

About CWC FAQ

Q. 1) Which ministry does CWC belongs to?

CWC is presently functioning as an attached office of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India.

Q.2) What are the main activities of CWC?

Following are the main activities of CWC:

- The CWC is charged with the general responsibility of initiating, coordinating and furthering in consultation with the State Governments concerned, schemes for the control, conservation and utilization of water resources in the respective state for the purpose of flood management, irrigation, drinking water supply and water power generation. The Commission may, if so required, undertake the construction and execution of any such scheme;
- To undertake necessary surveys and investigations as and when so required, to prepare designs and schemes for the development of river valleys in respect of power generation, irrigation by gravity flow or lift, flood management, environmental management, rehabilitation and resettlement, soil conservation, anti water logging measures, reclamation of alkaline and saline soils, drainage and for drinking water supply;
- To undertake construction work of any river valley development scheme on behalf of the Government of India or State Government concerned;
- To advise and assist, when so required, the State Governments (Commissions, Corporations or Boards that are set up) in the investigation, surveys and preparation of river valley and power development schemes for particular areas and regions;
- To advise the Government of India in respect of Water Resources Development, regarding rights and disputes between different States which affect any scheme for the conservation and utilization and any matter that may be referred to the Commission in connection with river valley development;
- To advise the Government of India and the concerned State Governments on the basin-wise development of water resources;
- To advise the Government of India with regard to all matters relating to the InterState water disputes;
- To collect, coordinate, analyse, and publish and to act as the Central Bureau of Information broadly in respect of the following:
 - hydro-meteorological data,
 - water resources availability and its utilisation.
- To initiate schemes and arrange for the training of Indian Engineers in India and abroad in all aspects of river valley development;
- To standardize instruments, methods of observation and record, construction methods, design and operation of water resources projects;
- To initiate studies on performance evaluation, socio-agro-economics, benchmarking, irrigation efficiency and ecological aspects of irrigation projects;
- To conduct and coordinate research on the various aspects of river valley development schemes such as flood management, coastal erosion, irrigation, hydro power development, etc., and the connected structural and design features;
- To promote application of remote sensing techniques for water resources development, modern data collection techniques for flood flow forecasting including development of

computer software;

- To conduct studies on dam safety aspects for the existing and future dams and standardize the instruments for dam safety measures and to advise concerned State Governments accordingly;
- To initiate morphological studies to visualise river behaviour and bank erosion and advise the State Governments on all such matters;
- To advise the Governments on all matters related to coastal erosion problems; and
- To promote and create mass awareness in the progress and achievement made by the country in the water resources development, management and conservation.

Q. 3) What is the Organisational Setup of CWC?

Central Water Commission is headed by a Chairman, with the status of Ex-Officio Secretary to the Government of India.

The work of the Commission is handled by 3 wings namely,

- Designs and Research Wing (D&R);
- Water Planning and Projects Wing (WP&P); and
- River Management Wing (RM).

Q. 4) How many regional offices are established by CWC?

It has 13 regional offices, each headed by a Chief Engineer.

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