raj Goutam Senior Divisional Engineer, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation	Member
8.	Mr. Toya Nath Adhikari Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation	Invitee
9.	Mr. Sandip Kumar Dev Deputy Director General, Department of Electricity	Invitee
10.	Mr. Lekh Nath Gautam Under Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Invitee
11.	Mr. Braj Bhushan Chaudhary Deputy Managing Director (Transmission), Nepal Electricity Authority	Invitee
12.	Mr. Prabal Adhikari Chief (Power Trade Department), Nepal Electricity Authority	Invitee
13.	Mr. Babu Raj Adhikari Senior Divisional Engineer, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation	Invitee
14.	Mr. Raju Maharjan Senior Divisional Engineer, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation	Invitee




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1.	Dr. Ahmad Kaikaus Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources	Co-Chair
2.	H.E. Ms. Mashfee Binte Shams Ambassador, Bangladesh Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal	Member
3.	Mr. Md. Mahbub-UI Alam Additional Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources	Member
4.	Mr. Khaled Mahmood Chairman, BPDB	Member
5.	Mr. Masum-Al-Beruni Managing Director, PGCB	Member
6.	Mr. Md Sheikh Faezul Amin Joint Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources	Member
7.	Mr. Mohammad Hossain Director General, Power Cell	Member
8.	Mr. Mohammad Salahuddin Director General-I, Prime Minister's Office	Member
9.	Mr. Md. Reyad Hossain Director(South Asia), Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Member
10.	Mr. S.M Tarikul Islam Director, Prime Minister's Office	Member
11.	Mr. Md. Mahbubur Rahman Chief Engineer(IPP), BPDB	Invitee
12.	Mr. Pranab Kumar Roy Chief Engineer (P&D), PGCB	Invitee
13.	Mr. Khaled Mohammad Zaki Deputy Secretary, Power Division	Invitee
14.	Mr. Md. Mahbubul Haque First Secretary(TPC), Embassy of Bangladesh	Invitee
15.	Ms. Mithila Majumder Infrastructure Development Company Ltd.	Invitee




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