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**Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000**

**Section 79 - Constitution and Functions of Management Board**

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(1) The Central Government shall constitute a Board to be called the Ganga and Sone Management Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) for administration, construction, maintenance and operation of projects referred to in sub-section (1) of section 78 for any or for a combination of following purposes, namely:--

(i) Irrigation;

(ii) Rural and Urban Water Supply;

(iii) Hydro Power generation;

(iv) Navigation;

(v) Industries; and

(vi) for any other purpose which the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify.

(2) The Board shall consist of--

(a) a whole-time Chairman and two whole-time members to be appointed by the Central Government;

(b) a representative each of the Government of the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh to be nominated by the respective Governments;

(c) two representatives of the Central Government to be nominated by that Government.

(3) The functions of the Board shall include--

(a) the regulation of supply of water from the projects referred to in subsection (1) of section 78 to States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh having regard to--

(i) any agreement entered into or arrangement made covering the Governments of existing State of Bihar and the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh, and

(ii) the agreement or the order referred to in sub-section (2) of section 78;

(b) the regulation of supply of power generated at the projects referred to in sub-section (1) of section 78, to any Electricity Board or other authority incharge of the distribution of power having regard to--

(i) any agreement entered into or arrangement made covering the Governments of existing State of Bihar and the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh, and

(ii) the agreement or the order referred to in sub-section (2) of section 78;

(c) the examination of the requirement of funds for various projects in terms of the programme laid down for such projects and to advise the apportionment of the expenditure to the participating States keeping in view the agreement on the sharing of costs ;

(d) to decide the withdrawal of water from the reservoirs during the construction period for irrigation and power purposes with a view to securing better use of available water;

(e) the responsibility of devising programme of resettlement for persons displaced as a result of Irrigation Projects;

(f) construction of such of the remaining or new works connected with the development of the water resource project relating to the rivers or their tributaries as the Central Government may specify by notification in the Official Gazette; and

(g) such other functions as the Central Government may after consultation with the Governments of the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh entrust to it.

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