

NAWAD Council & NAWAD TECH Activities from 2000 – 2011

Date	Description
Year 2000	“Ganga- Kumari National Waterways Project” (NWP) conceived by Er. A. C. Kamaraj and it was presented in the Ooty Water Convention first for the time in 2000.
11.03.2001	All India Seminar on Ganga – Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) for Networking of all rivers in the Country was conducted on 11 th March 2001 at Madurai. Tamilnadu State PWD Minister, Hon’ble T. Krishnan, was the Chief Guest. Chief Engineer PWD, Electricity Board Members, Distribution of Electricity Board, Professors, Expert Civil Engineers and delegates from all over India and abroad attended. They discussed and analyzed about the National Waterways Project and its impact. Farmers and public also attended and appreciated. Sri. Kanchi Kamakodi Peedathipathi Jegathguru Sri. Jeyendra Saraswathi Sankarachariyar Swamigal came to the Seminar and blessed in person.
21.3.2001	All India seminar Interlinking Rivers, Alyar Papers presented by Mr K pandi, Mr Raju , Mr C P Ravi, Mr Prabhu was convinced of the appropriateness of the NWP Proposal. Mr Suresh Prabhu- Chief Guest (Chairman Task Force on Interlinking Rivers)
15.7.2002	The Chairman of NAWAD COUNCIL met the Minister Subash Chacrabarthu on July 15 th 2002 at Kolkatta. Dr. P.P. Mujumdar, who does G.I.S work for West Bengal Government and Mr. Ramesh were also present during this meeting. The Minister also informed that West Bengal Government will approve only NWP instead of ILR and will not accept any other proposal since NWP creates waterways in West Bengal, which is very dear to them
27.7.2002	Prof. Shanthamurthy, in consultation with the IEI Chairman, Karnataka arranged a seminar at Bangalore in July 2002. The Chairman invited other Chairman and Secretaries of IEI from Southern States. Mr. V. Radha Krishna, Mr. Prabaker, Chairman and Secretary from Andhra State unit, Er. T. Senthilnayagam, Secretary, Tamilnadu State Unit and others attended. Er. K. Pandu, Former C.E and Er. N. Vaidyanathan former S.E from Madurai also attended the seminar. After getting clarification, Mr. Prabaker remarked, “I have not heard such a proposal before. Any person for that matter any Chief Minister who comes to know about this proposal and understands this will never say no to this project” .
21.03.2003	On 21 st March 2003, All India Seminar on Inter-linking of Rivers was conducted at Aliyar, Coimbatore District in the presence of Sri. Thathuva Gnani Vethathri Maharishi, Shri. Suresh Prabhu , Hon’ble Chairman, Task Force on Inter-linking of Rivers, Government of India attended as Chief Guest and delivered speech. Mr.D.R.Karthikeyan Former C.B.I Director presided. The National Waterways Project (NWP) was presented in the seminar. Many of NWP expert team including Er. K. Pandu, Er. Sri Raju, Er. C.P. Ravi, Er. RM. Parthiban, Captn. Dr.DVP Raja, Shri. Mohan Gandhi, etc. attended the seminar. The Chief Guest discussed our National Waterways Project (NWP) with our team and appreciated as a very good proposal.
15.4.2003	Chairman. A.C. Kamaraj to Attended Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai and gave presentation of NWP.
18.4.2003	Chairman A.C. Kamaraj went to Chennai and met Er. Deenadayalan, Shri. G.R. Ramesh and discussed Ganga – Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP)
19.4.2003	Chairman A.C. Kamaraj went to New Delhi for presenting the paper Institution of Engineers India (IEI) Delhi and also met Chairman Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers.

2.6.2003	Chairman Er. A.C. Kamaraj went to Delhi. Met His Excellency Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, President of India and presented Ganga – Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) NWP project proposal. Discussed NWP with Hon'ble Defence Minister Shri. George Fernandes also.
9.7.2003	Met Hon'ble Minister of Karnataka Shri. R.V. Deshpande , on 9 th Sep. 2003 and submitted the NWP proposal to him. Prof. M.C. Shanthamurthy also joined the discussion.
12.07.2003	A seminar was conducted by Thinkers Forum at Ethiraj College, Chennai on July 12 th 2003 Hon'ble Supreme Court Justice (Rtd.) Shri. S. Natarajan presided over the seminar. Chairman of NAWAD Council Shri. A.C. Kamaraj presented the NWP. There was a very good response from the audience. Er. K.V.Rupchand, Er. Deenadayalan, Er. Madhavanarayanan, all Former Chief Engineers also attended the Seminar.
1.8.2003	Chairman Er. A.C. Kamaraj and Er. Naresh Muthiah to Delhi. Met Task Force Members and Secretary, Institution of Engineers (India) discussed Ganga- Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP)
20.08.2003	Er. A.C. Kamaraj, Chairman of NAWAD Council and a group of expert team consisting Dr. S. Panchanathan, Former C.E., and U.N. Expert Er. K. Pandey, Former C.E., and World Bank Consultant, Er. T. Krishnasamy, Former C.E., PWD and UNDP consultant and Mr. K.V. Rupchand, Former C.E., TNEB specialist in Hydro Power generation went to Delhi. Attended on 20-08-2003 and presented our project proposals before the Independent Group of Experts (IGE) who appreciated and accepted as "Best Alternative" to NWDA proposal for ILR.
29.8.2003	Chairman A.C. Kamaraj went to Chennai and met Shri. G.R. Ramesh and Er. K.V. Rupchand and discussed Ganga – Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP)
9.9.2003	Met Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Chairman, Task Force on Inter-linking of Rivers (TF-ILR) and Hon'ble Minister Thirunavukkarasar and discussed the Project and got their support. Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Chairman, (TF-ILR) has given a note that Ganga Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) is the best alternative to NWDA proposal – copy enclosed. Met Hon'ble Minister of Karnataka Shri. R.V. Deshpande, on 9 th Sep. 2003 and submitted the NWP proposal to him. Prof. M.C. Shanthamurthy also joined in the discussion.
12.9.2003	Met Prof. Mujumdar at Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore on Sep. 12 th 2003 and discussed for a computer simulation model for NWP. They also agreed to do the simulation work on payment.
27.9.2003	Chairman A.C. Kamaraj attended the meeting at Anna University (With Director Arumugam)
15.10.2003	Met Industries Minister Hon'ble Shri. R.V. Deshpande discussed our NWP project.
20.10.2003	Met Prof. of Anna University, Chennai Dr. Venugopal and Dr. Ramaseshan on October 20 th 2003 and had further discussion on the project
30.10.2003	Meeting At Anna University, Dr Venugopal and Dr Ramaseshan
31.10.2003	Chairman A.C. Kamaraj went to Delhi and met Shri. Gopalakrishnan, Co-ordinator, Task Force on Inter-linking of Rivers get appointment to the Prime Minister
24.11.2003	Shri. A.C. Kamaraj, Chairman, NAWAD Council attended the first Expert Committee Meeting (TF-ILR) at Delhi on Nov. 24 th 2003 discussed the various aspects of the ILR proposal with other experts like Vice Chairman, (TF-ILR) Shri. C.C. Patel and Co-ordinator Er. Gopalakrishnan.
17.12.2003	Met The Hon'ble Finance Minister of Tamilnadu Shri. C. Ponnaiyan , and presented the project on Dec.17 th 2003. Er. N. S. Kumar, Er. Naresh Muthiah, Shri. G.R. Ramesh, Er. C.P. Ravi, Shri. Ponraj also attended the meeting. The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the project and declared that

	Tamilnadu will get water without begging anybody through Ganga Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) only and not through NWDA proposal. Mr Ponayan appreciated the NWP Proposal as most appropriate.
31.12.2003	Attended the meeting arranged by Institute of parliamentary affairs at Bangalore on Dec.31 st 2003 on constitutional amendment. Then met Prof. Mujumdar and Dr. Pradeep of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and reviewed the progress on computer simulation for NWP.
1.1.2004	Met Hon'ble Education Minister of Karnataka Dr. B.K. Chandrasekar, on Jan.1 st 2004 and explained the NWP proposal and got his acceptance to the proposal.
1.1.2004	Also met Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation, Government of Karnataka Shri. Allum Veerabhadrapaji. After discussion, he was full of praise for NWP and assured support of Karnataka Government. He even suggested that all the Southern States should join and support only NWP for Networking of rivers since this proposal brings enormous benefit to all States including power and Navigation.
5.1.2004	Met Principal Abhaikumar of Thiagaraja Engineering College on Jan.5 th 2004 and discussed computer simulation for Ganga – Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP). In this connection also met Mr. Arunachalam, Civil Engineering professor. Prof. D. Sankaramurthy and Er. K. Easan of NWP expert team accompanied the Chairman NAWAD Council.
7.1.2004	Had a technical meeting at 40, Krishnapuram Road, Chennai on Jan. 7 th 2004. Er. N.S. Kumar, Er. K.V. Rupchand, Former C.E., TNEB, Er. Naresh Muthiah, Shri. G.R. Ramesh attended. We had an in depth discussion as how to take the NWP proposal to Government of India and get their acceptance.
9.1.2004	Met Dr. S. Panchanathan, Former C.E. Ground water on Jan. 9 th 2004 and had discussion with him. Mr. G.R. Ramesh also joined the meeting. Dr.S. Panchanathan insisted that we must race against Time and collect, more details and do simulation studies etc. He also insisted that we must mobilize funds for these activities.
13.1.2004	Chairman A.C. Kamaraj went to Chennai and met Kattumana Thozhil Magazine Reporter Mr. Sindhu Baskar and explain the NWP.
27.1.2004	Attended the seminar on Jan.27 th 2004 regarding Inter-linking of Rivers (ILR) conducted by Sathyabama Engineering College. Almost all the Task Force Members of ILR were present. The Chancellor of Sathyabama Deemed University praised our work saying that we have prepared a novel proposal as alternate to ILR. In the same day afternoon all the Task Force members including the Vice Chairman Shri. C.C. Patel who gave the NWDA proposal also attended the seminar arranged by NAWAD Council, on "Networking of Rivers and viable solution for implementation" at Hotel Le Royal Meridian. The meeting was well attended and the Vice-Chairman of Task Force praised our work and assured to follow up our NWP more deeply
	Attended the meeting on Feb. 15 th 2004 arranged by Arivuthirukkoil, Thiruppur. There was a very good gathering numbering over a thousand. Dr. Sundaramurthy, Vice Chancellor of Tanjore Tamil university presided. I presented the NWP and a film of the project was also exhibited. After the presentation of the project many in the audience expressed their willingness to involve in this project and help so that the project benefiting millions in the Country can be implement early.
16.03.2004	Met Mr. Narayanan, I.A.S. Finance Secretary, Government of Tamilnadu on March 16 th 2004. The project was explained to him. He was very receptive and assure to render help. Er. T.T. Kesavan Former C.E. Highways accompanied me.

	<p>Then Met. Hon'ble Finance Minister Shri. Ponnaian on the same day. The Minister informed us that he has already given the material on NWP to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu. We explained to the Minister that Government of India is funding nearly Rs.20 Cr. every year to NWDA which is an NGO and our proposal is considered as an alternative to the NWDA proposal. We requested to finance NAWAD Council, so that the pre-feasibility can be completed just in one year. He assured to do needful. When we took leave he said "you are doing a great service to the Country".</p> <p>Then attended the meeting arranged at Madam Lakshmi Krishnamurthy in the evening for discussion Ganga – Kumari National waterways Project (NWP). Many attended the meeting including Mr. Madhava Sharma, I.A.S (Rtd) , Former Secretary to Government of India, and Mr. B.S. Raghavan, I.A.S. Former Secretary, Government of West Bengal Er. N.S. Kumar, Er. K.V. Rupchand, Former Chief Engineer TNEB, Mr. Athithan of Agriculture Department and others.</p> <p>The computer simulation work and Geo-information system for NWP was discussed in detail. Mr. Athithan assured that GIS information can be got from Tamilnadu Agriculture Department.</p>
17.03.2004	Gave recording for SUN TV VANAKKAM THAMILAGAM program on March 17 th 2004 on the National Waterways Project of NAWAD Council and the same was telecasted on SUN TV on March 23 rd 2004. This helped to create very good awareness among the public about the project and its benefits.
6.9.2004	Met the Secretary, MOWR, Mr. V. K. Duggal on 6 th Sept.2004 at New Delhi Mr. M.Veerabhadraiah, former engineer in Chief of Karnataka, Mr. Ramesh from Chennai, and Mr. P. Loganathan Trichy who are all very strong supporters of NWP, attended the meeting. I briefed the project and then we screened the film and gave the presentation. After the presentation, the Secretary informed, "At the outset the project looks very simple. However, I do not want to comment on it now.
7.9.2004	On subsequent day we had a detailed discussion with NWDA Engineers and CWC engineers. Presented NWP for over 2 hours and replied all their questions.
8.9.2004	Again the next day, Mr.Duggal arranged a meeting with NWDA engineers including Director General and CWC engineers. Finally, he appreciated NWP and asked to have a seminar at Madurai.
28.11.2004	Meeting with Planning commission, Delhi Mr Montk Sigh Aluvaliya(Deputy Chairman) It was felt that Feasability study based on NWP for a segment in Andhra, and Tamil Nadu should be carried out.
11.2.2005	As advised by the Secretary, MOWR Mr. V.K. Duggal, NWDA officials arranged to a one-day Technical workshop held on Feb.11th 2005 at Madurai for discussing ILR. Top officials from CWC, NWDA attended the workshop. However, Mr. V.K. Duggal, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, could not attend the technical workshop. However the Chairman CWC who was the top most officer attended the seminar
18.1.2005	The proposal was presented in the Expert Committee meetings on Jan. 18 th 2005 and again in Oct.28 th 2005.
1.10.2005	Message from The President of India To NAWAD Council, His Excellency Dr A P J Abdul Kalam requested NWAD Council to prepare a Project Proposal based on NWP should control and Meitigate flood Damages in Tamil Nadu.
28.11.2005	Dr. Kirit S. Parikh, Member Planning Commission had arranged for our presentation of the project in the Planning Commission on Nov.28th 2005 . I presented the NWP proposal in the presence of Deputy Chairman, Dr.

	Montech Singh Ahluwalia, and member Dr. Kirit S. Parikh, Mr. Sekar Advisor and NWDA officials. Er. V. Kasi, one of our Expert members and project planner was with us. Mr. K.S. Rao, M.P. and Engineer also attended the meeting. After our presentation, the Deputy Chairman congratulated us and told NWDA officials “you have not done anything for the last 20 years. Wind up your proposal and come to this. If you have anything specific against this proposal come out and clarify. But there was nothing against NWP except silt which is a common problem in all projects.
2.12.2005	The President wanted to have a discussion on this TWP proposal and accordingly the Chairman met the President on 28-11-2005 and presented the project. Discussion with the President of NWP Project Subsequently the President discussed the NWP Proposal with Tamil Nadu C.M on 02.12.2005.
4.1.2006	C M of Tamil Nadu, Chief Secretary, PWD Secretary & Chief Engrns. Project was found to be good for Tamil Nadu.
18.1.2006	Meeting with Parliament Standing Committee on Water Resources. NWP found to be appropriate for further follow up.
6.4.2006	Meeting with Principle secretary of C M to Andhra Pradesh Hyderabad Principle secretary of Andhra Pradesh and Further follow up Meeting with the principle Secretary on 28.11.2006 confirmed Andhra Pradesh C M's desire to implement the NWP in Andhra Pradesh
1.2006	The NWP was presented to Parliamentary Affairs Committee (PAC) in Jan.2006. The PAC, after reviewing our proposal, has recommended for inclusion in planning commission.
4.6.2006	Air Vice Marshall Narayanan, who is greatly interested in our project. Er .A.C.Kamaraj, Chairman and Er. V. Kasi arrived at Hyderabad on April 6 th 2006. Met Dr. C.V.S.K. Sarma Principal Secretary, to Chief Minister. Mr. Prakasa Rao Commissioner, Godavari was also present. We presented the National Waterways Project- Andhra (NWP-A) and the meeting went on for nearly an hour.
11.5.2006	Also presented the NWP at the center for World Solidarity (CWS) at Hydrabad on May 11 th 2006. The same evening we presented the AWP at the Andhra State Centre of IEI where Mr. ISN Raju Chief Engineer, Irrigation and CAD Government of Andhra Pradesh who already know our project presided. NWP was appreciated by the participants and it was planned form a committee for promoting in NWp in Andhra Pradesh
8.8.2006	Meeting with Minister for water Resources Govt of India, Commissioner, and Asst. Commissioner Ministry of Water Resources Presented NWP concept to be included 11th Five Year Plan
3.10.2006	Met Prof. Naganathan, Vice Chairman, Tamilnadu Planning Commission on Oct. 3 rd 2006 at Tamilnadu Planning Commission office. Er. K. Pandey, Er. T.T.kesavan, Er. V. Kasi and myself met him, and presented NWP and Tamilnadu Waterways Project –(TWP). The Secretary Planning Commission also joined us. Vice Chairman Prof. Naganathan took keen interest in the project and he understood the enormous benefits that it would bring to Tamilnadu and agreed to take the project further. Vice Charman T N Planning Commission assured to take up this concept to C M.
6.1.2007	Arranged Expert Committee meeting of NAWAD Council at Presidency Club Chennai. The meeting was attended by the following Experts. The meeting commenced at 11-00 A.M. and till 2-00 P.M. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. A.C. Kamaraj, Expert Committee Member on Inter-Linking of Rivers (ILR) Presided 2. Er. V. Kasi, Former Chief Town Planning Officer, Madurai, 3. Er. M. Subramaniyam, Chennai, 4. Er. A. Ramakrishnan, Chennai

	<p>5. Dr. K. Venugopal, Chennai 6. Dr.G. Ravikumar, Anna university, Chennai 7. Er. Thangia, Chennai 8. Thirumathi R. Rajeswari, Chennai 9. Er. M. Sadhasivam, Chennai.</p> <p>Shri. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan M.P. and Chairman for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public grievances attended as Chief Guest. Shri. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan suggested to have a Conference in New Delhi inviting His Excellency the President and Hon'ble Prime Minister.</p> <p>Jan 6th 2007 Evening: Met Shri. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan M.P. and Chairman for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public grievances arranged a meeting at Hotel Cannemara. Attended the meeting there. Also met Mr. Karvendan M.P. and Shri. Jethmalani M.P.</p>
7.1.2007	<p>Had a meeting with Er. M. Subramaniam, Former Vice-president of Reliance & Er. V. Kasi. Er. M. Subramaniam stressed to promote our project through</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. His Excellency the President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam 2. Baghwan Sri Sri Sri Sathya Sayee Babha 3. Dr. M. Naganathan, Vice Chairman, Tamilnadu Planning Commission <p>Shri. V. Ponraj, Director, (Technology Interface) from Presidents Office spoke to me & Informed that His Excellency the President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam informed Chief Secretary of Tamilnadu, Shri. L.K. Tripathy , I.A.S that the proposal given by Er. A. C. Kamaraj is good for Tamilnadu & that he can discuss with me. Shri. V. Ponraj asked me to meet the Chief Secretary.</p>
8.1.2007	<p>We also met the Chief Secretary Shri. L.K. Tripathy, I.A.S., at the Secretariate, Chennai on Jan. 8th 2007. Mr. Rajarathinam, PWD Secretary was also present. We explained the National Waterways Project for Tamilnadu or TWP briefly to the Chief Secretary and he asked again and again whether there was no pumping in Networking of Rivers in Tamilnadu and then he arranged for a meeting with top officials including Chief Secretary.</p> <p>Jan 8th 2007 PM :</p> <p>Presided over the Advisory Council Meeting of NAWAD Council at Cosmopolitan Club. The following members attended.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Er. Periyasamy, Leo Engineers, Chennai. 2. Er. Arun Veerappan, Director, Real Image Media Technologies Pvt Ltd, Chennai – 600 014. 3. Mr. Chellamuthu, Dharapuram. 4. Mr.V. Ponraj, Tuticorin 5. Dr. G. Ravikumar, Anna University, 6. Er. M. Sadasivam, Consulting Engineer,Chairman, Arun Tiles, Chennai – 106 7. Er. Siva Ilango, Assistant Executive Engineer <p>It was stressed in the meeting that the Deputy Chairman, Tamilnadu Planning Dr. M. Naganathan must be persuaded further to take up Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP).</p>
10.1.2007	<p>Presented Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP) at Aliar. Nearly 110 Active lady members participated. Mr. N.A. Perumal, Director presided. Mr. K.</p>

	<p>Karuppiah, President, Madurai region, NAWAD Association, Mr.M. Shanmugapandian also participated.</p> <p>The meeting started at 9.30 A.M. in the main Hall, where I presented National Waterways Project (NWP) in the presence of Vedhathri Maharishi, Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Chairman, Task Force on Inter-linking of Rivers (TF-ILR) and Mr. D.R. Kaarthikeyan in 2003. There was a good involvement from the participants. Many participants volunteered to involve in our project continuously.</p> <p>One lady member told us in the meeting that she is praying for our project every day for the last 5 years . It was a pleasant surprise to us.</p>
19.1.2007	<p>Had discussion at Anna University with Dr. K. Karunakaran, Director CWS and Dr. G. Ravikumar, Asst. Professor and Er. Sundaresan regarding the works for proposed seminar.</p> <p>Had discussion with Er. M. Subramaniam, Former Vice President Reliance Group regarding further works.</p>
21.1.2007	<p>Attended Bagwan Sri Sri Sri Satya Sayee Baba meeting at Nehru Indoor Stadium Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr.Kalaignar Karunanithi, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharastra and many others attended.</p> <p>Baba spoke of love and affection and act breaking boundaries of costs and Religion. He promised to do the balance lining work in Telugu – Ganga project to bring drinking water to Chennai.</p>
22.1.2007	<p>The meeting with the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tamilnadu - Jan. 22nd 2007. The Chief Secretary, Mr. L.K. Tripathi, I.A.S. Finance Secretary, Mr. B.S. Gnana desikan, I.A.S. Secretary, Public Works Department. Shri.S. Rajarathinam, I.A.S. , Engineer-in-Chief, PWD and PWD Engineers, Chairman, Cauvery Technical cell and members of Cauvery Technical Cell, NAWAD Council Chairman Er.A.C.Kamaraj and the members of NAWAD Council participated in the meeting. The Chairman explained the availability of water Resources, (surplus going to sea), the future demand and the attempts so far ade to link the rivers through power point presentation and a film. The Chief Secretary was very much pleased with the project and decided to further for T.E.F.S.</p> <p>The Government of Tamilnadu asked (copy of the Letter No.42557 / ISW2/2005 Dt:12-01-2007, is enclosed) to present the Tamilnadu Waterways Project based on Ganga – Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) on 22-01-2007 project was presented in the presence of Chief Secretary Mr. Tripathy, I.A.S., Thiru. S. Rajarathinam, I.A.S. Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Thiru. Gnana Desigan, I.A.S. Secretary to Government, Finance. Er. Mohana Krishnan, Chairman, Cauvery Tribunal, Er. Deenadhayalan, Advisor to Government and other Chief Engineers. The Chief Secretary appreciated the project and assured to pursue further.</p>
28.1.2007	<p>Went to Madha Amirdanantha Mayee Ashramam at Thiru Nagar and met Dr.Sankara Saithanya. Doctor informed us that he will arrange a meeting with Amma Amirthanantha Mayee. Er. V. Kasi, Er. A. Ashokan Chakravarthy, and Er. K. Easan, came with me to Ashram.</p>
1.2.2007	<p>Mr. Raghuraman and the Chairman of NAWAD Council Er.A.C.Kamaraj met the Ambassador, Netherland, Mr. Eric. F. Ch. Niche at New Delhi on Feb.1st 2007. Mr. Theo. J.J. Groothuizen, Councillar for Science and Technology and Ms. Maya Acharya, Senior Advisor Trade were also present in the meeting. Er. V.K. Gupta, former Secretary, Institution of Engineers (India) New Delhi State Unit and a member of our expert team also joined us. We presented the NWP. The Ambassador took keen interest and assured that their Government would cooperate with our Government</p>

	<p>and as well as with our team to take the project further on commercial basis. Mr.Theo Groothuizen complemented our proposal greatly.</p> <p>Appointment with Netherland Ambassador at New Delhi. Met Netherland Ambassador Mr. Eric, F.Ch., Niche at Netherland Embassy New Delhi at 3 P.M.</p> <p>Er. Raghuraman, who arranged the appointment and who has served in Netherland for over two decades was with us. Er. V.K. Gupta and his friend also joined us. Mr. Theo J.T. Groothuzen, Consultant for Science and Technology of the Embassy and Ms. Maya Acharya, Senior Advisor Trade were also present in the meeting</p> <p>We gave the presentation of National Waterways Project (NWP). The Ambassador and others took very keen interest in the Project. Science and Technology Councilor, Mr. Groohuzen remarked that this is going to be the first of this kind in the whole world.</p> <p>Mr. Raguraman wanted some Dutch Co. to endorse this project . The Meeting lasted for nearly 2 hours.</p> <p>We also met Mr. Krishnan Veerappan at Hotel Regency. He advised us that we should take this project on Commercial line and that too fast. He said that persons like TATA who is not only having commercial interest but also takes National interest can be approached to see the commercial viability in this project.</p> <p>We also met Mr. Rajinder KAAZANCHI, CEO of Royal Harboring Consultant and Rushi Crokshi of Royal Netherlands Embassy at Hotel Regency. Gave a Presentation of National Waterways Project (NWP).</p> <p>Later in the evening met Mr. P.Venkataraman Consultant and friend of Mr.Raghuraman at Hotel Oberai. He took us to Mr. Ramamurthy, Former Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Professor and Former Secretary Science and Technology. We met Mr. Ramamurthy at his residence. We discussed National Waterways Project (NWP) in detail and also gave a presentation.</p>
2.1.2007	<p>Met Mr.Vora, Assistant Commissioner, MOWR. I Explained to Mr. Vora that National Waterways Project(NWP) is not similar to Captain Dastur project. Even if they look similar, there are many and many differences. All proposal either NWDA or NWP when they are on India Map, looks is similar, but you must see deeply to see the difference.</p> <p>Vora said “ We are already with NWDA Proposal and we can not switch over to National Waterways Project (NWP) because then the whole Project get a change. I told him that NWDA proposal is not accepted by many States. He said “Yes. but we have spent a lot. We cannot look into alternative.</p> <p>I said “Then why Task Force invited alternate proposal?. Is it a fun? He said “No, I cannot say“</p> <p>I told him ”what you have spent on Inter Linking of Rivers is a small amount compared to the cost of the project. It is better to go for an alternate economical proposal. He does not seem to budge. Finally he asked how the water can flow without external energy in both direction? A basic question, (How this person will accept our proposal?) However I explained the working.</p> <p>I told Mr. Vora that in the Technical Workshop, the Central Water Commission (CWC) Chairman, the highest officer and the Member wanted to have more study in National Waterways Project(NWP). He said that they said in a different context. Who will give Money?</p> <p>These people are spending crores of public money on a project not wanted by States.</p> <p>But they will not fund NWP, which is welcomed by almost all the States.</p>
3.2.2007	<p>Mr. Raguraman, Mr.P.Venkataraman and myself met Minister of State Mr.Choran at his residence. The Minister spent more than half an hour with</p>

	<p>us discussing the project. He is basically an Electrical Engineer. He advised us to meet the Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) and also Mr. Ramasamy Iyer Former Secretary, MOWR</p>
5.2.2007	<p>Mr.Raghuraman and myself went to Vignan Bhavan and met Dr. V.Krishnamurthy. We explained to him National Waterways Project. He was eager to know more about Two-Way flow. I explained. He told us that he will come to Chennai next week for 10days and that we can meet then and discuss the project more since he will have more time there.</p> <p>Than met Mr. RaviSankar Supreme Court lawyer at 179 South Avenue and discussed the developments. There was really no development. Every body says the project is good and nothing moves forward. Whether it is the Planning Commission, Parliamentary Affairs Committee (PAC) on Water Resources (WR) or the officials in MOWR. He suggested that we can go to Supreme Court as impleader or as Intervention.</p> <p>Mr. Gurumurthy, advocate from Bangalore rang me to day and advised to go to Supreme Court as impleader.</p> <p>We met Groothuizan, Senior advisor again at Netharland Embassy and discussed for 30 minutes regarding further works on the project. He said that he will plan to take up the project forward and also try to get endorsed by Dutch firm.</p> <p>Then we met Dr. Sahib Singh Varma Former Chief Minister of New Delhi and asked him to get support of MPs and get support from Rajasthan Chief Minister. He accepted and was nice as usual.</p>
6.2.2007	<p>Meeting with President of India</p> <p>His excellency the President of India was updated on the status of NWP Proposal. The president advised us to focus on Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Andhra to enable faster project implementation. He assured full support.</p> <p>Went to Rastrapathy Bhawan and met His Excellency the President of India Dr. A.P.J.Abdul Kalam . He discussed National Waterways Project (NWP) and other development for over 30 minutes. I told him that Bihar Government is willing to take up Waterways in Bihar, but their Waterways should be based on the Master Plan. President agreed on this and he advised us to concentrate on Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP) and Bihar Waterways Project (BWP). He also said “ You are from Tamilnadu. If you meet Chief Minister Ayya and explain the project, he will understand. You must do the work in a short time and show that this beneficial. (Others will accept automatically.</p> <p>He also said Bihar Chief Minister is good. There is lot of water and flood, land is fertile, people are hard working. You can work there “- He said.</p> <p>I told President that we have prepared Waterways from Bihar at 300m MSL. This may be 270m MSL or so. We must have a master plan and work. Otherwise Networking all River with adjacent State is not possible. He accepted. Hope he will refer our letter to Bihar Government.</p> <p>We also told President that i.e.corporates, like TATA, who takes in Nation’s Pride, sees this project for development on a Commercial viability, it will move fast. He accepted.</p>
14.2.2007	<p>Mr. Sunderasan and myself met Prof Naganathan, Vice Chairman, Tamilnadu Planning Commission. He enquired about our meeting with Chief Secretary Mr. L.K. Tripathy I.A.S. Then he discussed Tamilnadu Waterways Project. He said that Tamilnadu Waterways Project is a very good Project and he even went to the extent of explaining how to plan its implementation.</p> <p>In the evening met the Chief Secretary Mr. L.K. Tripathy I.A.S. He said that he spoke to his counterpart in Andhra and is expecting a reply. I told him</p>

	that it is O.K. to approach Andhra but Tamilnadu Waterways Project is independent and is meant for flood disaster management and conserve flood water in Tamilnadu.
15.2.2007	I had an appointment with Dr. Krishnamurthy, Chairman at his Mount Road Office. I met him at 10 AM as planned. Mr. Raghuraman joined us later. Dr. Krishnamurthy understood the project well. He also understood the two-way flow. He said that we will speak to Ramaswamy.R. Iyyar Former Secretary, MOWR and then arrange to meet Madam Soniaji.
24.2.2007	Attended Book Release function "Book on Historical Look of Madurai " written by Mr.K. Karuppiah, Former Deputy Collector. Beside praising the book , I brought out the salient features of our project and its benefit. I explained how Vaigai will become a perennial river after the completion of National Waterways Project (NWP).
25.2.2007	Had a meeting of at office and discussed further works on National Waterways Project (NWP) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Er.V. Kasi, Former Chief Town Planning Officer, Madurai, 2) Mr.S.Mohan Gandhi, Former Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Madurai 3) Er. A. Ashokan Chakravarthy, Industrialist, Madurai 4) Mr. K. Karuppiah, Former Deputy Thasildar, Madurai. 5) Mr. A. Ashokan, Shelter Makers, Madurai. 6) Er.K. Easan, Industrialist, Madurai and others attended . <p>It was decided to create awareness among public on National Waterways Project (NWP) through out the State during the anniversary function, which falls on 11th March.</p>
6.3.2007	Attended the Consulative Committee meeting of National Waterways Project (NWP) at Udippi Home, Chennai. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mr. M. Subramaniam, Chennai, 2) Er.V.Kasi, Former Chief Town Planning Officer, Madurai. 3) Mr. Raguraman, Chennai 4) Madam R. Rajeswari, Chennai 5) Dr.G. Ravikumar, Anna University, Chennai. 6) Er. Sundaresan, Chennai and others attended. <p>Different views were discussed on taking up Techno Economic Feasibility Study (T.E.F.S) for Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP). Then it was decided to take only the minimum work like data collection, maintaining Feasibility Study by NAWAD Council for T.E.F.S. and give the balance work to others by outsourcing.</p> <p>In the afternoon attended the Lions Club Meeting arranged by Er.Sadasivam in Pachiyappa's College. The meeting was an anniversary of NAWAD Council. Hon'ble Minister Ponmudi attended the Meeting and I presented Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP). Minister praised the project. He also told in the meeting that he met Chief Minister and briefed him about the meeting before coming.</p> <p>The Minister told that more public awareness must be created so that the voter can pressurize the Government to take up such projects. Then the Government will come forward to implement the Project. If the Government comes with the proposal to implement the project, the other parties will take an opposite stand and oppose the Project.</p>
7.3.2007	We had a meeting at 3 P.M. with the Vice Chairman, Tamilnadu Planning Commission Dr. Naganathan. The meeting went on for more than an hour. Er. V. Kasi, Er. Ragu Raman, Er. Sundaresan were also there. Dinamani reporter Mr. Pa. Krishnan was also invited by Vice Chairman. I was asked to present the project. One Mr. Srinivasan, member, Planning

	<p>Commission was also present.</p> <p>I gave power point presentation and also showed the film. We requested the Vice-Chairman to form a Project Monitoring Group (PMG) with Vice Chairman as Chairman and also provide fund in the Budget. The PMG can include members from Government and members from NAWAD Council.</p> <p>Met Er.T.T. Kesavan, Former Chief Engineer and Mr. Kumaran of Meredian Survey met me and discussed the fieldwork to be carried for Techno Economic Feasibility Survey for Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP).</p>
8.3.2007	<p>Met the Chief Secretariate of Tamilnadu Government at Secretariat at 5.15 P.M/ and gave the TEFS report for TWP. Er. V. Kasi told Chief Secretary that we can commence Data Collection immediately. I told Chief Secretary that out of 15 Cr. required for TEFS, only 3 Cr. is required by NAWAD Council and the rest will be given to competent agencies by out sourcing.</p> <p>The Chief Secretary assured to process the Techno Economic Feasibility Study (TEFS) fast.</p>
21.3.2007	<p>Went to Rastrapathy Bhavan at New Delhi. Met Major Swaminathan and Mr. Ponraj. Discussed about the invitation from Bihar Government for taken up Networking of Rivers in Bihar State. Prepared some animation work with Mr. Alagu.</p> <p>In the evening met Shri. E.M. Sudarsana Nachiappan, M.P. at M.Ps Quarters and discussed the developments so far and further works. Shri. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan assured all help for taking up the project forward fast.</p>
22.3.2007	<p>Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Chairman, Task Force on Inter-linking of Rivers (TF-ILR) South Asia Water Forum invited us to attend the Conference at New Delhi on March 22nd the World water day. Along with Er.V. Kasi, attended South Asia Water Forum Round Table Conference at 70 Lodi Estate, New Delhi. Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources inaugurated the Conference. Parliamentary Affairs Committee for Water Resources Shri. Sambasiva Rao, M.P., Shri. K.S. Rao, M.P. Shri Robert M.P., Ramasamy Iyer, Former Secretary Water Resources Shri Subash Chander, Former Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) professor, Mr. David Grey, Senior Water Advisor, World Bank, Mr.Sekar Former Advisor, Planning Commission, and many eminent persons attended the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting commenced at 10.00am and went till 5.00 P.M. Various issues related to water scarcity in India was discussed. Some of the participants advocated for large dams and some others encouraged small ones. Even the Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) adopted from age old days in Rajasthan was discussed.</p> <p>Mr. Suresh Prabhu advised that to increase our food production and to meet our growing need for drinking water major projects is a must.</p> <p>We presented that Ganga-Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) which is a must necessary for flood disaster management and drought mitigate. The point that there will not be any friction in sharing water in NWP between States was also stressed.</p> <p>The Planning Commission member for Water Resources and power Mr. Dr. Kirit S. Parikh gave valedictory address.</p>
23.2.2007	<p>Met Mr. Ramaswamy Iyer at India International Centre Mr. P. Venkataraman arranged the meeting. We discussed National Waterways Project (NWP) with Mr. Iyer.</p> <p>He said:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am not a technical person, convince experts. 2. Address displacement.

	<p>3. Environment etc.</p> <p>He also raised, how the two way flow is ensured and I explained. He asked us whether we met Dr.V.C.Kulanthaisamy, Prof.A. Mohanakrishnan, Komathinayagam. We said yes. Er. V. Kasi explained the meeting with Dr.V.C.Kulandaisamy and Mohanakrishnan.</p> <p>Met Mr. Sambasiva Rao, M.P. and Chairman Parliamentary Affairs Committee for Water Resources. He advised us to meet Mr. Seethapathy Rao, Advisor to Chief Minister and also Mr. Sethu Chandra, so that the project in Andhra can be accelerated.</p> <p>Here it is to be remembered that Mr. Sambasiva Rao gave our NWP proposal to Secretary Minister of Water Resources (MOWR) and insisted to include in the Planning Commission.</p>
24.3.2007	<p>Met Mr. Dubey S.B,. Former Chairman, Institution of Engineers India (IEI) at the Bihar State unit of IEI. We also met some member of IEI and discussed Bihar Waterways Project and NWP.</p>
25.3.2007	<p>Mr. Dubey S.B, Former Chairman, arranged a meeting in the Institution of Engineers India (IEI).</p> <p>The meeting started at 5.30pm and went on till 8.00pm.</p> <p>There were many IEI members particularly Former Chief Engineer of Irrigation Mr. Lal Sharma, Mr. Kumar Verma, and others.</p> <p>We presented BWP and it was followed by discussion. The members felt that there is a lot of water in North Bihar and that we must plan to bring water from North to South Bihar.</p>

26.3.2007	<p>The Bihar Government invited us (copy of their letter dated 12-03-2007 enclosed) to present the project for Networking of Rivers (NWR) within Bihar State. Accordingly the project was presented in the State Investment Promotion Board on 26-03-2007. Mr. Vijayaragavan, Industrial Commissioner, Bihar had arranged for our presentation in the State investment Promotion Board on March 26th 2007 in the presence of the Commissioner Development Board, Mr. Jaya Mohanpillai, I.A.S., the Commissioners for irrigation, Industries, Power and other Chief Engineers. The Commissioner was convinced of this proposal and said we can take up study of the Bihar Waterways Project</p> <p>March 26th 2007: FN</p> <p>We had a preliminary meeting with Mr. S.Vijayaraghavan, Commissioner Industrial Development. It was attended by the Director of Industries and Deputy Directors both by name S.P.Singh.</p> <p>The meeting started at 9.30am and lasted for over an hour.</p> <p>We discussed how the rivers in Bihar can be linked by our Waterways. Mr. Vijayaraghavan asked me as to how I ensure two way flow. I explained with two tumbler and a horizontal tube. He understood and he went through all the press release about our project and even took photo copies of the same.</p> <p>March 26th 2007 AN:</p> <p>We, Er. V.Kasi and myself were asked to present Bihar Waterways Project (BWP) in the State Investment Promotion Board.</p> <p>The meeting started at 4.30 pm and continued for over one hour.</p> <p>The meeting was presided by Mr.R.Jeyamohanpillai., I.A.S., Development Commissioner, Government of Bihar and was attended by Commissioner Industrial Development Mr.S. Vijayaraghavan, Commissioner for Irrigation Mr.Ashok Kumar Sinha, other Secretaries, Chief Engineer and others.</p> <p>We presented BWP in the meeting. The irrigation commissioner asked how to control flood in North Bihar, I told him North Bihar is more flat and to control flood in Bihar it would be advisable to tackle the flood from Nepal which is at a higher level. He said that it will be difficult to make Nepal to accept.</p> <p>I suggested we can form a Networking of Rivers in Bihar in the North but then it will be very costly.</p> <p>The Development Commissioner who presided over the meeting advised us to have one more meeting preferably the next day and to which we both accepted.</p> <p>Then met Mr. S.Vijayaraghavan Commissioner, at his office and gave the letter for taking up TEFS for Bihar.</p>
27.3.2007	<p>Had a meeting with Irrigation Commissioner at Bihar Secretariat. The meeting was attended by the Chief Engineers of Irrigation of Bihar Government. Er. V. Kasi also attended. The commissioner asked us to explain the BWP, which I did shortly. The two-way flow was also explained.The Chief Engineer were particular to bring water from North Bihar to South Bihar. explained that it is possible to bring water at a higher level from Nepal to which they did not accept. Then I explained that it is possible to bring water from West Bengal to Bihar Rivers (Flowing from West Bengal to Bihar). They said that we have to pump water once it is brought near Ganga.I explained that pumping is not necessary and we can bring water from North to South by gravity where we take at a higher level through pipes and siphon system will work. Further pumping such huge quantity will not be economical. The commissioner and others accepted this proposal.</p>

	<p>Then their problem was storing the water thus brought. I told them that the water can be stored in the Balancing Waterways (BWW). They first did not agree. After explaining the section (200m length & 25m depth) and the capacity, they accepted. I told then that the waterways will be able to store more than the biggest dam in Bihar. Commissioner discussed more on the section & asked what will be the cutting. One of the Chief Engineer seeing our section said that it will have 15 m cutting. Commissioner immediately said "It is O.K." The Commissioner also said that South Bihar border is not thickly populated and more or less forest. So there should not be any difficulty to have the Bihar waterways in South Bihar.</p> <p>I told that balance of cutting and filling in adopted for economy. "When we asked the Commissioner what proposal they have for storing water, he said that he has asked consultants to give proposals and they are yet to receive. The Commissioner at the end of the meeting said that we can study this Proposal further.</p>
28.3.2007	<p>Received a call from Prof. Saifuddin Soz, Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources. I was then at Chennai. Minister told me, "Prof. Kamaraj I want to discuss with you. Can you meet me?" I said that I will definitely meet him. Then he continued. "There are some problem in Inter Linking River (ILR). I want to discuss with you and sort it out" I said I will meet the Minister.</p> <p>Met Dr. K. Karunakaran, Director CWS and Dr. G. Ravikumar Assistant Professor and discussed making a physical model for Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP).</p> <p>Also discussed data collection with Er. Sundaresan and Mr. Prabhu.</p>
29.3.2007	<p>Presided over the core Committee meeting of NAWAD Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Er. V. Kasi, Former Chief Town Planning Officer, Madurai 2) Er.M. Subramaniam, Chennai 3) Er.Raghu Raman, Chennai 4) Er. Ramakrishnan, Chennai 5) Er.Sundaresan, Chennai. 6) Thirumathi Rajeswari, Chennai. 7) Er. M. Sadasivam, Chennai attended. <p>Er. Periyasamy and Er. T.T.Kesavan expressed there inability to attend. The activites of the Council were discussed. It was proposed to concentrate the projects in Tamilnadu, Bihar & Andhra. The Proposed meeting with Hon'ble Minister for Water Resource (WR) was also discussed.</p>
17.4.2007	<p>The Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources invited me for a discussion on ILR in general and NWP in particular. Accordingly I met the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources, Government of India on April 17th 2007 and had a detailed discussion. Also met the Hon'ble Minister of State for Planning Commission, Government of India and had discussion on the same day. The Hon'ble Minister stressed that we must accelerate the process of ILR.</p>
28.4.2007	<p>Er. A. C. Kamaraj and Er. V. Kasi went to New Delhi and met the Minister for Water Resources (WR) Prof. Saifuddin Soz, on April 28th 2007 and discussed NWP. The Minister told us "I am not against your proposal. Mr. Suresh Prabhu has written highly about your proposal. We can take up the study of the NWP with the Planning Commission as Nodal Agency"</p>
27.7.2007	<p>We also received a communication from the Government of Bihar as per the Letter No.2558 dated 21-09-2007 informing us that further discussion on this is being taken up in the State Investment Promotion Board (copy enclosed)</p>

18.10.2007	The Vice-Chairman, Tamilnadu State Planning Commission asked us to present the project for sustainable water management through flood water management on Oct.18 th 2007 through Mrs. Girija Vaidyanathan, Member Secretary. Accordingly, the Tamilnadu Waterways Project for flood Management within Tamilnadu was presented on Oct. 18 th 2007 in the presence of Dr. M. Naganathan, Vice-Chairman State Planning Commission, Members, Planning Commission, Secretary, PWD and other Engineers. The State Planning Commission Tamilnadu has informed to pursue the matter further.
7.1.2008	We met Mr. Theo .J .J. Grothuizen , Technical advisor of Netherlands Embassy on Jan 7 th 2008 at New Delhi. Er. K. Easan also accompanied. He assured that firms from Netherlands will participate in the implementation of Ganga-Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP).
8.1.2008	<p><u>4th Expert Committee meeting on Inter Linking of Rivers (ILR) (08/01/08)</u></p> <p>Attended Expert Committee meeting on Inter Linking of Rivers (ILR) on Jan 8th 2008 at Shram Shakthi Bhavan, New Delhi. The Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Ken-Betwa Link was discussed. The clearance from Supreme Court for Pennar Tiger Reserve Forest area is awaited. I stressed the point that delaying ILR is causing a loss of over 1, 00, 000 Cr every year (By way of increase in cost alone). We are at the preparation of DPR for only one link and that we are unable to move on to the next. The preference of the present Government is to take Peninsular link and the Hon'ble minister says that they can move to DPR for other links only after getting the consent from other States and the same is awaited. But many States are reluctant to accept ILR proposal by NWDA.</p> <p>I also made it clear that many States accept NWP as an alternative to ILR. We met the Government of Bihar, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh etc., These States are accepting Ganga-Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) for implementing in their States.</p> <p>Hence, I stressed that the Networking of Rivers based on NWP can be taken up at least for Peninsular to begin with.</p>
6.2.2008	<p><u>Agriculture meeting at Chennai (06/02/08)</u></p> <p>Addressed the Agriculture meeting arranged by Mr.Palanisamy Ex MLA at Annna Kalaiyarangam at Chennai on Feb 6th 2008 and explained Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP) and its enormous benefits to Tamilnadu. Madam Rajeswari also attended the meeting.</p>
7.2.2008	Met PWD Secretary Mr. Adhishesiah at his office at Chennai on 07/02/08 and discussed the shortcomings in the ILR by NWDA and the advantage of NWP by NAWAD Council. I also discussed the Networking of Rivers (NWR) in Tamilnadu. He wanted short notes on the difference between NWDA proposal and NAWAD proposal. The same already prepared by Er. Pandey was handed over.
18.3.2008	<p><u>Visit to Ken-Betwa link</u></p> <p>The Expert committee on ILR arranged a visit to Ken-Betwa link and we visited Ken-Betwa near Khajuraha town on March 18th 2008. Visited also the dam site for Daudhan dam on Ken River. Mr.Himanshu Thakkar and Prof.Vijay Paranjpye, other members also accompanied.</p> <p>The Superintending Engineer, Mr.Mazaffar Ahmed and the Executive Engineer Mr.Ramanathan and other NWDA officials accompanied. Since the dam site was in the Tiger reserved forest site, we had to go with police protection. We inspected the proposed link canal also.</p>

	<p>The storing capacity of the dam appears to be on very high side for the quantity of water realized at the proposed dam site. After discussion with the officials, I suggested to reduce the dam capacity suitably which saves hundred crores of rupees without affecting the proposed irrigation.</p> <p>Besides, higher capacity of the Dam will be disadvantageous to the proposed link canal as it will not have the desired commandability.</p>
20.3.2008	<p><u>Meeting MP's</u></p> <p>Met Mr.Sudharsana Natchiappan M.P Chairman Parliamentary Affairs Committee and also Dr.Malaisamy M.P (20/03/08) and discussed further action on NWP.</p>
6.4.2008	<p><u>Metting Captain.Vijayakanth (06/04/08)</u></p> <p>It is a fact that the Desia Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (D.M.D.K.) has taken a lead in announcing Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) as a priority in their election Manifestoes. Mr. Pandiarajan, Chairman MO-FOI, who is a close friend of mine, is an important leader in D.M.D.K. Party and he not only knows our project but is also a keen supporter of the project.</p> <p>Mr.Pandiarajan asked me to send details of the project to Captain Vijayakanth. After that Captain wanted some more clarifications and wanted to meet me. Mr.Pandiarajan asked me to meet Captain Vijayakanth and explain.Hence, I met Mr.Vijayakanth on Apr 6th 2008 and Mr,Panrutty Ramachandran Former Minister was also present, then Er.T.T.Kesavan - Former Chief Engineer also came with me.</p> <p>Mr.Vijayakanth told me that he knows our project through Mr.Ponraj advisor to A.P.J.Abdulkalam and that keeping only our project in mind; they have included the ILR in their Election Manifesto. After discussion, he assured that he would announce our Waterways project at an appropriate time.</p>
7.4.2008	<p><u>Press Meeting (07/04/08)</u></p> <p>Addressed a press meeting at Chennai Press club. Mr.T.T.Kesavan, Er.Sundaresan, Mrs.Rajeshwari, Er.P.Kamaraj, Er.Sadasivam also attended. The Networking of rivers in Tamilnadu was highlighted.</p>
30.4.2008	<p><u>South Asia Global Water Partnership (GWP) Conference</u></p> <p>Mr.Suresh prabhu M.P & Chairman, South Asia Global Water Partnership (GWP) invited us to attend the conference held at Delhi on April 30th 2008. He invited only about 70 delegates from all over South Asia including us. Mr.Kasi, co-ordinator also attended.</p> <p>Mr. Suresh Prabhu chaired the conference, Mr.R.S.Rao M.P, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources and Dr.M.S.Swaminathan, Srimathi Jeyaban B.Dhakar MP from Gujarat, Mr.D.B.Varggis and many others attended the conference. I presented Ganga-Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) with special stress of its moderation effect on Global warming.</p>
14.5.2008	<p><u>Baghwan Shri.Sayee Baba (14/05/08)</u></p> <p>Met Baghwan Shri.Sayee Baba at kodaikanal on May 14th 2008 and got his blessings for NWP. Mrs.Tamilmani also accompanied me. Mr.Ramakrishnan former president of L&T arranged for the meeting with Babaji at kodai.</p>
4.6.2008	<p><u>Visit to Veeranam Tank (04/06/08)</u></p> <p>The farmers of veeranam tank invited us to visit and suggest</p>

	<p>remedy to their water logging problems. Visited Veeranam Tank on June 4th 2008 along with Er.Krishnasamy, Former Chief Engineer PWD.</p> <p>Mr.IIangeeran, a Key Person for Veeranam Farmer's Association and other Farmers accompanied us during this visit. The foreshore land of Veeranam tank was affected due to rising of the veeranam tank bund. We suggested remedies to overcome these problems.</p>
5.6.2008	<p><u>PWD Secretary</u></p> <p>Met PWD Secretary Mr.Adhisheshaiya at Chennai on June 5th 2008 along with Er.P.Kamaraj and discussed NWP and our visit to Veeranam Tank. He asked for proposal for solving the water logging in veeranam tank foreshore and the same was sent later. Then we met Prof.Naganathan, Deputy Chairman Tamilnadu Planning Commission and discussed NWP.</p>
12.6.2008	<p><u>Paranjothi Swamigal (12/06/08)</u></p> <p>Addressed the meeting arranged by the Farmers at Cumbam. Er. Krishnaswamy also addressed the meeting. Cumbam Ramakrishnan, M.L.A., presided over the meeting; Maharishi Paranjothi Swamigal was the Chief Guest. Maharishi informed me that he knew our project through Mr. Vinayagam, Director of Chennai Silks. He asked me whether the project is implementable. When I confirmed, he asked me to explain the project in detail in the meeting, which I did.</p> <p>The next day, Paranjothi Swamigal contacted me over phone and assured full support to our project. He said that "I came to the meeting just to bless but when I came to know more about your project I decided to fully support. I am discussing with my trustees and will provide you an office at Chennai". It was very nice of Swamigal. I thanked him for his support.</p>
15.7.2008	<p><u>Visit to Veeranam Tank</u></p> <p>Met Dean, Engineering College & Registrar of Annamalai University. The registrar explained the water logging problem in the university campus and asked to suggest remedy. I agreed and asked to send some particulars.</p> <p>Again, we visited Veeranam Tank in July along Er.P.Kamaraj. Er.Pandy, Former Chief Engineer PWD also joined with us .After our visit, the report was sent to the Secretary PWD and the course of remedy to be taken up to solve the water logging problem in the foreshore land. But there is no response from the Secretary.</p>
24.7.2008	<p><u>5th Expert committee meeting</u></p> <p>Attended the 5th Expert committee meeting at New Delhi. I explained our visit to Ken – Betwa Link and discussed the storing capacity proposed of the Dam and asked for the working table.</p> <p>The Detailed Project Report (DPR) is based on the MoU between U.P. and M.P. But in MoU, there is no clear understanding on the quantity of water to be transferred. On this, MOU says that it can revise the agreement at a later stage.</p> <p>If they revise the quantity of water to be transferred, at a later stage, the whole exercise of the DPR becomes a failure and the whole design of the Dam and links canal have to be alerted</p> <p>Again I explained that NWP will overcome such problems regarding transfer of water between States as NWP takes only the flood water and that too only the water that goes to sea unutilized. Hence, it was stressed that NWP must be taken up early. After my speech Mr.Z.Hasan, another member in</p>

	the committee & former Secretary of Water Resources endorsed my views and said that "whatever Kamaraj says is correct. I know his project and it has many advantages". The chairman assured to pursue NWP further.
9.8.2008	<p><u>NAWAD Association meeting at Trichy</u> Attended the NAWAD Association meeting at Trichy on Aug.9th 2008. Mr. Loganathan arranged the meeting and K.M.Subramaniam , former Chief Engineer of TNEB was the key person for successful arrangements of the meeting. Er.Kasi and Er.Easan also attended the meeting. Mr. P.K.Arumugam , M.D. of Chennai Silks, Mr.T.K.Chellamuthu of Dharapuram, Mr. Thallapathi Nagaraj of Periakulam, Mr. Ilangeeran from Kattumannar koil, Er. Natarajan and Er. Maniraja from Trichy attended the meeting. There were number of farmers from Trichy and Tanjore districts. The meeting started at 4.00 P.M. and nearly 200 people assembled there and showed keen interest in the Net Working of Rivers.</p> <p>Mr. K. Arumugam was elected as a President, Mr. Thallapathi Nagaraj and Mr. Chellamuthu, Mrs. Rajeswari, Mr. Mangala Jawahar and Mr. Karupiah as Vice- Presidents, and Mr. D. Loganathan as General Secretary. There was a very good coverage of the meeting by Media.</p>
1.10.2008	One seminar was arranged by NAWAD Council at Madurai on Oct 1 st 2008 at Raja Muthia Mandram. The meeting was attended by many eminent persons, Engineers, Advocates, Doctors, Farmers and Students. The Former President Dr. A. P.J. Abdul Kalam was the Chief Guest. He gave a powerful speech and went on to explain Waterways as an alternative to ILR.
3.10.2008	<p><u>Meeting at Hotel Sangam (03.10.08)</u> Expert team meeting of NAWAD Council was held at Sangam Hotel on Oct 3rd 2008 where many members of the Expert team, attended Mr. Sudarsana Natchiappan MP also attended the meeting and it was felt by the members that a corporate company must be formed to move the project forward for implementation.</p>
7.10.2008	<p><u>FICCI (07/10/08)</u> Shri. Sudarshana Natchiappan M.P arranged a meeting with President of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry), Mr. Chandra Sekar M.P... As the meeting was arranged at Delhi, Er. Kasi, Er. Ratnavel and myself went to Delhi. Since the Chairman could not make it to the meeting, we could meet only the General Secretary Dr. Amith Mithra and Dr. Sannadi Baskara Reddy, Team Leader for Agriculture, Irrigation & Rural Development, and had a detailed discussion. The General Secretary is a very knowledgeable person and he assured to conduct an International Seminar on Waterways with the special stress on NWP. Then we met Mr. Sudarsana Natchiappan .M.P and had a detailed discussion regarding the FICCI meeting and further course of action.</p>
12.10.2008	<p><u>Guruji Mr. Ravishankar (12/10/08)</u> Mr. Arumugam of Chennai Silks arranged a meeting with famous Guruji Shri. Ravishankar (Art of Living) at Bangalore. We met him at his Ashram on Oct 12th 2008. Mr. V.K. Gurusamy, Mr. Arun Prasad and many more Industrialists from Tirupur accompanied Mr. Arumugam. Mr. Kasi and myself joined from Madurai.</p> <p>Mr. Arumugam explained the project to Guruji and asked Guruji to bless the project. Then I furnished more details. The film on NWP was also shown to Guruji. Guruji spent nearly 45 minutes with us and blessed the project for early implementation.</p>
7.11.2008	<p><u>Meeting at Tirupur</u> Met Mr. Arumugam M.D. of Chennai Silks and Mr. Gurusamy (VGV</p>

	Constructions) at TCL Mill on Nov.7 th 2008 at Tirupur and discussed about the formation of Company. Er. Kasi and Er. Easan also attended the meeting.
18.11.2008	<p><u>Meeting with Karnataka Chief Secretary and, AOL Founder-Chairman Arunji</u></p> <p>Met Former Supreme Court Justice Shivaraj Patil on Nov 18th 2008 at Bangalore. Justice is a strong supporter of our project and arranged a meeting for us with the Chief Secretary of Karnataka.</p> <p>Accordingly, we met the Chief Secretary Mr.Sudhahar Rao., IAS on Nov 19th 2008. Mr.Panchagatti, Former Engineer-in-Chief and Secretary to Karnataka Government, Mr.Veerabadrhaiya Former Engineer-in-Chief, Karnataka, Mr.Arun from Thirupur and Mr.Chiddha accompanied me during the meeting. We explained Karnataka Waterways Project (KWP) to Chief Secretary and the enormous benefits that it brings to Karnataka including 2000 MW of Hydropower and drinking water to many millions. The Chief Secretary was convinced of our project and assured to pursue further.</p> <p>We also met Arunji, Founder, Chairman of Art of Living (AOL) on the same day. Mr.Arun Prasad from Thirupur and Mr.Chiddha from Bangalore accompanied me. It is rare to find a person like Arunji who is so very nice and loving. Arunji suggested to organize Youth Council with Engineering and MBA students and also asked Arun Prasad to head this team. He also suggested to form a team of IAS officers to take our project forward.</p>
19.11.2008	We met the Chief Secretary of Karnataka Mr. Sudhahar Rao., IAS on Nov 19 th 2008. Mr. Panchagatti, Former Engineer-in-Chief and Secretary to Karnataka Government, Mr.Veerabadrhaiya Former Engineer-in-Chief, Karnataka, Mr. Arun from Thirupur and Mr. Chiddha accompanied during the meeting.
12.12.2008	Met Dr.A.P.J.Abdulkalam on Dec 12 th 2008 at Rajbhavan, Bangalore. A.R.Muthukumar, Er.Veerabadrhaiya, Er,Selvakumar, Mr.G.Ponraj, Er.Easan and Mr Chidda joined us during the meeting and we discussed Karnataka Waterways Project (KWP) with the President.
13.1.2009	<p>6th Expert Committee Meeting on ILR</p> <p>The Chairman, NAWAD Council Er.A.C.Kamaraj attended Expert Committee meeting on Inter Linking of Rivers (ILR) at New Delhi on January 13th 2009. It was made clear in the meeting that “Ganga-Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP)” has been studied for the last 6 years by the Chairman, Members & Chief Engineers of Central Water Commission (CWC), Task Force on ILR, Planning Commission and many others. We cannot go on studying it forever. NWP is alternative to ILR and needs further study on Techno Economic Feasibility Study (T.E.F.S). It was stressed by other members as well. Mr. Hasan, Expert Member and Former Secretary, Water Resources Ministry stressed the point that Mr. Kamaraj’s proposal has more advantages as it allows two way flows and gives water at any time of requirement.</p> <p>The Chairman also met the Hon’ble Minister Water Resources Mr.Saifudeen Soz and Hon’ble Minister for Power Mr.Jairam Ramesh on Jan. 14th 2009 and discussed NWP.</p>
6.4.2009 & 7.4.2009	<p>NAWAD Association Meet</p> <p>NAWAD Association Meeting was held at Nagarcoil, Trinelveli and Tuticorin on 6th and 7th April and created Awareness and also formed committee. Mr.K.Karupiah, Mr.G.Ponraj, Mr.C.K.Chellamuthu, Mr.K.Easan Mr. B. Loganathan, Mr. S. Mangala Jawahar lal, Mr.T.T.Athilingam and others attended in these meetings.</p> <p>Many more meetings were also attended by Chairman and other members</p>

28.4.2009	Er.K.Pandy and Er.T.Krishnaswamy, Former Chief Engineers and NAWAD Council Expert members and Er.A.C.Kamaraj went to Mettur dam and studied the proposed course of our waterways in that area. The study was very useful and informative.
	The Chairman Shri. A. C. Kamaraj and Expert team member of NAWAD Council Er. K. Easan and Er. K. Jeyachandran visited Netherlands and had a detailed discussion with Water Resource Experts, Delft & Amsterdam University and Indian Ambassador at Netherlands, Ministry of Economic Affairs Netherlands Government and Many top industries involving in Water Management, Waterways , and Power generation. The Netherlands Government and Industries appreciated our NWP proposal and expressed their interest to involve in our project.
4.7.2009	Met Hon'ble Minister for Shipping G.K.Vasan on July 4 th at Chennai and discussed the project. The Hon'ble Minister assured to take all possible actions to implement the project. Mr.B.Loganathan, General Secretary, NAWAD Association also came. Met Former Hon'ble Minister Shri.Thirunavukkarasar, the strong supporter of our project. He assured to talk to the Chief Secretary of Karnataka so that the project can be taken up in that State.
7.7.2009	Met Former President of India Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam on July 07 th at New Delhi and discussed the development of the project. President stressed to concentrate Bihar and Tamilnadu States.
9.7.2009	Patna Visit (Bihar) Went to Patna and met Hon'ble Minister for irrigation Shri. Bijendra Prasad Yadav. We discussed the project for about 45 minutes along with other officers. Then he said that we could meet at 3pm on July 9 th 2009 at the conference hall. Mr. Anil Hegde and Mr.Sekar also accompanied me during the meeting. The Meeting was attended nearly by 30 engineers and top officials. The Hon'ble Minister also came at 3 pm. The Chairman explained the project BWP with Power Point Presentation and the Film on NWP. The Meeting went on for nearly an hour. Finally the Hon'ble Minister and the Principal Secretary Mr.Ajay Nayak expressed happiness that we have given a comprehensive project for Bihar and expressed that NAWAD Council could be a single agent to implement BWP. That was accepted in meeting and informed that NAWAD Council will fully involve in BWP. Mr. Anil Hegde is an important person in the party and is well connected with local units in many parts of Bihar. He knows our project already and is fully involving in the project and supporting our works. Er.Dubey is another important person at Patna who is fully supporting BWP. He was Chairman IEI, Bihar State and has the support of many Engineers in Bihar.
10.7.2009	Netherlands Ambassador Met Netherlands Ambassador Mr.Bob Hiensch at New Delhi on July 10 th 2009. Mr.Theo Grothuizen, Advisor, Science and Technology, Netherlands Embassy, New Delhi and Er.V.K.Gupta, Expert Team member of NAWAD Council, Mr.Anil Hegde also accompanied during the meeting. Netherlands Ambassador assured to involve fully in NWP and also expressed his willingness to invite Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar and any other Chief Ministers who are interested in the project to Netherlands.
23.7.2009	Bangalore Visit Went to Bangalore and had a meeting with Mr.Veerabadraiah, Former Engineer in Chief Karnataka and Expert team member of NAWAD Council and Air vice Marshall Mr. Narayanan who is also member of

	<p>NAWAD Council. Mr.Ganchagatty, Former Chief Engineer and Secretary Karnataka PWD, Mr. Thyagaraja , Madam Leelavathy, Mr. Chidha , Mr.A.R.Muthukumar and other members usually attend meetings at Bangalore. Air vice Marshall Narayanan explained his interaction with University of Michigan, USA and informed that the Experts there were thrilled at our project and showed keen interest.</p> <p>Met the Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation, Karnataka on 23rd July and again on 24th evening and had a detailed discussion regarding Karnataka Waterways Project (KWP). Hon'ble Minister showed keen interest on KWP as it generates enormous hydro power and provides drinking water to many millions of people. Further, this project can also be taken up under Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (B.O.O.T). Since Assembly elections were going on, the Hon'ble Minister assured to invite the Chairman and to have detailed discussion on Project at the end of the month.</p> <p>Met Justice Shivraj Patil on July 23rd 2009 at his residence and explained the developments in Karnataka.</p>
30.7.2009	<p>Met Hon'ble Minister Shri. Jaipal Reddy who is a good friend of our Chairman at his residence New Delhi on 30th July 2009 and explained about the project and also stressed that the project can be taken up under B.O.O.T. The Minister assured to do everything in his capacity to realize this project</p>
31.7.2009	<p>Attended the 7th Expert committee meeting on July 31st 2009. It was explained in the meeting that the CWC has reviewed the NWP proposal many times. Our NWP can be sent with more technical details only after taking up Feasibility study for one segment based on NWP. Mr.Sen, Expert committee member and Former member CWC also supported our project and also insisted that the Feasibility study should be taken based on NWP. The Chairman insisted that Ministry of Water Resource (MOWR) should provide fund for taking up Feasibility study..</p> <p>The Chairman of Expert Committee assured that they can provide fund for taking Feasibility study and asked our Chairman to give necessary letter for providing funds. This is indeed a good development in the right direction.</p> <p>On the next day the Chairman had the opportunity to meet Mr.Sen, Expert Committee member and informed that he stressed that we must do something in the South as it is more affected by water scarcity and that there is no international problems. He also said that NWDA people knows that our NWP is better than theirs, but they are not accepting.</p> <p>Many of our members felt that we must work on higher plane rather than that the name of the NGO and move towards achieving our goal of getting the project be implemented. Hence it was decided to form a corporate Company in the name of NAWAD TECH under sec 25.</p> <p>This Company functions just like any other Corporate Company but with no profit no loss.</p>
2.8.2009	<p>The Principal Secretary of Bihar Government Mr. Ajay Nayak gave appointment to the Chairman to meet him on Aug.2nd 2009. Mr. Anil Hegde and Mr. Sekar accompanied during this visit. The Principle Secretary informed that they have decided to take up BWP.</p> <p>Patna visit II (Bihar)</p> <p>The Principal Secretary of Bihar Government Mr.Ajay Nayak gave appointment to the Chairman to meet him on Aug.2nd 2009. Since there was a sudden breach on river Bagmath on 1st morning, he had to rush to the spot and hence the meeting could not take place. The Chairman took this opportunity to go for a field visit in south Bihar.</p>

We visited Sone River, about 50 km south of Patna. This river is about 1 Km wide and gets flood every year. BWP will intersect this river, harness the flood water, store and make it available to irrigation and drinking water for South Bihar. Mr.Anil Hegde and Mr. Sekar accompanied during this field visit.

Had the opportunity to meet PWD Engineers including the Chief Engineer. Also met the Former Chief Engineer and presently advisor to Government of Bihar Mr. Lal on 3rd August. The Principal Secretary Shri. Ajay Nayak gave appointment at 11 a.m on 4th August at his Chamber. Mr.Anil Hegde , Mr.Sekar and Mr.K.N.Lal Former Chief Engineer, advisor also joined in the meeting.

The Principal secretary informed that they have decided to take up BWP. He also said that they have decided to form a Committee with Chief Minister as a Chairman where A.C.Kamaraj Chairman, NAWAD Council and Mr.K.N.Lal will be advisors. It was proposed to take up Feasibility study by forming 7 divisions in PWD.

It was explained to Principal Secretary that BWP is a Unique and innovative project and that the T.E.F.S can be done more effectively only by NAWAD Council / NAWAD TECH as the members are well aware of the project. Further, this project is a Multidimensional one which can be implemented under B.O.O.T. Hence it was stressed that T.E.F.S should be done by NAWAD Council to give the proper path to move on the next step of implementation of project under B.O.O.T.The Principal Secretary asked the Chairman, NAWAD Council to explain these aspects and also wanted the path of Bihar waterways and also the cities and towns nearby.

The Chairman met the Principal Secretary again on Aug. 5th at 1 pm and gave the letter to the effect that the T.E.F.S should be taken by NAWAD Council / NAWAD TECH. It was also explained that NAWAD TECH is a corporate company under sec 25 and the works can be given directly to NAWAD TECH and there will be no objection from audit point or any other sources. The Principal Secretary assured the Chairman to consider giving T.E.F.S to NAWAD TECH. The other details were also given to him.

This matter was discussed in the Expert team meeting of NAWAD Council held on 10th August 2009 at Hotel Sangam and all the members expressed that the T.E.F.S should be taken up by our NAWAD Council / NAWAD TECH . NAWAD TECH alone is competent to do this work most effectively as it has expert member from different disciplines. It is for the information of members that meetings of NAWAD Experts are held periodically to discuss the further course of action. The following members normally attend the meeting.

- Er.K.Pandy,
- Er.T.Krishnaswamy,
- Er.V.Kasi,
- Er.D.Sankaramurthy,
- Er.N.Vaidyanathan,
- Mr.S. Mohan Ganndhi,
- Mr.G.Ponraj
- Er.A.Ashokan
Chakravarthy,
- Er.S.Ratnavel,
- Er.K.Easan,
- Er.C.P.Ravi,
- Er.K.Alone
- Er.S.Suresh Kumar.
- Mr.C.K.Chellamuthu

We are in touch with Bihar Government for taking up Feasibility study. Hope this will materialize. Once this is materialized, then we have to enhance our activities and we request the full cooperation of our Expert Members of NAWAD Council, NAWAD Association and others.

8.9.2009	Meeting with Shri. Ajay Nayak IAS , Principal Secretary, Water Resources, Govt. of Bihar at Patna on September 8th 2009. Our Chairman, Shri.A.C.Kamaraj and our Expert team members Er.K.Pandy and Mr.Aneel Hegde attended the meeting. Discussed on Feasibility study for Bihar waterways Project.
13.9.2009	Meeting with Netherlands Ambassador to India at New Delhi on September 13th 2009
11.11.2009	Meeting with Dr.A.P.J.Abdulkalam, Shri. Ajay Nayak IAS , Principal Secretary, Water Resources, Govt. of Bihar and other Government officials at New Delhi Nov.11 th 2009.
27.11.2009	Opened new Head Office at 652, K.K.Nagar, Madurai on Nov. 27 th 2009
6.12.2009	Meeting with Hon'ble Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav on Dec.6 th 2009. The Hon'ble Minister informed that the planning commission, Government of India has announced Bihar Waterways Project (BWP) as National project and that Bihar Government has written to Planning Commission asking for fund for T.E.F.S and DPR.
9.12.2009	Opened a new office at New Delhi. Dec 9 th 2009. Mr.Sudarsana Natchiappan attended the function as special guest.
15.12.2009	Meeting at Ethiraj Women's college on Dec 15 th 2009 : Attended the seminar arranged by Mr.Janarthanam, President, Ulaga Tamizhar Peravai at Ethiraj College for women at Chennai. Dr .V.C. Kulandaisamy Former Vice chancellor spoke first in the seminar. During his speech he said that if "A.C.K proposal comes through, I will myself recommend Noble Prize to A.C.Kamaraj." Many VIPs including La. Ganesan , Leader of BJP attended the meeting.
14.2.2010	Awareness by Lions Club :Mr. Velsamy, Lions Club Governor wanted to organize a awareness programme on NWP throughout the State. Accordingly, he arranged the procession from Raja Muthiah Mandram. Shri Paranjothi Swamigal blessed and flagged off of the procession.Lions Club Governor Mr.Velsamy addressed the gathering. The procession consisted nearly 10000 from different categories including students. After the procession, a memorandum was given to collector to implement NWP.
3.3.2010	Irrigation Minister , Karnataka : Went to Bangalore on March 3 rd and met the Minister of Irrigation, Karnataka State Mr. Basavanappa Bommai along with Mr. Basavaraj Ingin and explained the project. He said , that he would consult his Engineers.
4.3.2010	we met Justice Shivaraj Patil and Justice assured to inform Shri Basavanappa Bommai, about our proposal. We met Air Vice Marshal V.S. Narayanan, and discussed the development.
5.3.2010	8 th Expert Committee Meeting on March 5 th 2010: Attended the Expert Committee Meeting on ILR at New Delhi. There was a discussion on National Waterways Project (NWP) in the meeting and some members wanted some clarification on the project. I explained the details to the members. The Chairman wanted a full scale discussion and said that we could have a detailed discussion on the project in the next meeting. However the meeting is yet to take place. Met the Hon'ble Minister Mr.Jaipaul Reddy at his residence and requested

	him to form a separate department for National Waterways similar to National Highways. The Minister assured to take up the matter.
11.3.2010	Met the Hon'ble Minister for Shipping, Shri G.K.Vasan on March 11 th 2010 at his residence at New Delhi and insisted NWP should be taken early in the interest of the Nation. He listened calmly and assured to keep this in his mind and do whatever possible. Again we met the Hon'ble Minister on July 28 th 2010 at New Delhi and I explained NWP and insisted to take up the project early. He listened and assured that he would do something after discussion with the officers.
12.3.2010	Met the Minister for Water Resources, Mr.Pawan Kumar Bansal on March 12 th 2010 on prior appointment. He was nice and as he was busy, he could discuss the project only for sometime. However he said that he would like to have a detailed discussion with us. He also said that Mr. Jaipaul Reddy has spoken to him about the project.
27.3.2010	World Water Day celebration on March 27 th 2010: We celebrated World Water Day at Lake View Hotel, Madurai. Mr. Nanmaran M.L.A. addressed the meeting. Our members Er.K. Pandey, Er.T.Krishnaswamy and Er.V.Kasi were honored with "Outstanding Engineers Award". Mr.Kasim I.P.S (Rtd) and Mr.Patturajan, Former Mayor of Madurai also attended the meeting.
8.4.2010	Symposium at Patna: Attended the symposium at Patna, Mr.Vijendra Prasad Yadav, Principal Secretary Mr. Ajay Nayak , Former Chief Engineer Mr. Sanyar and many Chief Engineers including Engrs.from department of NWDA attended the meeting. The Principal Secretary briefed about the proposal and he said that either NWDA or any other agency can do the Feasibility Study. Though Bihar Government has invited the proposal from all over the Country, there were only two proposals , one is ours and other from Mapset from Delhi.
24.6.2010	Meeting at Madurai Institute of Social Science College on June 24 th 2010: Attended the meeting on NWP at Madurai Institute of Social Sciences organized by Senior Citizens Social Awareness Activities Centre, Madurai. Mr. Sudarsana Natchiappan M.P also attended the meeting and he spoke very highly about the project. Mr. T. Krishnaswamy gave a detail presentation on Environment of NWP. I presented the project in general and highlighted the urgency for the implementation of the project. The Senior Citizens assured full support for the project.
27.7.2010	Hon'ble Minister for Human Resources : We sought an appointment for Hon'ble Minister for Human Resources , Madam Purandeswari. Mr.Sathya , The private secretary to Minister arranged the meeting for us on July 27 th 2010 at New Delhi at Ministers office.The Minister was very much receptive and she told that we can meet after the Parliament session and discuss the details. She also assured that she would refer us to some important persons in Andhra, so that we can pursue the project with them.
3.8.2010	Mr. K. S. Rao M.P.: Met Mr. K.S.Rao M.P. an Engineer from Andhra at his residence at New Delhi on Aug 3 rd . He has been raising many questions in the Parliament on ILR and felt sad that nothing is happening. We requested him that he must support NWP instead of ILR. We also asked him to be our Advisor NAWAD TECH and he accepted.
11.8.2010	Seminar Annamalai University , Chidambaram on Aug 11 th 2010: Went to Chidambaram and addressed the Engineering students of Annamalai University. Dr.Palaniappan, Dean presided over the function. Mr.

	<p>Murugappan received us and introduced us to the students. They were nearly two hundred and fifty students from B.E. final year both Civil and Structural. There were many questions from the students and after the meeting 90% of the students volunteered to involve for NWP / TWP.</p>
5.9.2010	<p>Again Mr. Velsamy, Lions Club Governor arranged a meeting for us with Mr. Manicka Tagore M.P at Virudhunagar on Sept.5th 2010. Mr. Manicka Tagore informed us that he already met Mr. Rahul Gandhi and explained NWP and that Mr.Rahul Gandhi was very appreciative of our proposal. He also told us that he informed Mr.Rahul Gandhi about our visit to Netherlands and the involvement of Netherlands industries in NWP and Netherlands is the world leader in Waterways.</p>
28.8.2010	<p>ACCE(I)'s Silver Jubilee Convention at BNG. on Aug.28th 2010 : Er.S. Ratnavel asked me to address the Silver Jubilee Convention Function arranged by the Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (India) (ACCE). I went to Bangalore and presented NWP in general and KWP in particular. The presentation was very well received and many who attended from all over the Country, volunteered to support the project.</p>
2.1.2011	<p>NAWAD Association and awareness meeting of Ganga- kumari National waterways Project held at college house Madurai on Jan 2nd 2011. Mr. Manicka Tagore M.P. attended the meeting as Chief Guest. He assured to take this project to Shri. Rahul Gandhiji.</p>
20.1.2011	<p>met many top officials of Andhra Pradesh Government at Hyderabad. The Former Chairman of IEI (AP) Center Mr.Chandra Mohan who is a strong supporter of NWP and another expert member of NAWAD TECH Er.K.Easan also came. We met the Shri. S.K.Joshi IAS , Principal Secretary to Government (Projects) Irrigation & Command area Development Department on Jan 20th 2011 and explained the project "Andhra Waterways Project (AWP)". He took very keen interest in the project as it brings many benefits to Andhra and assured to take it forward. He wanted us to furnish more details on the project like Concept, Technical and Financial and Implementation body. We are arranging to send the details shortly.</p>
21.1.2011	<p>We also met the Former Principal Secretary to Chief Minister of Andhra Mr. Jannal Husain, IAS who is presently Chief Information Commissioner, A.P. Information Commission on Jan 21st 2011.He already aware of our Project well and also explained our project to the Former Chief Minister of Andhra and got his support to move the project forward. He assured us that he would inform to the Present Chief Minister also at the appropriate time that this project "Andhra Waterways Project "(AWP) had the support of the former Chief Minister. These approaches help us for early acceptance of AWP in Andhra.</p>

NAWAD Council & NAWAD TECH Activities from 2000 – 2011

Date	Description
9.02.2000	“Ganga- Kumari National Waterways Project” (NWP) conceived by Er. A. C. Kamaraj was presented in the Ooty Water Convention for the first time in 2000. Also met Andhra Irrigation Minister Shri Venkateswara Rao, Who appreciated the NWP as best project
11.03.2001	All India Seminar on Ganga – Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) for Networking of all rivers in the Country was conducted on 11 th March 2001 at Madurai. Tamilnadu State PWD Minister, Hon’ble T. Krishnan, was the Chief Guest. Chief Engineer PWD, Electricity Board Members, Distribution of Electricity Board, Professors, Expert Civil Engineers and delegates from all over India and abroad attended. They discussed and analyzed about the National Waterways Project and its impact. Farmers and public also attended and appreciated. Sri. Kanchi Kamakodi Peedathipathi Jegathguru Sri. Jeyendra Saraswathi Sankarachariyar Swamigal came to the Seminar and blessed in person. Madam Leelavathi Prakash , Former Minister of Karnataka participated in the Seminar and spoke high about the project.
23.03.2001	Addressed the Institution of Engineers, Trichy centre at BHL, Trichy. Many offered to work for the project
18.08.2001	Met Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at Thiyagarajar Engineering College, Guest house, Madurai. Er.Pandy , Former Chief Engineer, Er.T.Krishnaswamy , Former Chief Engineer, Er.Sankaramoorthy and Er.Vaithyanathan , Former Superintending Engineer also came with me. Mr.Karumuthu Kannan, Correspondent of Thiyagarajar Engineering College arranged our meeting. We explained briefly NWP to Dr.A.P.J.Abdul kalam. He suggested Nationalization of Rivers and he told him that it is not necessary since our constitution provide for the same. This discussion with Dr.A.P.J. Abdul kalam took place even before Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam become the President of India
09.04.2002	We, Er.A.C.Kamaraj. Er.Pandy , Former Chief Engineer, Er.Krishnaswamy, Former Chief Engineer , Er.Sankaramoorthy, Former Principal, Er.Vaithyanathan , Former Superintending Engineer, Er.Suresh Kumar met Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam at Thiyaga raja College of Arts , Mdu. When we explained the project Dr.A.P.J. Abdul kalam informed that we already know the project before 2 years. He appreciated our project. But he said that “There is a problem. I told him that NWP like National Highways are Central Subject “. However, he was convinced. He asked us to consult Retired Supreme Court Judge – Thiru Justice S.Natarajan and we come and meet Justice S.Natarajan to get clarification.
21.04.2002	Met Hon’ble Former Supreme Court Justice .S. Natarajan at Madurai , PTR Mandapam . Our team consisted Er.Pandy , Er. Krishnaswamy , Captain D.V.P.Raja, Correspondent of Social Service College, Mr.Mohan Gandhi , Joint Commissioner , IRS (Retd) and myself (A.C.Kamaraj) . After discussion Justice S. Natarajan informed that the project is environment friendly since the pollution will be greatly reduced. He said that he will informed shortly about the constitutional support for National Waterways Project
27.05.2002	Met Hon’ble Former Supreme Court Justice S.Natarajan and earlier brief discussion on NWP. Then met Dr.A.P.J.Abdul kalam, Senior Scientist. He raised the question about interstate problem for the project. I explained that “we are taking only the flood water and again the two way flow of water acting as water grid and it will not created the any interstate problem”. Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam asked me, “Are you bring all these water to

	Tamilnadu?”. I told him that “I am not working any such notion. I am a patriot and I am working for the Nation”. I also told him that “Many States will get more benefit than Tamilnadu”. Then he asked the details of benefits for each States. I said “I will bring the detail”.He appreciated our work and interest. We worked the details of benefits of each States like Irrigation, drinking water, Power and Navigation segment etc will get and sent it to him. By this time , Dr.A.P.J.Abdul kalam name was proposed for president of India
12.6.2002.	Attend the meeting arranged by Lakshmi Krishnamoorthy , D/o Krishnamoorthy of NWP. Mr.D.R.Karthikeyan , Former Senior Director, Mr.Raghavan I.A.S., Mr.S.S.Narayanan and Mr.K.V. Ramanathan I.A.S .(Retd), Dr.Panchanathan, Mr.K.V.Rupchand, Er.Periasamy , Major Victor and others attended.Mr.Karthikeyan and Mr.Raghavan wanted the theme paper on the project.
15.6.2002	Met Mr .M.S.Swaminathan , Scientist. Mrs.Lakshmi Krishnamoorthy took us to his residence. Dr.Panchanathan and Mr.Rupchand also came. We discussed NWP. After discussion , he commented that “Project bring enormous benefit to States. This is a WIN WIN situation to all”.He also asked me to send a presentation on NWP so that he can present the same to Chief Minister of Tamilnadu. He was the Chairman of State Planning Commission.
15.7.2002	The Chairman of NAWAD COUNCIL met the Minister Subash Chacrabarthy on July 15 th 2002 at Kolkatta. Dr. P.P. Mujumdar, who does G.I.S work for West Bengal Government and Mr. Ramesh were also present during this meeting. After discussion , the Minister also informed that West Bengal Government will approve only NWP instead of ILR and will not accept any other proposal since NWP creates waterways in West Bengal, which is very dear to them
27.7.2002	Prof. Shanthamurthy, in consultation with the IEI Chairman, Karnataka arranged a seminar at Bangalore in July 2002. The Chairman invited other Chairman and Secretaries of IEI from Southern States. Mr. V. Radha Krishna, Mr. Prabaker, Chairman and Secretary from Andhra State unit, Er. T. Senthilnayagam, Secretary, Tamilnadu State Unit and others attended. A technical Souvenir was brought out in the Seminar. Er. K. Pandey, Former C.E and Er. N. Vaidyanathan former S.E from Madurai also attended the seminar. After getting clarification, Mr. Prabaker remarked, “I have not heard such a proposal before. Any person for that matter any Chief Minister who comes to know about this proposal and understands this will never say no to this project” .
29.7.2002	Went to Planning Commission and met Mr.Lakshmi Ratan I.A.S , Chief Advisor to the Planning Commission. He arranged the meeting with Er.Sekar ,Advisor to Planning on Water Resources. We had a detailed discussion with Mr.Sekar. His Assistant Er.Misra also attended the discussion. I answered all their queries. However, they could not understand . He asked,“How water will flow in a canal without bed slope?”. He took lot of pain to explain.Finally they were convinced and they ask me to send more details of the project
5.8.2002	Met Mr.Thirunavukarasar , Minister for Inland Waterways , at his residence at Chennai. Dr.Panchanathan and Mr.Ramesh also came with me. We discussed the project. He said that we would have a discussion with Deputy Chairman , Inland Waterways and take the project to the Prime Minister.
21.9.2002	Met Hon’ble Justice S.Natarajan at his residence at Chennai .Er.Vijayaraghavan also came with me. During this meeting, he said that there is no problem is taking up NWP as per the present Constitution
9.10.2002	Letter addressing to the Chief justice ,Supreme Court on Public interest litigation petition for Net working of Rivers and inform the Hon’ble Chief

	Justice that the Networking of Rivers by Waterways bring more benefits and on that the project can be implemented within 10 years. The NWP has the constitutional support of Article 246 / 7 schedule list 1.
9.12.2002	Met Hon'ble Chief Justice, Supreme Court and explained the NWP and also informed that the project can be implemented within 10 years like a National Highways (Thanks letter enclosed)
15.12.2002	Went to Chennai and met Dr.A.P.J.Abdul kalam is now at Raj Bhavan, Guindy as a President of India. Dr.Panchanathan and Er.T. Krishnaswamy also came with me. The President recognized me and commented me as "Linking of Rivers". He also said that "You are doing very good work".
21.03.2003	On 21 st March 2003, All India Seminar on Inter-linking of Rivers was conducted at Aliyar, Coimbatore District in the presence of Sri. Thathuva Gnani Vethathri Maharishi, Shri. Suresh Prabhu , Hon'ble Chairman, Task Force on Inter-linking of Rivers, Government of India attended as Chief Guest and delivered speech. Mr.D.R.Karthikeyan Former C.B.I Director presided. The National Waterways Project (NWP) was presented in the seminar. Many of NWP expert team including Er. K. Pandey, Er. Sri Raju, Er. C.P. Ravi, Er. RM. Parthiban, Capt. Dr.DVP Raja, Shri. Mohan Gandhi, etc. attended the seminar. Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Task Force, ILR was convinced of the viability of NWP
15.4.2003	Chairman. A.C. Kamaraj to Attended Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai and gave presentation of NWP. Mr.Suresh Prabhu, Chairman, TF, ILR was the chief guest.
19.4.2003	Chairman A.C. Kamaraj went to New Delhi and presented NWP in the Institution of Engineers India (IEI) Delhi and also met Chairman Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers.
2.6.2003	Chairman Er. A.C. Kamaraj went to Delhi. Met His Excellency Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, President of India and presented Ganga – Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) project proposal. Discussed NWP with Hon'ble Defence Minister Shri. George Fernandes also at his residence.
9.7.2003	Met Hon'ble Minister of Karnataka Shri. R.V. Deshpande , on 9 th Sep. 2003 and submitted the NWP proposal to him. Prof. M.C. Shanthamurthy also joined the discussion.
12.07.2003	A seminar was conducted by Thinkers Forum at Ethiraj College, Chennai on July 12 th 2003 Hon'ble Supreme Court Justice (Rtd.) Shri. S. Natarajan presided over the seminar. Chairman of NAWAD Council Shri. A.C. Kamaraj presented the NWP. There was a very good response from the audience. Er. K.V.Rupchand, Er. Deenadayalan, Er. Madhavanarayanan, all Former Chief Engineers also attended the Seminar. Supreme Court Justice Shri.s.Natarajan fully appreciated NWP
1.8.2003	Chairman Er. A.C. Kamaraj and Er. Naresh Muthiah to Delhi. Met Task Force Members and Secretary, Institution of Engineers (India) discussed Ganga- Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP)
20.08.2003	The Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers (TF – ILR), Government of India invited all alternative proposal to ILR. 21 proposals were received of there 7 proposals including ours were taken for review by Independent Group of Experts (IGE) Er. A.C. Kamaraj, Chairman of NAWAD Council and a group of expert team consisting Dr. S. Panchanathan, Former C.E., and U.N. Expert Er. K. Pandey, Former C.E., and World Bank Consultant, Er. T. Krishnasamy, Former C.E., PWD and UNDP consultant and Mr. K.V. Rupchand, Former C.E., TNEB specialist in Hydro Power generation went to Delhi. Attended on 20-08-2003 and presented our project proposals before the Independent Group of Experts (IGE) who appreciated and accepted as " Best Alternative " to NWDA proposal for ILR.

9.9.2003	Met Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Chairman, Task Force on Inter-linking of Rivers (TF-ILR) and discussed the NWP. Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Chairman, (TF-ILR) has given a note that Ganga Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) is the best alternative to NWDA proposal – copy enclosed.
12.9.2003	Met Prof. Mujumdar at Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore on Sep. 12 th 2003 and discussed for a computer simulation model for NWP. They also agreed to do the simulation work on payment.
15.10.2003	Met Industries Minister Hon'ble Shri. R.V. Deshpande discussed our NWP project.
20.10.2003	Met Prof. of Anna University, Chennai Dr. Venugopal and Dr. Ramaseshan on October 20 th 2003 and had further discussion on the project
31.10.2003	Chairman A.C. Kamaraj went to Delhi and met Shri. Gopalakrishnan, Co-ordinator, Task Force on Inter-linking of Rivers and request to get appointment to meet the Prime Minister
24.11.2003	Shri. A.C. Kamaraj, Chairman, NAWAD Council attended the first Expert Committee Meeting (TF-ILR) at Delhi on Nov. 24 th 2003 discussed the various aspects of the ILR proposal with other experts like Vice Chairman, (TF-ILR) Shri. C.C. Patel and Co-ordinator Er. Gopalakrishnan.
17.12.2003	Met The Hon'ble Finance Minister of Tamilnadu Shri. C. Ponnaiyan , and presented the project on Dec.17 th 2003. Er. N. S. Kumar, Er. Naresh Muthiah, Shri. G.R. Ramesh, Er. C.P. Ravi, Shri. Ponraj also attended the meeting. The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the project and clearly stated that Tamilnadu will get water without begging anybody through Ganga Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) only and not through NWDA proposal. Mr Ponayan appreciated the NWP Proposal as most appropriate.
31.12.2003	Attended the meeting arranged by Institute of parliamentary affairs at Bangalore on Dec.31 st 2003 on constitutional amendment. Then met Prof. Mujumdar and Dr. Pradeep of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and reviewed the progress on computer simulation for NWP.
1.1.2004	Met Hon'ble Education Minister of Karnataka Dr. B.K. Chandrasekar, on Jan.1 st 2004 and explained the NWP proposal and got his acceptance to the proposal.
1.1.2004	Met Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation, Government of Karnataka Shri. Allum Veerabhadrapappaji. After discussion, he was full of praise for NWP and assured support of Karnataka Government. He even suggested that all the Southern States should join and support only NWP for Networking of rivers since this proposal brings enormous benefit to all States
5.1.2004	Met Principal Abhaikumar of Thiagaraja Engineering College on Jan.5 th 2004 and discussed computer simulation for Ganga – Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP). In this connection also met Mr. Arunachalam, Civil Engineering professor. Prof. D. Sankaramurthy and Er. K. Easan of NWP expert team accompanied Prof .A.C.Kamaraj
7.1.2004	Had a technical meeting at 40, Krishnapuram Road, Chennai on Jan. 7 th 2004. Er. N.S. Kumar, Er. K.V. Rupchand, Former C.E., TNEB, Er. Naresh Muthiah, Shri. G.R. Ramesh attended. We had an in depth discussion as how to take the NWP proposal to Government of India and get their acceptance.
9.1.2004	Met Dr. S. Panchanathan, Former C.E. Ground water on Jan. 9 th 2004 and had discussion with him. Mr. G.R. Ramesh also joined the meeting. Dr.S. Panchanathan insisted that we must race against Time and collect, more details and do simulation studies etc. He also insisted that we must mobilize funds for these activities.
13.1.2004	Chairman A.C. Kamaraj went to Chennai and met Kattumana Thozhil Magazine Reporter Mr. Sindhu Baskar and explain the NWP.

27.1.2004	<p>Attended the seminar on Jan.27th 2004 regarding Inter-linking of Rivers (ILR) conducted by Sathyabama Engineering College. Almost all the Task Force Members of ILR were present. The Chancellor of Sathyabama Deemed University praised our work saying that we have prepared a novel proposal as alternate to ILR on the same day afternoon all the Task Force members including the Vice Chairman Shri. C.C. Patel who gave the NWDA proposal also attended the seminar arranged by NAWAD Council, on “Networking of Rivers and viable solution for implementation” at Hotel Le Royal Meridian. The meeting was well attended and the Vice-Chairman of Task Force praised our work and assured to follow up our NWP more deeply</p>
15.02.2004	<p>Attended the meeting on Feb. 15th 2004 arranged by Arivuthirukoil, Thiruppur. There was a very good gathering numbering over a thousand. Dr. Sundaramurthy, Vice Chancellor of Tanjore Tamil university presided. I presented the NWP and a film of the project was also exhibited. After the presentation of the project many in the audience expressed their willingness to involve in this project and help so that the project benefiting millions in the Country can be implement early.</p>
16.03.2004	<p>Met Mr. Narayanan, I.A.S. Finance Secretary, Government of Tamilnadu on March 16th 2004. The project was explained to him. He was very receptive and assure to render help. Er. T.T. Kesavan Former C.E. Highways accompanied me.</p> <p>Then Met. Hon’ble Finance Minister Shri. Ponnaian on the same day. The Minister informed us that he has already given the material on NWP to Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu. We explained to the Minister that Government of India is funding nearly Rs.20 Cr. every year to NWDA which is an NGO and our proposal is considered as an alternative to the NWDA proposal. We requested to finance NAWAD Council, so that the pre-feasibility can be completed just in one year. He assured to do needful. He commenced “you are doing a great service to the Country”.</p> <p>Then attended the meeting arranged at the residence of Madam Lakshmi Krishnamurthy in the evening for discussion Ganga – Kumari National waterways Project (NWP). Many attended the meeting including Mr. Madhava Sharma, I.A.S (Rtd) , Former Secretary to Government of India, and Mr. B.S. Raghavan, I.A.S. Former Secretary, Government of West Bengal Er. N.S. Kumar, Er. K.V. Rupchand, Former Chief Engineer TNEB, Mr. Athithan of Agriculture Department and others.</p> <p>The computer simulation work and Geo-information system for NWP was discussed in detail. Mr. Athithan assured that GIS information can be got from Tamilnadu Agriculture Department.</p>
17.03.2004	<p>Gave recording for SUN TV VANAKKAM THAMILAGAM program on March 17th 2004 on the National Waterways Project and the same was telecasted on SUN TV on March 23rd 2004. This helped to create very good awareness among the public about the project and its benefits.</p>
6.9.2004	<p>Met the Secretary, MOWR, Mr. V. K. Duggal on 6th Sept.2004 at New Delhi Mr. M.Veerabhadraiah, former engineer in Chief of Karnataka, Mr. Ramesh from Chennai, and Mr. P. Loganathan Trichy who are all very strong supporters of NWP, attended the meeting. I briefed the project and then we screened the film and gave the presentation. After the presentation, the Secretary informed, “At the outset the project looks very simple. However, I do not want to comment on it now. Let us have a technical session”</p>

7.9.2004	On subsequent day we had a detailed discussion with NWDA Engineers and CWC engineers. Presented and discussed NWP for over 2 hours and replied all their questions.
8.9.2004	Again the next day, Mr.Duggal arranged a meeting with NWDA engineers including Director General and CWC engineers. Finally, he appreciated NWP and asked to have a seminar at Madurai on NWP.
28.11.2004	Meeting with Planning commission, Delhi Mr Montk Sigh Aluvaliya(Deputy Chairman) It was felt that Feasability study based on NWP for a segment in Andhra, and Tamil Nadu should be carried out.
11.2.2005	As advised by the Secretary, MOWR Mr. V.K. Duggal, NWDA officials arranged to a one-day Technical workshop held on Feb.11th 2005 at Madurai for discussing ILR. Top officials from CWC, NWDA attended the workshop. However, Mr. V.K. Duggal, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, could not attend the technical workshop. The Chairman CWC who was the top most officer attended the seminar and advised to pursue NWP further.
18.1.2005	A.C.Kamaraj was approved as Expert Committee member for Interlinking of Rivers. The NWP proposal was presented in the Expert Committee meetings on Jan. 18 th 2005 and again in Oct.28 th 2005.
1.10.2005	Message from The President of India To NAWAD Council, His Excellency Dr A P J Abdul Kalam requested NWAD Council to prepare a Project Proposal based on NWP to control flood and flood Damages in Tamil Nadu.
28.11.2005	Dr. Kirit S. Parikh, Member Planning Commission had arranged for our presentation of the project in the Planning Commission on Nov.28th 2005 . I presented the NWP proposal in the presence of Deputy Chairman, Dr. Montech Singh Ahluwalia, and member Dr. Kirit S. Parikh, Mr. Sekar Advisor and NWDA officials. Er. V. Kasi, one of our Expert members and project planner was with us. Mr. K.S. Rao, M.P. and Engineer also attended the meeting. After our presentation, the Deputy Chairman congratulated us and told NWDA officials "you have not done anything for the last 20 years. Wind up your proposal and come to this. If you have anything specific against this proposal come out and clarify. But there was nothing against NWP except that there will be silt in NWP proposal . But silt is a common problem in all irrigation projects.
28.11.2005	The President wanted to have a discussion on this TWP proposal and accordingly the Chairman met the President on 28-11-2005 and presented the project.
02.12.2005	Subsequently the President discussed the NWP Proposal with Tamil Nadu C.M on 02.12.2005 at Chennai ,Raj Bhavan
4.1.2006	C M of Tamilnadu, Chief Secretary, PWD Secretary & Chief Engrns. Project was found to be good for Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu invited us for discussion of Tamilnadu Waterways Project .(TWP). Er.Pandy , Former Chief Engineer and Er.Kasi attended the meeting with me. Apart from the Chief Minister, The Chief Secretary, The Secretary, PWD, The Chief Engineers, Mr.Mohana Krishnan ,Advisor to Government were present. After presentation, there was discussion. Finally the Chief Minister advised Chief Secretary Shri.Narayanan to give sanction for Feasibility study . However, this did not happen as the elections to Tamilnadu Assembly was announced shortly.
18.1.2006	Meeting with Parliament Standing Committee on Water Resources. NWP found to be appropriate for further follow up.
28.11.2006	Further follow up Meeting with the principle Secretary on 28.11.2006

	confirmed Andhra Pradesh C M's desire to implement the NWP in Andhra Pradesh
18.01.2006	The NWP was presented to Parliamentary Affairs Committee (PAC) at New Delhi. The meeting was in Jan.2006. The PAC, after reviewing our proposal, has recommended for inclusion in planning commission.
6.4.2006	Er .A.C.Kamaraj, Chairman, Air Vice Marshall Narayanan, who is greatly interested in our project and Er. V. Kasi arrived at Hyderabad on April 6 th 2006. Met Dr. C.V.S.K. Sarma Principal Secretary, to Chief Minister. Mr. Prakasa Rao Commissioner, Godavari was also present. We presented the National Waterways Project- Andhra (NWP-A) and the meeting went on for nearly an hour. Thus Mr.Prabhu Rao had further discussion with us in his office. After the discussion, appreciated the project and assured support.
11.5.2006	Also presented the NWP at the center for World Solidarity (CWS) at Hydrabad on May 11 th 2006. The same evening we presented the AWP at the Andhra State Centre of IEI where Mr. ISN Raju Chief Engineer, Irrigation and CAD Government of Andhra Pradesh who already know our project presided. NWP was appreciated by the participants and it was planned form a committee for promoting in NWp in Andhra Pradesh
8.8.2006	The Commissioner and Asst. Commissioner, Ministry of Water Resources Presented NWP concept to be included 11th Five Year Plan
3.10.2006	Met Prof. Naganathan, Vice Chairman, Tamilnadu Planning Commission on Oct. 3 rd 2006 at Tamilnadu Planning Commission office. Er. K. Pandey, Er. T.T.kesavan, Er. V. Kasi and myself met him, and presented NWP and Tamilnadu Waterways Project –(TWP). The Secretary Planning Commission also joined us. Vice Chairman Prof. Naganathan took keen interest in the project and he understood the enormous benefits that it would bring to Tamilnadu and agreed to take the project further. Vice Charman T N Planning Commission assured to take up this concept to C M.
6.1.2007	<p>Arranged Expert Committee meeting of NAWAD Council at Presidency Club Chennai. The meeting was attended by the following Experts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Prof. A.C. Kamaraj, Expert Committee Member on Inter-Linking of Rivers (ILR) Presided 2. Er. V. Kasi,Former Chief Town Planning Officer, Madurai, 3. Er. M. Subramaniam, Chennai, 4. Er. A. Ramakrishnan, Chennai 5. Dr. K. Venugopal, Chennai 6. Dr.G. Ravikumar, Anna university, Chennai 7. Er. Thangia, Chennai 8. Thirumathi R. Rajeswari, Chennai 9. Er. M. Sadhasivam, Chennai. <p>Shri. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan M.P. and Chairman for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public grievances attended as Chief Guest. Shri. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan suggested to have a Conference in New Delhi inviting His Excellency the President and Hon'ble Prime Minister.</p> <p>Jan 6th 2007 Evening: Met Shri. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan M.P. and Chairman for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public grievances arranged a meeting at Hotel Cannemara. Attended the meeting there. Also met Mr. Karvendan M.P. and Shri. Jethmalani M.P and discussed NWP</p>
7.1.2007	Had a meeting with Er. M. Subramaniam, Former Vice-president of Reliance &

	<p>Er. V. Kasi. Er. M. Subramaniam stressed to promote our project through</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. His Excellency the President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam 5. Baghwan Sri Sri Sri Sathya Sayee Babha 6. Dr. M. Naganathan, Vice Chairman, Tamilnadu Planning Commission <p>Shri. V. Ponraj, Director, (Technology Interface) from Presidents Office spoke to me & Informed that His Excellency the President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam informed Chief Secretary of Tamilnadu, Shri. L.K. Tripathy , I.A.S that the proposal given by Er. A. C. Kamaraj is good for Tamilnadu & that he can discuss with me. Shri. V. Ponraj asked me to meet the Chief Secretary.</p>
8.1.2007	<p>We also met the Chief Secretary Shri. L.K. Tripathy, I.A.S., at the Secretariate, Chennai on Jan. 8th 2007. Mr. Rajarathinam, PWD Secretary was also present. We explained the National Waterways Project for Tamilnadu or TWP briefly to the Chief Secretary and he asked again and again whether there was no pumping in Networking of Rivers in Tamilnadu, got conformed and then he arranged for a meeting with top officials including Chief Secretary of Tamilnadu for Jan 22nd 2007</p> <p>Jan 8th 2007 PM :</p> <p>Presided over the Advisory Council Meeting of NAWAD Council at Cosmopolitan Club.</p> <p>The following members attended.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Er. Periyasamy, Leo Engineers, Chennai. 9. Er. Arun Veerappan, Director, Real Image Media Technologies Pvt Ltd, Chennai – 600 014. 10. Mr. Chellamuthu, Dharapuram. 11. Mr.V. Ponraj, Tuticorin 12. Dr. G. Ravikumar, Anna University, 13. Er. M. Sadasivam, Consulting Engineer,Chairman, Arun Tiles, Chennai – 106 14. Er. Siva Ilango, Assistant Executive Engineer <p>It was stressed in the meeting that the Deputy Chairman, Tamilnadu Planning Dr. M. Naganathan must be persuaded further to take up Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP).</p>
10.1.2007	<p>Presented Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP) at Aliar. Nearly 110 Active lady members participated. Mr. N.A. Perumal, Director presided. Mr. K. Karuppiah, President, Madurai region, NAWAD Association, Mr.M. Shanmugapandian also participated.</p> <p>The meeting started at 9.30 A.M. in the main Hall, where I presented National Waterways Project (NWP) in the presence of Vedhathri Maharishi, Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Chairman, Task Force on Inter-linking of Rivers (TF-ILR) and Mr. D.R. Kaarthikeyan in 2003. There was a good involvement from the participants. Many participants volunteered to involve in our project continuously.</p> <p>One lady member told us in the meeting that she is praying for our project every day for the last 5 years . It was a pleasant surprise to us.</p>
19.1.2007	<p>Had discussion at Anna University with Dr. K. Karunakaran, Director CWS and Dr. G. Ravikumar, Asst. Professor and Er. Sundaresan regarding the works for proposed seminar on NWP</p> <p>Had discussion with Er. M. Subramaniam, Former Vice President Reliance Group regarding further works.</p>
22.1.2007	<p>The Government of Tamilnadu asked (copy of the Letter No.42557 / ISW2/2005 Dt:12-01-2007, is enclosed) to present the Tamilnadu</p>

	<p>Waterways Project based on Ganga – Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) on 22-01-2007 . The Chief Secretary, Mr. L.K. Tripathi, I.A.S. Finance Secretary, Mr. B.S. Gnana desikan, I.A.S. Secretary, Public Works Department. Shri.S. Rajarathinam, I.A.S. , Engineer-in-Chief, PWD and PWD Engineers, Chairman, Cauvery Technical cell and members of Cauvery Technical Cell, NAWAD Council Chairman Er.A.C.Kamaraj and the members of NAWAD Council participated in the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman explained the availability of water Resources, (surplus going to sea), the future demand and the attempts so far made to link the rivers through power point presentation and a film. The Chief Secretary was very much pleased with the project and decided to pursue for for T.E.F.S.(Techno Economic Feasibility Study)</p>
1.2.2007	<p>Mr. Raghuraman and the Chairman of NAWAD Council Er.A.C.Kamaraj met the Ambassador, Netherland, Mr. Eric. F. Ch. Niche at New Delhi on Feb.1st 2007. Mr. Theo. J.J. Groothuizen, Councillar for Science and Technology and Ms. Maya Acharya, Senior Advisor Trade were also present in the meeting. Er. V.K. Gupta, former Secretary, Institution of Engineers (India) New Delhi State Unit and a member of our expert team also joined us. We presented the NWP. The Ambassador took keen interest and assured that their Government would cooperate with our Government and as well as with our team to take the project further on commercial basis. Mr.Theo Groothuizen complemented our proposal greatly.</p> <p>Appointment with Netherland Ambassador at New Delhi. Met Netherland Ambassador Mr. Eric, F.Ch., Niche at Netherland Embassy New Delhi at 3 P.M.</p> <p>Er. Raghuraman, who arranged the appointment and who has served in Netherland for over two decades was with us. Er. V.K. Gupta and his friend also joined us. Mr. Theo J.T. Groothuzen, Consultant for Science and Technology of the Embassy and Ms. Maya Acharya, Senior Advisor Trade were also present in the meeting</p> <p>We gave the presentation of National Waterways Project (NWP). The Ambassador and others took very keen interest in the Project. Science and Technology Councilor, Mr. Groohuzen remarked that this is going to be the first of this kind in the whole world.</p> <p>Mr. Raguraman wanted some Dutch Co. to endorse this project . The Meeting lasted for nearly 2 hours.</p> <p>We also met Mr. Krishnan Veerappan at Hotel Regency. He advised us that we should take this project on Commercial line and that too fast. He said that persons like TATA who is not only having commercial interest but also takes National interest can be approached to see the commercial viability in this project.</p> <p>We also met Mr. Rajinder KAAZANCHI, CEO of Royal Harboring Consultant and Rushi Crokshi of Royal Netherlands Embassy at Hotel Regency. Gave a Presentation of National Waterways Project (NWP).</p> <p>Later in the evening met Mr. P.Venkataraman Consultant and friend of Mr.Raghuraman at Hotel Oberai. He took us to Mr. Ramamurthy, Former Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Professor and Former Secretary Science and Technology. We met Mr. Ramamurthy at his residence. We discussed National Waterways Project (NWP) in detail and also gave a presentation.</p>
2.1.2007	<p>Met Mr.Vora, Assistant Commissioner, MOWR. I Explained to Mr. Vora that National Waterways Project(NWP) is not similar to Captain Dastur project. Even if they look similar, there are many and many differences. All proposal either NWDA or NWP when they are on India Map, looks is similar, but you must see deeply to see the difference.</p> <p>Vora said “ We are already with NWDA Proposal and we can not switch over to National Waterways Project (NWP) because then the whole Project</p>

	<p>get a change. I told him that NWDA proposal is not accepted by many States. He said "Yes. but we have spent a lot. We cannot look into alternative.</p> <p>I said "Then why Task Force invited alternate proposal?. Is it a fun? He said "No, I cannot say"</p> <p>I told him "what you have spent on Inter Linking of Rivers is a small amount compared to the cost of the project. It is better to go for an alternate economical proposal. He does not seem to budge. Finally he asked how the water can flow without external energy in both direction? A basic question, (How this person will accept our proposal?) However I explained the working.</p> <p>I told Mr. Vora that in the Technical Workshop, the Central Water Commission (CWC) Chairman, the highest officer and the Member wanted to have more study in National Waterways Project(NWP). He said that they said in a different context. Who will give Money?</p> <p>These people are spending crores of public money on a project not wanted by States.</p> <p>But they will not fund NWP, which is welcomed by almost all the States.</p>
3.2.2007	<p>Mr. Raguraman, Mr.P.Venkataraman and myself met Minister of State Mr.Choran at his residence. The Minister spent more than half an hour with us discussing the project. He is basically an Electrical Engineer.</p> <p>He advised us to meet the Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) and also Mr. Ramasamy Iyer Former Secretary, MOWR</p>
5.2.2007	<p>Mr.Raghuraman and myself went to Vignan Bhavan and met Dr. V.Krishnamurthy. We explained to him National Waterways Project. He was eager to know more about Two-Way flow. I explained. He told us that he will come to Chennai next week for 10days and that we can meet then and discuss the project more since he will have more time there.</p> <p>Than met Mr. RaviSankar Supreme Court lawyer at 179 South Avenue and discussed the developments. There was really no development. Every body says the project is good and nothing moves forward. Whether it is the Planning Commission, Parliamentary Affairs Committee (PAC) on Water Resources (WR) or the officials in MOWR. He suggested that we can go to Supreme Court as impleader or as Intervention.</p> <p>Mr. Gurumurthy, advocate from Bangalore rang me to day and advised to go to Supreme Court as impleader.</p> <p>We met Groothuizan, Senior advisor again at Netharland Embassy and discussed for 30 minutes regarding further works on the project. He said that he will plan to take up the project forward and also try to get endorsed by Dutch firm.</p> <p>Then we met Dr. Sahib Singh Varma Former Chief Minister of New Delhi and asked him to get support of MPs and get support from Rajasthan Chief Minister. He accepted and was nice as usual.</p>
6.2.2007	<p>Meeting with President of India</p> <p>His excellency the President of India was updated on the status of NWP Proposal. The president advised us to focus on Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Andhra to enable faster project implementation. He assured full support.</p> <p>Went to Rastrapathy Bhawan and met His Excellency the President of India Dr. A.P.J.Abdul Kalam . He discussed National Waterways Project (NWP) and other development for over 30 minutes. I told him that Bihar Government is willing to take up Waterways in Bihar, but their Waterways should be based on the Master Plan. President agreed on this and he advised us to concentrate on Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP) and Bihar Waterways Project (BWP). He also said " You are from Tamilnadu. If</p>

	<p>you meet Chief Minister Ayya and explain the project, he will understand. You must do the work in a short time and show that this beneficial. (Others will accept automatically).</p> <p>He also said Bihar Chief Minister is good. There is lot of water and flood, land is fertile, people are hard working. You can work there “- He said.</p> <p>I told President that we have prepared Waterways from Bihar at 300m MSL. This may be 270m MSL or so. We must have a master plan and work. Otherwise Networking all River with adjacent State is not possible. He accepted. Hope he will refer our letter to Bihar Government.</p> <p>We also told President that i.e.corporates, like TATA, who takes in Nation’s Pride, sees this project for development on a Commercial viability, it will move fast. He accepted.</p>
14.2.2007	<p>Mr. Sunderasan and myself met Prof Naganathan, Vice Chairman, Tamilnadu Planning Commission. He enquired about our meeting with Chief Secretary Mr. L.K. Tripathy I.A.S. Then he discussed Tamilnadu Waterways Project. He said that Tamilnadu Waterways Project is a very good Project and he even went to the extent of explaining how to plan its implementation.</p> <p>In the evening met the Chief Secretary Mr. L.K. Tripathy I.A.S. He said that he spoke to his counterpart in Andhra and is expecting a reply. I told him that it is O.K. to approach Andhra but Tamilnadu Waterways Project is independent and is meant for flood disaster management and conserve flood water in Tamilnadu.</p>
15.2.2007	<p>I had an appointment with Dr. Krishnamurthy, Chairman at his Mount Road Office. I met him at 10 AM as planned. Mr. Raghuraman joined us later. Dr. Krishnamurthy understood the project well. He also understood the two-way flow. He said that we will speak to Ramaswamy.R. Iyyar Formar Secretary, MOWR and then arrange to meet Madam Sonijai.</p>
24.2.2007	<p>Attended Book Release function “Book on Historical Look of Madurai “ written by Mr.K. Karupiah, Former Deputy Collector. Beside praising the book , I brought out the salient features of our project and its benefit. I explained how Vaigai will become a perennial river after the completion of National Waterways Project (NWP).</p>
25.2.2007	<p>Had a meeting of at office and discussed further works on National Waterways Project (NWP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7) Er.V. Kasi, Former Chief Town Planning Officer, Madurai, 8) Mr.S.Mohan Gandhi, Former Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Madurai 9) Er. A. Ashokan Chakravarthy, Industrialist, Madurai 10) Mr. K. Karupiah, Former Deputy Thasildar, Madurai. 11) Mr. A. Ashokan, Shelter Makers, Madurai. 12) Er.K. Easan, Industrialist, Madurai and others attended . <p>It was decided to create awareness among public on National Waterways Project (NWP) through out the State during the anniversary function, which falls on 11th March.</p>
6.3.2007	<p>Attended the Consulative Committee meeting of National Waterways Project (NWP) at Udippi Home, Chennai.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7) Mr. M. Subramaniam, Chennai, 8) Er.V.Kasi, Former Chief Town Planning Officer, Madurai. 9) Mr. Raguraman, Chennai 10) Madam R. Rajeswari, Chennai 11) Dr.G. Ravikumar, Anna University, Chennai. 12) Er. Sundaresan, Chennai and others attended. <p>Different views were discussed on taking up Techno Economic Feasibility</p>

	<p>Study (T.E.F.S) for Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP). Then it was decided to take only the minimum work like data collection, maintaining Feasibility Study by NAWAD Council for T.E.F.S. and give the balance work to others by outsourcing.</p> <p>In the afternoon attended the Lions Club Meeting arranged by Er.Sadasivam in Pachiyappa's College. The meeting was an anniversary of NAWAD Council. Hon'ble Minister Ponmudi attended the Meeting and I presented Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP). Minister praised the project. He also told in the meeting that he met Chief Minister and briefed him about the meeting before coming.</p> <p>The Minister told that more public awareness must be created so that the voter can pressurize the Government to take up such projects. Then the Government will come forward to implement the Project. If the Government comes with the proposal to implement the project, the other parties will take an opposite stand and oppose the Project.</p>
7.3.2007	<p>We had a meeting at 3 P.M. with the Vice Chairman, Tamilnadu Planning Commission Dr. Naganathan. The meeting went on for more than an hour. Er. V. Kasi, Er. Ragu Raman, Er. Sundaresan were also there. Dinamani reporter Mr. Pa. Krishnan was also invited by Vice Chairman. I was asked to present the project. One Mr. Srinivasan, member, Planning Commission was also present.</p> <p>I gave power point presentation and also showed the film. We requested the Vice-Chairman to form a Project Monitoring Group (PMG) with Vice Chairman as Chairman and also provide fund in the Budget. The PMG can include members from Government and members from NAWAD Council.</p> <p>Met Er.T.T. Kesavan, Former Chief Engineer and Mr. Kumaran of Meredian Survey met me and discussed the fieldwork to be carried for Techno Economic Feasibility Survey for Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP).</p>
8.3.2007	<p>Met the Chief Secretariate of Tamilnadu Government at Secretariat at 5.15 P.M/ and gave the TEFS report for TWP. Er. V. Kasi told Chief Secretary that we can commence Data Collection immediately. I told Chief Secretary that out of 15 Cr. required for TEFS, only 3 Cr. is required by NAWAD Council and the rest will be given to competent agencies by out sourcing.</p> <p>The Chief Secretary assured to process the Techno Economic Feasibility Study (TEFS) fast.</p>
21.3.2007	<p>Went to Rastrapathy Bhavan at New Delhi. Met Major Swaminathan and Mr. Ponraj. Discussed about the invitation from Bihar Government for taken up Networking of Rivers in Bihar State. Prepared some animation work with Mr. Alagu.</p> <p>In the evening met Shri. E.M. Sudarsana Nachiappan, M.P. at M.Ps Quarters and discussed the developments so far and further works. Shri. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan assured all help for taking up the project forward fast.</p>
22.3.2007	<p>Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Chairman, Task Force on Inter-linking of Rivers (TF-ILR) South Asia Water Forum invited us to attend the Conference at New Delhi on March 22nd the World water day. Along with Er.V. Kasi, attended South Asia Water Forum Round Table Conference at 70 Lodi Estate, New Delhi. Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources inaugurated the Conference. Parliamentary Affairs Committee for Water Resources Shri. Sambasiva Rao, M.P., Shri. K.S. Rao, M.P. Shri Robert M.P., Ramasamy Iyer, Former Secretary Water Resources Shri Subash Chander, Former Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) professor, Mr. David Grey, Senior Water Advisor, World Bank, Mr.Sekar Former Advisor, Planning Commission, and many eminent</p>

	<p>persons attended the meeting. The meeting commenced at 10.00am and went till 5.00 P.M. Various issues related to water scarcity in India was discussed. Some of the participants advocated for large dams and some others encouraged small ones. Even the Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) adopted from age old days in Rajasthan was discussed. Mr. Suresh Prabhu advised that to increase our food production and to meet our growing need for drinking water major projects is a must. We presented that Ganga-Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) which is a must necessary for flood disaster management and drought mitigate. The point that there will not be any friction in sharing water in NWP between States was also stressed. The Planning Commission member for Water Resources and power Mr. Dr. Kirit S. Parikh gave valedictory address.</p>
23.2.2007	<p>Met Mr. Ramaswamy Iyer at India International Centre Mr. P. Venkataraman arranged the meeting. We discussed National Waterways Project (NWP) with Mr. Iyer. He said: 4. I am not a technical person, convince experts. 5. Address displacement. 6. Environment etc. He also raised, how the two way flow is ensured and I explained. He asked us whether we met Dr.V.C.Kulanthaisamy, Prof.A. Mohanakrishnan, Komathinayagam. We said yes. Er. V. Kasi explained the meeting with Dr.V.C.Kulandaisamy and Mohanakrishnan. Met Mr. Sambasiva Rao, M.P. and Chairman Parliamentary Affairs Committee for Water Resources. He advised us to meet Mr. Seethapathy Rao, Advisor to Chief Minister and also Mr. Sethu Chandra, so that the project in Andhra can be accelerated. Here it is to be remembered that Mr. Sambasiva Rao gave our NWP proposal to Secretary Minister of Water Resources (MOWR) and insisted to include in the Planning Commission.</p>
24.3.2007	<p>Met Mr. Dubey S.B,. Former Chairman, Institution of Engineers India (IEI) at the Bihar State unit of IEI. We also met some member of IEI and discussed Bihar Waterways Project and NWP.</p>
25.3.2007	<p>Mr. Dubey S.B, Former Chairman, arranged a meeting in the Institution of Engineers India (IEI). The meeting started at 5.30pm and went on till 8.00pm. There were many IEI members particularly Former Chief Engineer of Irrigation Mr. Lal Sharma, Mr. Kumar Verma, and others. We presented BWP and it was followed by discussion. The members felt that there is a lot of water in North Bihar and that we must plan to bring water from North to South Bihar.</p>

26.3.2007	<p>The Bihar Government invited us (copy of their letter dated 12-03-2007 enclosed) to present the project for Networking of Rivers (NWR) within Bihar State. Accordingly the project was presented in the State Investment Promotion Board on 26-03-2007. Mr. Vijayaragavan, Industrial Commissioner, Bihar had arranged for our presentation in the State investment Promotion Board on March 26th 2007 in the presence of the Commissioner Development Board, Mr. Jaya Mohanpillai, I.A.S., the Commissioners for irrigation, Industries, Power and other Chief Engineers. The Commissioner was convinced of this proposal and said we can take up study of the Bihar Waterways Project March 26th 2007: FN</p> <p>We had a preliminary meeting with Mr. S.Vijayaraghavan, Commissioner Industrial Development. It was attended by the Director of Industries and Deputy Directors both by name S.P.Singh. The meeting started at 9.30am and lasted for over an hour. We discussed how the rivers in Bihar can be linked by our Waterways. Mr. Vijayaraghavan asked me as to how I ensure two way flow. I explained with two tumbler and a horizontal tube. He understood and he went through all the press release about our project and even took photo copies of the same. March 26th 2007 AN:</p> <p>We, Er. V.Kasi and myself were asked to present Bihar Waterways Project (BWP) in the State Investment Promotion Board. The meeting started at 4.30 pm and continued for over one hour. The meeting was presided by Mr.R.Jeyamohanpillai., I.A.S., Development Commissioner, Government of Bihar and was attended by Commissioner Industrial Development Mr.S. Vijayaraghavan, Commissioner for Irrigation Mr.Ashok Kumar Sinha, other Secretaries, Chief Engineer and others. We presented BWP in the meeting. The irrigation commissioner asked how to control flood in North Bihar, I told him North Bihar is more flat and to control flood in Bihar it would be advisable to tackle the flood from Nepal which is at a higher level. He said that it will be difficult to make Nepal to accept. I suggested we can form a Networking of Rivers in Bihar in the North but then it will be very costly. The Development Commissioner who presided over the meeting advised us to have one more meeting preferably the next day and to which we both accepted. Then met Mr. S.Vijayaraghavan Commissioner, at his office and gave the letter for taking up TEFS for Bihar.</p>
27.3.2007	<p>Had a meeting with Irrigation Commissioner at Bihar Secretariat. The meeting was attended by the Chief Engineers of Irrigation of Bihar Government. Er. V. Kasi also attended. The commissioner asked us to explain the BWP, which I did shortly. The two-way flow was also explained.The Chief Engineer were particular to bring water from North Bihar to South Bihar. explained that it is possible to bring water at a higher level from Nepal to which they did not accept. Then I explained that it is possible to bring water from West Bengal to Bihar Rivers (Flowing from West Bengal to Bihar). They said that we have to pump water once it is brought near Ganga.I explained that pumping is not necessary and we can bring water from North to South by gravity where we take at a higher level through pipes and siphon system will work. Further pumping such huge quantity will not be economical. The commissioner and others accepted this proposal.</p>

	<p>Then their problem was storing the water thus brought. I told them that the water can be stored in the Balancing Waterways (BWW). They first did not agree. After explaining the section (200m length & 25m depth) and the capacity, they accepted. I told then that the waterways will be able to store more than the biggest dam in Bihar. Commissioner discussed more on the section & asked what will be the cutting. One of the Chief Engineer seeing our section said that it will have 15 m cutting. Commissioner immediately said " It is O.K. " The Commissioner also said that South Bihar border is not thickly populated and more or less forest. So there should not be any difficulty to have the Bihar waterways in South Bihar.</p> <p>I told that balance of cutting and filling in adopted for economy. "When we asked the Commissioner what proposal they have for storing water, he said that he has asked consultants to give proposals and they are yet to receive. The Commissioner at the end of the meeting said that we can study this Proposal further.</p>
28.3.2007	<p>Received a call from Prof. Saifuddin Soz, Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources. I was then at Chennai. Minister told me, "Prof. Kamaraj I want to discuss with you . Can you meet me?" I said that I will definitely meet him. Then he continued. "There are some problem in Inter Linking River (ILR). I want to discuss with you and sort it out " I said I will meet the Minister.</p> <p>Met Dr. K. Karunakaran, Director CWS and Dr. G. Ravikumar Assistant Professor and discussed making a physical model for Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP).</p> <p>Also discussed data collection with Er. Sundaresan and Mr. Prabhu.</p>
29.3.2007	<p>Presided over the core Committee meeting of NAWAD Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8) Er. V. Kasi, Former Chief Town Planning Officer, Madurai 9) Er.M. Subramaniam, Chennai 10) Er.Raghu Raman, Chennai 11) Er. Ramakrishnan , Chennai 12) Er.Sundaresan , Chennai. 13) Thirumathi Rajeswari , Chennai. 14) Er. M. Sadasivam, Chennai attended. <p>Er. Periyasamy and Er. T.T.Kesavan expressed there inability to attend. The activites of the Council were discussed. It was proposed to concentrate the projects in Tamilnadu, Bihar & Andhra.</p> <p>The Proposed meeting with Hon'ble Minister for Water Resource (WR) was also discussed.</p>
17.4.2007	<p>The Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources invited me for a discussion on ILR in general and NWP in particular. Accordingly I met the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources, Government of India on April 17th 2007 and had a detailed discussion. Also met the Hon'ble Minister of State for Planning Commission, Government of India and had discussion on the same day. The Hon'ble Minister stressed that we must accelerate the process of ILR.</p>
28.4.2007	<p>Er. A. C. Kamaraj and Er. V. Kasi went to New Delhi and met the Minister for Water Resources (WR) Prof. Saifuddin Soz, on April 28th 2007 and discussed NWP. The Minister told us "I am not against your proposal. Mr. Suresh Prabhu has written highly about your proposal. We can take up the study of the NWP with the Planning Commission as Nodal Agency"</p>
27.7.2007	<p>We also received a communication from the Government of Bihar as per the Letter No.2558 dated 21-09-2007 informing us that further discussion on this is being taken up in the State Investment Promotion Board (copy enclosed)</p>

18.10.2007	The Vice-Chairman, Tamilnadu State Planning Commission asked us to present the project for sustainable water management through flood water management on Oct.18 th 2007 through Mrs. Girija Vaidyanathan, Member Secretary. Accordingly, the Tamilnadu Waterways Project for flood Management within Tamilnadu was presented on Oct. 18 th 2007 in the presence of Dr. M. Naganathan, Vice-Chairman State Planning Commission, Members, Planning Commission, Secretary, PWD and other Engineers. The State Planning Commission Tamilnadu has informed to pursue the matter further.
7.1.2008	We met Mr. Theo .J .J. Grothuizen , Technical advisor of Netherlands Embassy on Jan 7 th 2008 at New Delhi. Er. K. Easan also accompanied. He assured that firms from Netherlands will participate in the implementation of Ganga-Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP).
8.1.2008	<p><u>4th Expert Committee meeting on Inter Linking of Rivers (ILR) (08/01/08)</u></p> <p>Attended Expert Committee meeting on Inter Linking of Rivers (ILR) on Jan 8th 2008 at Shram Shakthi Bhavan, New Delhi. The Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Ken-Betwa Link was discussed. The clearance from Supreme Court for Pennar Tiger Reserve Forest area is awaited. I stressed the point that delaying ILR is causing a loss of over 1, 00, 000 Cr every year (By way of increase in cost alone). We are at the preparation of DPR for only one link and that we are unable to move on to the next. The preference of the present Government is to take Peninsular link and the Hon'ble minister says that they can move to DPR for other links only after getting the consent from other States and the same is awaited. But many States are reluctant to accept ILR proposal by NWDA.</p> <p>I also made it clear that many States accept NWP as an alternative to ILR. We met the Government of Bihar, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh etc., These States are accepting Ganga-Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) for implementing in their States.</p> <p>Hence, I stressed that the Networking of Rivers based on NWP can be taken up at least for Peninsular to begin with.</p>
6.2.2008	<p><u>Agriculture meeting at Chennai (06/02/08)</u></p> <p>Addressed the Agriculture meeting arranged by Mr.Palanisamy Ex MLA at Annna Kalaiyarangam at Chennai on Feb 6th 2008 and explained Tamilnadu Waterways Project (TWP) and its enormous benefits to Tamilnadu. Madam Rajeswari also attended the meeting.</p>
7.2.2008	Met PWD Secretary Mr. Adhishesiah at his office at Chennai on 07/02/08 and discussed the shortcomings in the ILR by NWDA and the advantage of NWP by NAWAD Council. I also discussed the Networking of Rivers (NWR) in Tamilnadu. He wanted short notes on the difference between NWDA proposal and NAWAD proposal. The same already prepared by Er. Pandey was handed over.
18.3.2008	<p><u>Visit to Ken-Betwa link</u></p> <p>The Expert committee on ILR arranged a visit to Ken-Betwa link and we visited Ken-Betwa near Khajuraha town on March 18th 2008. Visited also the dam site for Daudhan dam on Ken River. Mr.Himanshu Thakkar and Prof.Vijay Paranjpye, other members also accompanied.</p> <p>The Superintending Engineer, Mr.Mazaffar Ahmed and the Executive Engineer Mr.Ramanathan and other NWDA officials accompanied. Since the dam site was in the Tiger reserved forest site, we had to go with police protection. We inspected the proposed link canal also.</p>

	<p>The storing capacity of the dam appears to be on very high side for the quantity of water realized at the proposed dam site. After discussion with the officials, I suggested to reduce the dam capacity suitably which saves hundred crores of rupees without affecting the proposed irrigation.</p> <p>Besides, higher capacity of the Dam will be disadvantageous to the proposed link canal as it will not have the desired commandability.</p>
20.3.2008	<p><u>Meeting MP's</u></p> <p>Met Mr.Sudharsana Natchiappan M.P Chairman Parliamentary Affairs Committee and also Dr.Malaisamy M.P (20/03/08) and discussed further action on NWP.</p>
6.4.2008	<p><u>Metting Captain.Vijayakanth (06/04/08)</u></p> <p>It is a fact that the Desia Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (D.M.D.K.) has taken a lead in announcing Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) as a priority in their election Manifestoes. Mr. Pandiarajan, Chairman MO-FOI, who is a close friend of mine, is an important leader in D.M.D.K. Party and he not only knows our project but is also a keen supporter of the project.</p> <p>Mr.Pandiarajan asked me to send details of the project to Captain Vijayakanth. After that Captain wanted some more clarifications and wanted to meet me. Mr.Pandiarajan asked me to meet Captain Vijayakanth and explain.Hence, I met Mr.Vijayakanth on Apr 6th 2008 and Mr,Panrutty Ramachandran Former Minister was also present, then Er.T.T.Kesavan - Former Chief Engineer also came with me.</p> <p>Mr.Vijayakanth told me that he knows our project through Mr.Ponraj advisor to A.P.J.Abdulkalam and that keeping only our project in mind; they have included the ILR in their Election Manifesto. After discussion, he assured that he would announce our Waterways project at an appropriate time.</p>
7.4.2008	<p><u>Press Meeting (07/04/08)</u></p> <p>Addressed a press meeting at Chennai Press club. Mr.T.T.Kesavan, Er.Sundaresan, Mrs.Rajeshwari, Er.P.Kamaraj, Er.Sadasivam also attended. The Networking of rivers in Tamilnadu was highlighted.</p>
30.4.2008	<p><u>South Asia Global Water Partnership (GWP) Conference</u></p> <p>Mr.Suresh prabhu M.P & Chairman, South Asia Global Water Partnership (GWP) invited us to attend the conference held at Delhi on April 30th 2008. He invited only about 70 delegates from all over South Asia including us. Mr.Kasi, co-ordinator also attended.</p> <p>Mr. Suresh Prabhu chaired the conference, Mr.R.S.Rao M.P, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources and Dr.M.S.Swaminathan, Srimathi Jeyaban B.Dhakar MP from Gujarat, Mr.D.B.Varggis and many others attended the conference. I presented Ganga-Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP) with special stress of its moderation effect on Global warming.</p>
14.5.2008	<p><u>Baghwan Shri.Sayee Baba (14/05/08)</u></p> <p>Met Baghwan Shri.Sayee Baba at kodaikanal on May 14th 2008 and got his blessings for NWP. Mrs.Tamilmani also accompanied me. Mr.Ramakrishnan former president of L&T arranged for the meeting with Babaji at kodai.</p>
4.6.2008	<p><u>Visit to Veeranam Tank (04/06/08)</u></p> <p>The farmers of veeranam tank invited us to visit and suggest</p>

	<p>remedy to their water logging problems. Visited Veeranam Tank on June 4th 2008 along with Er.Krishnasamy, Former Chief Engineer PWD.</p> <p>Mr.IIangeeran, a Key Person for Veeranam Farmer's Association and other Farmers accompanied us during this visit. The foreshore land of Veeranam tank was affected due to rising of the veeranam tank bund. We suggested remedies to overcome these problems.</p>
5.6.2008	<p><u>PWD Secretary</u></p> <p>Met PWD Secretary Mr.Adhisheshaiya at Chennai on June 5th 2008 along with Er.P.Kamaraj and discussed NWP and our visit to Veeranam Tank. He asked for proposal for solving the water logging in veeranam tank foreshore and the same was sent later. Then we met Prof.Naganathan, Deputy Chairman Tamilnadu Planning Commission and discussed NWP.</p>
12.6.2008	<p><u>Paranjothi Swamigal (12/06/08)</u></p> <p>Addressed the meeting arranged by the Farmers at Cumbam. Er. Krishnaswamy also addressed the meeting. Cumbam Ramakrishnan, M.L.A., presided over the meeting; Maharishi Paranjothi Swamigal was the Chief Guest. Maharishi informed me that he knew our project through Mr. Vinayagam, Director of Chennai Silks. He asked me whether the project is implementable. When I confirmed, he asked me to explain the project in detail in the meeting, which I did.</p> <p>The next day, Paranjothi Swamigal contacted me over phone and assured full support to our project. He said that "I came to the meeting just to bless but when I came to know more about your project I decided to fully support. I am discussing with my trustees and will provide you an office at Chennai". It was very nice of Swamigal. I thanked him for his support.</p>
15.7.2008	<p><u>Visit to Veeranam Tank</u></p> <p>Met Dean, Engineering College & Registrar of Annamalai University. The registrar explained the water logging problem in the university campus and asked to suggest remedy. I agreed and asked to send some particulars.</p> <p>Again, we visited Veeranam Tank in July along Er.P.Kamaraj. Er.Pandy, Former Chief Engineer PWD also joined with us .After our visit, the report was sent to the Secretary PWD and the course of remedy to be taken up to solve the water logging problem in the foreshore land. But there is no response from the Secretary.</p>
24.7.2008	<p><u>5th Expert committee meeting</u></p> <p>Attended the 5th Expert committee meeting at New Delhi. I explained our visit to Ken – Betwa Link and discussed the storing capacity proposed of the Dam and asked for the working table.</p> <p>The Detailed Project Report (DPR) is based on the MoU between U.P. and M.P. But in MoU, there is no clear understanding on the quantity of water to be transferred. On this, MOU says that it can revise the agreement at a later stage.</p> <p>If they revise the quantity of water to be transferred, at a later stage, the whole exercise of the DPR becomes a failure and the whole design of the Dam and links canal have to be alerted</p> <p>Again I explained that NWP will overcome such problems regarding transfer of water between States as NWP takes only the flood water and that too only the water that goes to sea unutilized. Hence, it was stressed that NWP must be taken up early. After my speech Mr.Z.Hasan, another member in</p>

	the committee & former Secretary of Water Resources endorsed my views and said that "whatever Kamaraj says is correct. I know his project and it has many advantages". The chairman assured to pursue NWP further.
9.8.2008	<p><u>NAWAD Association meeting at Trichy</u> Attended the NAWAD Association meeting at Trichy on Aug.9th 2008. Mr. Loganathan arranged the meeting and K.M.Subramaniam , former Chief Engineer of TNEB was the key person for successful arrangements of the meeting. Er.Kasi and Er.Easan also attended the meeting. Mr. P.K.Arumugam , M.D. of Chennai Silks, Mr.T.K.Chellamuthu of Dharapuram, Mr. Thallapathi Nagaraj of Periakulam, Mr. Ilangeeran from Kattumannar koil, Er. Natarajan and Er. Maniraja from Trichy attended the meeting. There were number of farmers from Trichy and Tanjore districts. The meeting started at 4.00 P.M. and nearly 200 people assembled there and showed keen interest in the Net Working of Rivers.</p> <p>Mr. K. Arumugam was elected as a President, Mr. Thallapathi Nagaraj and Mr. Chellamuthu, Mrs. Rajeswari, Mr. Mangala Jawahar and Mr. Karupiah as Vice- Presidents, and Mr. D. Loganathan as General Secretary. There was a very good coverage of the meeting by Media.</p>
1.10.2008	One seminar was arranged by NAWAD Council at Madurai on Oct 1 st 2008 at Raja Muthia Mandram. The meeting was attended by many eminent persons, Engineers, Advocates, Doctors, Farmers and Students. The Former President Dr. A. P.J. AbduKalam was the Chief Guest. He gave a powerful speech and went on to explain Waterways as an alternative to ILR.
3.10.2008	<p><u>Meeting at Hotel Sangam (03.10.08)</u> Expert team meeting of NAWAD Council was held at Sangam Hotel on Oct 3rd 2008 where many members of the Expert team, attended Mr. Sudarsana Natchiappan MP also attended the meeting and it was felt by the members that a corporate company must be formed to move the project forward for implementation.</p>
7.10.2008	<p><u>FICCI (07/10/08)</u> Shri. Sudarshana Natchiappan M.P arranged a meeting with President of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry), Mr. Chandra Sekar M.P... As the meeting was arranged at Delhi, Er. Kasi, Er. Ratnavel and Myself went to Delhi. Since the Chairman could not make it to the meeting, we could meet only the General Secretary Dr. Amith Mithra and Dr. Sannadi Baskara Reddy, Team Leader for Agriculture, Irrigation & Rural Development, and had a detailed discussion. The General Secretary is a very knowledgeable person and he assured to conduct an International Seminar on Waterways with the special stress on NWP. Then we met Mr. Sudarsana Natchiappan .M.P and had a detailed discussion regarding the FICCI meeting and further course of action.</p>
12.10.2008	<p><u>Guruji Mr. Ravishankar (12/10/08)</u> Mr. Arumugam of Chennai Silks arranged a meeting with famous Guruji Shri. Ravishankar (Art of Living) at Bangalore. We met him at his Ashram on Oct 12th 2008. Mr. V.K. Gurusamy, Mr. Arun Prasad and many more Industrialists from Tirupur accompanied Mr. Arumugam. Mr. Kasi and myself joined from Madurai.</p> <p>Mr. Arumugam explained the project to Guruji and asked Guruji to bless the project. Then I furnished more details. The film on NWP was also shown to Guruji. Guruji spent nearly 45 minutes with us and blessed the project for early implementation.</p>
7.11.2008	<p><u>Meeting at Tirupur</u> Met Mr. Arumugam M.D. of Chennai Silks and Mr. Gurusamy (VGV</p>

	Constructions) at TCL Mill on Nov.7 th 2008 at Tirupur and discussed about the formation of Company. Er. Kasi and Er. Easan also attended the meeting.
18.11.2008	<p><u>Meeting with Karnataka Chief Secretary and, AOL Founder-Chairman Arunji</u></p> <p>Met Former Supreme Court Justice Shivaraj Patil on Nov 18th 2008 at Bangalore. Justice is a strong supporter of our project and arranged a meeting for us with the Chief Secretary of Karnataka.</p> <p>Accordingly, we met the Chief Secretary Mr.Sudhahar Rao., IAS on Nov 19th 2008. Mr.Panchagatti, Former Engineer-in-Chief and Secretary to Karnataka Government, Mr.Veerabadrhaiya Former Engineer-in-Chief, Karnataka, Mr.Arun from Thirupur and Mr.Chiddha accompanied me during the meeting. We explained Karnataka Waterways Project (KWP) to Chief Secretary and the enormous benefits that it brings to Karnataka including 2000 MW of Hydropower and drinking water to many millions. The Chief Secretary was convinced of our project and assured to pursue further.</p> <p>We also met Arunji, Founder, Chairman of Art of Living (AOL) on the same day. Mr.Arun Prasad from Thirupur and Mr.Chiddha from Bangalore accompanied me. It is rare to find a person like Arunji who is so very nice and loving. Arunji suggested to organize Youth Council with Engineering and MBA students and also asked Arun Prasad to head this team. He also suggested to form a team of IAS officers to take our project forward.</p>
19.11.2008	We met the Chief Secretary of Karnataka Mr. Sudhahar Rao., IAS on Nov 19 th 2008. Mr. Panchagatti, Former Engineer-in-Chief and Secretary to Karnataka Government, Mr.Veerabadrhaiya Former Engineer-in-Chief, Karnataka, Mr. Arun from Thirupur and Mr. Chiddha accompanied during the meeting.
12.12.2008	Met Dr.A.P.J.Abdulkalam on Dec 12 th 2008 at Rajbhavan, Bangalore. A.R.Muthukumar, Er.Veerabadrhaiya, Er,Selvakumar, Mr.G.Ponraj, Er.Easan and Mr Chidda joined us during the meeting and we discussed Karnataka Waterways Project (KWP) with the President.
13.1.2009	<p>6th Expert Committee Meeting on ILR</p> <p>The Chairman, NAWAD Council Er.A.C.Kamaraj attended Expert Committee meeting on Inter Linking of Rivers (ILR) at New Delhi on January 13th 2009. It was made clear in the meeting that “Ganga-Kumari National Waterways Project (NWP)” has been studied for the last 6 years by the Chairman, Members & Chief Engineers of Central Water Commission (CWC), Task Force on ILR, Planning Commission and many others. We cannot go on studying it forever. NWP is alternative to ILR and needs further study on Techno Economic Feasibility Study (T.E.F.S). It was stressed by other members as well. Mr. Hasan, Expert Member and Former Secretary, Water Resources Ministry stressed the point that Mr. Kamaraj’s proposal has more advantages as it allows two way flows and gives water at any time of requirement.</p> <p>The Chairman also met the Hon’ble Minister Water Resources Mr.Saifudeen Soz and Hon’ble Minister for Power Mr.Jairam Ramesh on Jan. 14th 2009 and discussed NWP.</p>
6.4.2009 & 7.4.2009	<p>NAWAD Association Meet</p> <p>NAWAD Association Meeting was held at Nagarcoil, Trinelveli and Tuticorin on 6th and 7th April and created Awareness and also formed committee. Mr.K.Karupiah, Mr.G.Ponraj, Mr.C.K.Chellamuthu, Mr.K.Easan Mr. B. Loganathan, Mr. S. Mangala Jawahar lal, Mr.T.T.Athilingam and others attended in these meetings.</p> <p>Many more meetings were also attended by Chairman and other members</p>

28.4.2009	Er.K.Pandy and Er.T.Krishnaswamy, Former Chief Engineers and NAWAD Council Expert members and Er.A.C.Kamaraj went to Mettur dam and studied the proposed course of our waterways in that area. The study was very useful and informative.
	The Chairman Shri. A. C. Kamaraj and Expert team member of NAWAD Council Er. K. Easan and Er. K. Jeyachandran visited Netherlands and had a detailed discussion with Water Resource Experts, Delft & Amsterdam University and Indian Ambassador at Netherlands, Ministry of Economic Affairs Netherlands Government and Many top industries involving in Water Management, Waterways , and Power generation. The Netherlands Government and Industries appreciated our NWP proposal and expressed their interest to involve in our project.
4.7.2009	Met Hon'ble Minister for Shipping G.K.Vasan on July 4 th at Chennai and discussed the project. The Hon'ble Minister assured to take all possible actions to implement the project. Mr.B.Loganathan, General Secretary, NAWAD Association also came. Met Former Hon'ble Minister Shri.Thirunavukkarasar, the strong supporter of our project. He assured to talk to the Chief Secretary of Karnataka so that the project can be taken up in that State.
7.7.2009	Met Former President of India Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam on July 07 th at New Delhi and discussed the development of the project. President stressed to concentrate Bihar and Tamilnadu States.
9.7.2009	Patna Visit (Bihar) Went to Patna and met Hon'ble Minister for irrigation Shri. Bijendra Prasad Yadav. We discussed the project for about 45 minutes along with other officers. Then he said that we could meet at 3pm on July 9 th 2009 at the conference hall. Mr. Anil Hegde and Mr.Sekar also accompanied me during the meeting. The Meeting was attended nearly by 30 engineers and top officials. The Hon'ble Minister also came at 3 pm. The Chairman explained the project BWP with Power Point Presentation and the Film on NWP. The Meeting went on for nearly an hour. Finally the Hon'ble Minister and the Principal Secretary Mr.Ajay Nayak expressed happiness that we have given a comprehensive project for Bihar and expressed that NAWAD Council could be a single agent to implement BWP. That was accepted in meeting and informed that NAWAD Council will fully involve in BWP. Mr. Anil Hegde is an important person in the party and is well connected with local units in many parts of Bihar. He knows our project already and is fully involving in the project and supporting our works. Er.Dubey is another important person at Patna who is fully supporting BWP. He was Chairman IEI, Bihar State and has the support of many Engineers in Bihar.
10.7.2009	Netherlands Ambassador Met Netherlands Ambassador Mr.Bob Hiensch at New Delhi on July 10 th 2009. Mr.Theo Grothuizen, Advisor, Science and Technology, Netherlands Embassy, New Delhi and Er.V.K.Gupta, Expert Team member of NAWAD Council, Mr.Anil Hegde also accompanied during the meeting. Netherlands Ambassador assured to involve fully in NWP and also expressed his willingness to invite Hon'ble Chief Minster of Bihar and any other Chief Ministers who are interested in the project to Netherlands.
23.7.2009	Bangalore Visit Went to Bangalore and had a meeting with Mr.Veerabadraiah, Former Engineer in Chief Karnataka and Expert team member of NAWAD Council and Air vice Marshall Mr. Narayanan who is also member of

	<p>NAWAD Council. Mr.Ganchagatty, Former Chief Engineer and Secretary Karnataka PWD, Mr. Thyagaraja , Madam Leelavathy, Mr. Chidha , Mr.A.R.Muthukumar and other members usually attend meetings at Bangalore. Air vice Marshall Narayanan explained his interaction with University of Michigan, USA and informed that the Experts there were thrilled at our project and showed keen interest.</p> <p>Met the Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation, Karnataka on 23rd July and again on 24th evening and had a detailed discussion regarding Karnataka Waterways Project (KWP). Hon'ble Minister showed keen interest on KWP as it generates enormous hydro power and provides drinking water to many millions of people. Further, this project can also be taken up under Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (B.O.O.T). Since Assembly elections were going on, the Hon'ble Minister assured to invite the Chairman and to have detailed discussion on Project at the end of the month.</p> <p>Met Justice Shivraj Patil on July 23rd 2009 at his residence and explained the developments in Karnataka.</p>
30.7.2009	<p>Met Hon'ble Minister Shri. Jaipal Reddy who is a good friend of our Chairman at his residence New Delhi on 30th July 2009 and explained about the project and also stressed that the project can be taken up under B.O.O.T. The Minister assured to do everything in his capacity to realize this project</p>
31.7.2009	<p>Attended the 7th Expert committee meeting on July 31st 2009. It was explained in the meeting that the CWC has reviewed the NWP proposal many times. Our NWP can be sent with more technical details only after taking up Feasibility study for one segment based on NWP. Mr.Sen, Expert committee member and Former member CWC also supported our project and also insisted that the Feasibility study should be taken based on NWP. The Chairman insisted that Ministry of Water Resource (MOWR) should provide fund for taking up Feasibility study..</p> <p>The Chairman of Expert Committee assured that they can provide fund for taking Feasibility study and asked our Chairman to give necessary letter for providing funds. This is indeed a good development in the right direction.</p> <p>On the next day the Chairman had the opportunity to meet Mr.Sen, Expert Committee member and informed that he stressed that we must do something in the South as it is more affected by water scarcity and that there is no international problems. He also said that NWDA people knows that our NWP is better than theirs, but they are not accepting.</p> <p>Many of our members felt that we must work on higher plane rather than that the name of the NGO and move towards achieving our goal of getting the project be implemented. Hence it was decided to form a corporate Company in the name of NAWAD TECH under sec 25.</p> <p>This Company functions just like any other Corporate Company but with no profit no loss.</p>
2.8.2009	<p>The Principal Secretary of Bihar Government Mr. Ajay Nayak gave appointment to the Chairman to meet him on Aug.2nd 2009. Mr. Anil Hegde and Mr. Sekar accompanied during this visit. The Principle Secretary informed that they have decided to take up BWP.</p> <p>Patna visit II (Bihar)</p> <p>The Principal Secretary of Bihar Government Mr.Ajay Nayak gave appointment to the Chairman to meet him on Aug.2nd 2009. Since there was a sudden breach on river Bagmath on 1st morning, he had to rush to the spot and hence the meeting could not take place. The Chairman took this opportunity to go for a field visit in south Bihar.</p>

We visited Sone River, about 50 km south of Patna. This river is about 1 Km wide and gets flood every year. BWP will intersect this river, harness the flood water, store and make it available to irrigation and drinking water for South Bihar. Mr.Anil Hegde and Mr. Sekar accompanied during this field visit.

Had the opportunity to meet PWD Engineers including the Chief Engineer. Also met the Former Chief Engineer and presently advisor to Government of Bihar Mr. Lal on 3rd August. The Principal Secretary Shri. Ajay Nayak gave appointment at 11 a.m on 4th August at his Chamber. Mr.Anil Hegde , Mr.Sekar and Mr.K.N.Lal Former Chief Engineer, advisor also joined in the meeting.

The Principal secretary informed that they have decided to take up BWP. He also said that they have decided to form a Committee with Chief Minister as a Chairman where A.C.Kamaraj Chairman, NAWAD Council and Mr.K.N.Lal will be advisors. It was proposed to take up Feasibility study by forming 7 divisions in PWD.

It was explained to Principal Secretary that BWP is a Unique and innovative project and that the T.E.F.S can be done more effectively only by NAWAD Council / NAWAD TECH as the members are well aware of the project. Further, this project is a Multidimensional one which can be implemented under B.O.O.T. Hence it was stressed that T.E.F.S should be done by NAWAD Council to give the proper path to move on the next step of implementation of project under B.O.O.T. The Principal Secretary asked the Chairman, NAWAD Council to explain these aspects and also wanted the path of Bihar waterways and also the cities and towns nearby.

The Chairman met the Principal Secretary again on Aug. 5th at 1 pm and gave the letter to the effect that the T.E.F.S should be taken by NAWAD Council / NAWAD TECH. It was also explained that NAWAD TECH is a corporate company under sec 25 and the works can be given directly to NAWAD TECH and there will be no objection from audit point or any other sources. The Principal Secretary assured the Chairman to consider giving T.E.F.S to NAWAD TECH. The other details were also given to him.

This matter was discussed in the Expert team meeting of NAWAD Council held on 10th August 2009 at Hotel Sangam and all the members expressed that the T.E.F.S should be taken up by our NAWAD Council / NAWAD TECH . NAWAD TECH alone is competent to do this work most effectively as it has expert member from different disciplines. It is for the information of members that meetings of NAWAD Experts are held periodically to discuss the further course of action. The following members normally attend the meeting.

- Er.K.Pandy,
- Er.T.Krishnaswamy,
- Er.V.Kasi,
- Er.D.Sankaramurthy,
- Er.N.Vaidyanathan,
- Mr.S. Mohan Ganndhi,
- Mr.G.Ponraj
- Er.A.Ashokan Chakravarthy,
- Er.S.Ratnavel,
- Er.K.Easan,
- Er.C.P.Ravi,
- Er.K.Alone
- Er.S.Suresh Kumar.
- Mr.C.K.Chellamuthu

We are in touch with Bihar Government for taking up Feasibility study. Hope this will materialize. Once this is materialized, then we have to enhance our activities and we request the full cooperation of our Expert Members of NAWAD Council, NAWAD Association and others.

8.9.2009	Meeting with Shri. Ajay Nayak IAS , Principal Secretary, Water Resources, Govt. of Bihar at Patna on September 8th 2009. Our Chairman, Shri.A.C.Kamaraj and our Expert team members Er.K.Pandy and Mr.Aneel Hegde attended the meeting. Discussed on Feasibility study for Bihar waterways Project.
13.9.2009	Meeting with Netherlands Ambassador to India at New Delhi on September 13th 2009
11.11.2009	Meeting with Dr.A.P.J.Abdulkalam, Shri. Ajay Nayak IAS , Principal Secretary, Water Resources, Govt. of Bihar and other Government officials at New Delhi Nov.11 th 2009.
27.11.2009	Opened new Head Office at 652, K.K.Nagar, Madurai on Nov. 27 th 2009
6.12.2009	Meeting with Hon'ble Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav on Dec.6 th 2009. The Hon'ble Minister informed that the planning commission, Government of India has announced Bihar Waterways Project (BWP) as National project and that Bihar Government has written to Planning Commission asking for fund for T.E.F.S and DPR.
9.12.2009	Opened a new office at New Delhi. Dec 9 th 2009. Mr.Sudarsana Natchiappan attended the function as special guest.
15.12.2009	Meeting at Ethiraj Women's college on Dec 15 th 2009 : Attended the seminar arranged by Mr.Janarthanam, President, Ulaga Tamizhar Peravai at Ethiraj College for women at Chennai. Dr .V.C. Kulandaisamy Former Vice chancellor spoke first in the seminar. During his speech he said that if "A.C.K proposal comes through, I will myself recommend Noble Prize to A.C.Kamaraj." Many VIPs including La. Ganesan , Leader of BJP attended the meeting.
14.2.2010	Awareness by Lions Club :Mr. Velsamy, Lions Club Governor wanted to organize a awareness programme on NWP throughout the State. Accordingly, he arranged the procession from Raja Muthiah Mandram. Shri Paranjothi Swamigal blessed and flagged off of the procession.Lions Club Governor Mr.Velsamy addressed the gathering. The procession consisted nearly 10000 from different categories including students. After the procession, a memorandum was given to collector to implement NWP.
3.3.2010	Irrigation Minister , Karnataka : Went to Bangalore on March 3 rd and met the Minister of Irrigation, Karnataka State Mr. Basavanappa Bommai along with Mr. Basavaraj Ingin and explained the project. He said , that he would consult his Engineers.
4.3.2010	we met Justice Shivaraj Patil and Justice assured to inform Shri Basavanappa Bommai, about our proposal. We met Air Vice Marshal V.S. Narayanan, and discussed the development.
5.3.2010	8 th Expert Committee Meeting on March 5 th 2010: Attended the Expert Committee Meeting on ILR at New Delhi. There was a discussion on National Waterways Project (NWP) in the meeting and some members wanted some clarification on the project. I explained the details to the members. The Chairman wanted a full scale discussion and said that we could have a detailed discussion on the project in the next meeting. However the meeting is yet to take place. Met the Hon'ble Minister Mr.Jaipaul Reddy at his residence and requested

	him to form a separate department for National Waterways similar to National Highways. The Minister assured to take up the matter.
11.3.2010	Met the Hon'ble Minister for Shipping, Shri G.K.Vasan on March 11 th 2010 at his residence at New Delhi and insisted NWP should be taken early in the interest of the Nation. He listened calmly and assured to keep this in his mind and do whatever possible. Again we met the Hon'ble Minister on July 28 th 2010 at New Delhi and I explained NWP and insisted to take up the project early. He listened and assured that he would do something after discussion with the officers.
12.3.2010	Met the Minister for Water Resources, Mr.Pawan Kumar Bansal on March 12 th 2010 on prior appointment. He was nice and as he was busy, he could discuss the project only for sometime. However he said that he would like to have a detailed discussion with us. He also said that Mr. Jaipaul Reddy has spoken to him about the project.
27.3.2010	World Water Day celebration on March 27 th 2010: We celebrated World Water Day at Lake View Hotel, Madurai. Mr. Nanmaran M.L.A. addressed the meeting. Our members Er.K. Pandey, Er.T.Krishnaswamy and Er.V.Kasi were honored with "Outstanding Engineers Award". Mr.Kasim I.P.S (Rtd) and Mr.Patturajan, Former Mayor of Madurai also attended the meeting.
8.4.2010	Symposium at Patna: Attended the symposium at Patna, Mr.Vijendra Prasad Yadav, Principal Secretary Mr. Ajay Nayak , Former Chief Engineer Mr. Sanyar and many Chief Engineers including Engrs.from department of NWDA attended the meeting. The Principal Secretary briefed about the proposal and he said that either NWDA or any other agency can do the Feasibility Study. Though Bihar Government has invited the proposal from all over the Country, there were only two proposals , one is ours and other from Mapset from Delhi.
24.6.2010	Meeting at Madurai Institute of Social Science College on June 24 th 2010: Attended the meeting on NWP at Madurai Institute of Social Sciences organized by Senior Citizens Social Awareness Activities Centre, Madurai. Mr. Sudarsana Natchiappan M.P also attended the meeting and he spoke very highly about the project. Mr. T. Krishnaswamy gave a detail presentation on Environment of NWP. I presented the project in general and highlighted the urgency for the implementation of the project. The Senior Citizens assured full support for the project.
27.7.2010	Hon'ble Minister for Human Resources : We sought an appointment for Hon'ble Minister for Human Resources , Madam Purandeswari. Mr.Sathya , The private secretary to Minister arranged the meeting for us on July 27 th 2010 at New Delhi at Ministers office.The Minister was very much receptive and she told that we can meet after the Parliament session and discuss the details. She also assured that she would refer us to some important persons in Andhra, so that we can pursue the project with them.
3.8.2010	Mr. K. S. Rao M.P.: Met Mr. K.S.Rao M.P. an Engineer from Andhra at his residence at New Delhi on Aug 3 rd . He has been raising many questions in the Parliament on ILR and felt sad that nothing is happening. We requested him that he must support NWP instead of ILR. We also asked him to be our Advisor NAWAD TECH and he accepted.
11.8.2010	Seminar Annamalai University , Chidambaram on Aug 11 th 2010: Went to Chidambaram and addressed the Engineering students of Annamalai University. Dr.Palaniappan, Dean presided over the function. Mr.

	<p>Murugappan received us and introduced us to the students. They were nearly two hundred and fifty students from B.E. final year both Civil and Structural. There were many questions from the students and after the meeting 90% of the students volunteered to involve for NWP / TWP.</p>
5.9.2010	<p>Again Mr. Velsamy, Lions Club Governor arranged a meeting for us with Mr. Manicka Tagore M.P at Virudhunagar on Sept.5th 2010. Mr. Manicka Tagore informed us that he already met Mr. Rahul Gandhi and explained NWP and that Mr.Rahul Gandhi was very appreciative of our proposal. He also told us that he informed Mr.Rahul Gandhi about our visit to Netherlands and the involvement of Netherlands industries in NWP and Netherlands is the world leader in Waterways.</p>
28.8.2010	<p>ACCE(I)'s Silver Jubilee Convention at BNG. on Aug.28th 2010 : Er.S. Ratnavel asked me to address the Silver Jubilee Convention Function arranged by the Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (India) (ACCE). I went to Bangalore and presented NWP in general and KWP in particular. The presentation was very well received and many who attended from all over the Country, volunteered to support the project.</p>
2.1.2011	<p>NAWAD Association and awareness meeting of Ganga- kumari National waterways Project held at college house Madurai on Jan 2nd 2011. Mr. Manicka Tagore M.P. attended the meeting as Chief Guest. He assured to take this project to Shri. Rahul Gandhiji.</p>
20.1.2011	<p>met many top officials of Andhra Pradesh Government at Hyderabad. The Former Chairman of IEI (AP) Center Mr.Chandra Mohan who is a strong supporter of NWP and another expert member of NAWAD TECH Er.K.Easan also came. We met the Shri. S.K.Joshi IAS , Principal Secretary to Government (Projects) Irrigation & Command area Development Department on Jan 20th 2011 and explained the project "Andhra Waterways Project (AWP)". He took very keen interest in the project as it brings many benefits to Andhra and assured to take it forward. He wanted us to furnish more details on the project like Concept, Technical and Financial and Implementation body. We are arranging to send the details shortly.</p>
21.1.2011	<p>We also met the Former Principal Secretary to Chief Minister of Andhra Mr. Jannal Husain, IAS who is presently Chief Information Commissioner, A.P. Information Commission on Jan 21st 2011.He already aware of our Project well and also explained our project to the Former Chief Minister of Andhra and got his support to move the project forward. He assured us that he would inform to the Present Chief Minister also at the appropriate time that this project "Andhra Waterways Project "(AWP) had the support of the former Chief Minister. These approaches help us for early acceptance of AWP in Andhra.</p>