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SCHEDULE A ASSESSMENT OF RIVER BASINS (RBs) IN SOUTH ASIA

Sr.	Details	Response
No.		
1	Physical Features - General Information	
1.1	Name of River basin (also indicate regional);	Vamsadhara, Vansadhara(also called Bansadhara
		in Orissa) is an important east flowing river
		between Mahanadi and Godavari, in Southern
		Orissa and North Eastern Andhra Pradesh states
		in India.)
1.2	Relief Map and Index Map of RB with Country/ State/	Refer Annexure 1
	Province boundary marked to be attached.	
1.3	Geographical location of the place of origin	The river originates near Lanjigarh village in
	(Country/District.)	Kalahandi district of Orissa and runs for a distance
		of about 254 kilometers and joins the Bay of
		Bengal at Kalingapatnam.
1.4	Area (in Sq. Kms.),	The total catchement area of the river basin is
		about 11,377 square kilometers.(Source:
		Department of Water Resources, Government of
		Orissa)

1.5	Population (in Millions);	Population (2001): 10,23,338, Density: 114 / Sqkm
	Name of population centers/ Cites (duely marked on	(Source:
	the map: refer 1.2) having Population -	http://www.orissawater.com/BasinMaps/IndexofBa
	(a) More than 0.5 Million - 1 Million	sins.htm)
		Note: Major urban centres in the basin are: Urban
		Centres: Srikakulam, Narasannapeta,
		Patapatnam, tekkali, Palasa,
		Sompeta, Parlakhemundi, Gunupur, Kashinagar,
		Bissam Cuttack are the
		important towns in the basin.(Integrated
		Hydrological Data Book, CWC, 200_)
	(b) More than 1 Million – 10 Million	
	(c) More than 10 Million	
1.6	Approximate areas of upper regime, middle regime and	The basin is divided in upper and lower
	lower regime;	Vamsadhara basins, lower basin lies in Andhra
		Pradesh. Though the areas of upper and lower
		basins could not be found
1.7	Country and States (Province) in which the basin lies	890 Sq, Kilometers in Orissa and 228 sq km in
	(indicate % area covered);	Andhra Pradesh (Source: Orissa Water Resource
		Department)
		Andhra Pradesh. Total length is 230 kilometers,
		with 150 kilometersis in Orissa and 80 in Andhar
		Pradesh
2	Hydrological and Land use Features:	

2.1	Average annual rainfall (in mm);	Annual Rainfall:
	(Support with distribution	Max:2591 mm, Min:410 mm
2.2	Maximum-minimum temperatures in Degree Centigrade	
2.3	Average annual yield (discharge) of water in Cubic	In Orissa: Average water resources from the
	Meter and the average yield for last past five years	Vamsadhara are estimated to be 5083 MCM
2.4	Major tributaries	Major Tributaries:Badanalla, Harbhangi,
		Mahendratanaya, Sananadi
2.5	Percentage shares of major water uses & Surface and	Data not found
	groundwater abstraction in percentages-Convert	
	intoTable	
	(a.) Agriculture,	
	(b.) Industries,	Current industrial Water Demand in Orissa: 16.90
		MCM (Source :State of Orissa's Environment)
	(c). Domestic,	Data not found
	(d). urban,	Data not found
	e). environmental flows.	Data not found
2.6	Major cropping pattern	The Vamsadhara valley is a region dominated by
		sugarcane cultivation. Rayagada stands at the
		centre of this zone. Oilseeds are also widely
		cultivated to the east of the Vamsadhara and thus
		a separate region is formed.(Source:
		http://www.webindia123.com/orissa/economy/a
		griculture%202.htm) As per the National Water
		Development Agency,, the cropping pattern
		suggested for streams in between Rushiklya and

		Vamsadhara is 45% paddy,15% pulses, 15%
		oilseed, 15% fodder (Kharif). In the coastal region,
		there are plantations of jackfruit, cashew, coconut,
		mango and almond
2.7	Cultivable area under irrigation	Data not found
2.8	Cultivable area not under irrigation	Data not found
2.9	State other Water Uses- eg. Navigation, power,	Vamsadhara, especially in Andhra Pradesh has a
	recreation etc.	very good hydropower potential (Source:
		Environmental Information System:
		ENVIS:http://www.envis.nic.in/soer/ap/wateresourc
		es.htm)
3	Ecosystem Features	
3.1	Agro-climatic zones	Climate is tropical
3.2	Major sub ecosystems (zoogeographical zones)	Vamsadhara originates in the forested hills of
		Niyamgiri with Rushikulya and flows down to the
		fractured and undulated terrain.
3.3	Major soil types	Data not found
3.4	National parks/sanctuaries, lakes, wetlands, etc.	Niyamgiri Wildlife Sanctuary where Vamsadhra
		and Rushikulya originate, Telineelapuram Bird
		Sanctuaryin Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh

3.5	Brief information about the delta region of the basin	Though the river does not form a notable delta
	(area, location, major urban centers in the delta, etc.)	region, Vamsadhara Estuary in the Srikukalam
		District houses 35 hectares of wetland area.
		(Source: Toolkit for establihing coastal Bioshield,
		V Selvam) Kalingapatnam is a village and
		panchayat located in the Gara Mandal of
		Srikakulam district, where the River Vamsadhara
		meets the Bay of Bengal. It is one of the nearest
		beach resorts to Srikakulam town.
		Kalinganatham was and of the ansight Andhra's
		Kaingapatham was one of the ancient Anonia's
		narbor towns. Perfumes, textiles and so on were
		exported to other countries from the port.
		Kalingapatnam port was closed during British rule
		of India, but the light house constructed by the
		British at Kalingapatnam port still exists.
		(Source:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalingapatnam
). It is also a nesting site for Oliver Ridley Turtles
		(Source:Important nesting habitats of olive ridley
		turtles Lepidochelys olivacea along the Andhra
		Pradesh coast of eastern India, Basudev Tripathi)
4	Water Quality	
4.1	Prevailing water quality standards (e.g. Class I, II,	Though water quality standards for the entire river
	III.etc, indicating permitted uses)	could not be found, some data found is given
		below

4.2	Stretches (along the River) in Kms. with water quality	Water samples from 113 wells in the lower
	classes indicated (may be marked on the map)	Vamsadhara(, spreading over an area of 817
		sq.km in northern Andhra Pradesh) were analysed
		for Ca, Mg, Na, K, Cl, SO4, HCO3, F, NO3 and
		PO4. The results indicate the presence of
		phosphate in the groundwater ranged from 0.72 to
		7.07 mg/l, which is beyond the limits recommended
		for domestic and water treatment
		purposes.Presence of nitrate in groundwater is
		also detected. (Source: Phosphate pollution in the
		groundwater of lower Vamsadhara river basin,
		India, Springer Link, 1997)
4.3	Sources of Pollution, with data indicating quantum and/	Major sources of pollution are mining, agricultural
	or severity.	runoffs and domestic sewage
4.4	Prevailing abatement techniques e.g: ETP, STP,	Data not found
	legislation,etc.	
5	Current status of the resource development & potent	ial for development
5.1	Water availability:	In Orissa: Current per capita dependable Water
	a. Per capita water availability (in lpcd)	availability of the Vamsadhara basin is: 3792 CM.
		2051 scenario: 2580 CM (Source: State of
		Orissa's Environment)
	b. Per hectare water availability (in Cubic meters for	Data not found
	cultivable command area):	
	c. Availability of environmental flows (Current reserve, if	Data not found
	any):	

	d. Availability of ground water/ Average annual ground	Data not found
	water abstraction/recharge.	
5.2	Structures:	Pratappur (Effective Storage Capacity: 830 MCM),
	a. Major dams/barrages (with utilization categories):	Bada Nalla: 67140 MCM, Tanagarakana: 580
		MCM,
		(Source:http://www.orissawater.com/DamSafety/N
		RLD_Corrected_11.08.06(1).pdf)
	b. Proposed dams:	Data not found
	c. Live storage of major dams:	Please refer to 5.2
	d. Live storage through proposed dams:	Data not found
	e. Inter basin transfer systems:	Manibhadra- Godavari link will pass through the
		Vamsadhara. (Source: nwda.gov.in/writereaddata/
		sublink2images/110.pdf) Orissa had plans to link
		Vamsadhara and Rushikulya through canal
		systems.
	f. Any Other:	Data not found
5.3	Command area of major dams	Vamsadhara Phase I and Vamsadhara Phase II:
		Ultimate Potential: 59990 hecatres and 25150
		hecatres. Vamsadhara Phase II, Stage II: 18270
		hecatres(Source: http://planningcommission.nic.in/
		data/wrdiv/wr_details.xls)
5.4	Agencies functioning in the basins:	Orissa water Resources department, Andhra
	a. Public agencies/ CSOs which construct/ implement	Pradesh Water Resources Department, National
	the infrastructures projects:	Water Development Agency (NWDA: Proposed
	b. Private agencies/ CSOs involved in infrastructure	Interlinking)
	development	

6	Existence of National/State/Provincial Laws or	Orissa State Water Policy (2006), Andhra Pradesh
	Notifications relating to water- Management /	Water Policy
	use/development/opportunity for private sector	
	participation or for privatization of water resources	
7	Key Issues:	Transboundary water confilicts between Orissa
		and Andhar Pradesh over the construction of
		Vamsadhara-Rushikulya link by Orissa
		(Source:http://www.hindu.com/2006/02/26/stories/2
		006022618360100.htm)
		Mining of Bauxite in Orissa is polluting the
		Vamsadhara river and its tributaries.
8	Enabling instruments- Law/ Policy/ Economic &	Orissa State Water Policy as well as the proposed
	Financial Measures for introducing IWRM in the basin	Water Policy for Andhra Pradesh support basin
		wise management of water resources. There are
		initial discussions of creating a Water Resources
		Regulatory Authority on the lines of Maharashtra
		water Resources Regulatory Authority in Andhra.
		Through this Authority, River Basin Agencies/
		Organisations will be set up in each basin of the
		state. (Source: Personal communication with
		Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Department and
		http://www.hindu.com/2006/04/17/stories/2006041
		709630400.htm)

