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SRO No. 23-2014 – Empowered by the Bangladesh Water Development Act 2000 the Government has promulgated the following Rules (which has to be read together with item (Tikka) of sub-Clause 6(1) under Clause 25 of Rule No. 26 of the Act 2000):-

First Chapter

Preamble

1. **Title and application:** These Rules will be called as Participatory Water Management Rules, 2014.
2. These Rules will be applicable in the context of projects of Water Development Board.
1. **Definitions:** In these Rules, unless anything repugnant in the subject or context -
 - (1) "Participatory Water Management" means direct and active participation of local stakeholders in the process of selection, planning, designing, implementation, operation and maintenance and evaluation of water resource projects, sub-projects or schemes;
 - (2) "Guidelines for Participatory Water Management" (GPWM) or "Guidelines" means Guidelines for Participatory Water Management promulgated by the Ministry of Water Resources.
 - (3) "Act" means Bangladesh Water Development Board Act, 2000 (Rule No. 26 of the Act 2000).
 - (4) "Association" means Water Management Association (WMA) mentioned in Rule 5;
 - (5) "Beneficiary" means such a person or group of persons, who benefit from any projects;
 - (6) "By-law" means the by-law promulgated by any organization under Section 49;
 - (7) "Labour Contracting Society" (LCS) means group of landless women and men under Section 43;
 - (8) "Group" means Water Management Group (WMO) under Section 5;

(1) "Register" is an officer who registers, meaning an officer who has been assigned for registering organizations mentioned in Section 5b.
 (10) "Water Management Organization" or "Organization" (WMO) may mean Water Management Group, Water Management Association or Water Management Federation (individually) and it may also refer to all of them jointly as mentioned in Rule 5.
 (11) "Office of Water Management" means the Office of Water Management (OWM).
 (12) "Water resource project" means any project, sub-project or scheme dealing with flood control, drainage and irrigation that has been executed or is under execution by the Board (BWDB).
 (13) "Project" means water resource project, sub-project or scheme executed or under execution by the Board (BWDB).
 (14) "Year" means any year that has been mentioned in the schedule of the Rules.
 (15) "Waterboard" means Water Management Federation (WMF) mentioned under Rule 5.
 (16) "Board" means Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) established under Section 3 of the Act.
 (17) "Large project" means any project having area of more than 1000 hectares.
 (18) "Management Committee" means Executive Committee of any Organization.
 (19) "Medium project" means any project having area between 100 hectares to 1000 hectares.
 (20) "Local Authority" means any project having area of 1000 hectares or less than that.
 (21) "Local Authority" means a government sponsored office like City Corporation, Urban Council, Town Municipal Corporation, or a Non-Governmental organization, which has been created by any existing law.
 (22) "Local stakeholders" means all such individuals of an area who are influenced by a project directly or indirectly, and who are benefited or equitably affected by the project (Project Affected People (PAPE)).

Second Chapter
Participatory Water Management

3. Participatory Water Management

(1) Water management activities of the water resource projects will be carried out through participation of the local stakeholders, and they will participate in the decision-making process of the projects.

(2) In order to achieve the objectives of sub-Rule (1), kind, extent and management of the water resource projects will be assessed through the following steps:

(a) Organization of local stakeholders into suitable water management organizations so as to ensure their participation at different stages of water resource project.

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