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Notification No.SO(REV)IRR/1-4/11(SGA)-33, dated 25.11.2019, issued by Irrigation Department, is hereby published in the official Gazette for general information.

"GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

Dated Lahore, the 25th November, 2019

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No.SO(REV)IRR/1-4/11(SGA)-33.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 75 read with section 20 of the Canal and Drainage Act, 1873 (Act VIII of 1873) and in supersession of all previous instructions on this subject, the Competent Authority is pleased to approve following criteria for fixing minimum permissible discharge of outlets on all canals in the Punjab:

(a) subject to the provisions of clause (b) infra, no new outlet shall be sanctioned and no existing outlet shall be altered so that its discharge falls less than one cusec;

(b) on a perennial canal, a new outlet with a discharge of between one cusec and half a cusec (1 to 0.5 cusec) may be sanctioned or an existing outlet may be split into two or more outlets with a discharge of between one cusec and half a cusec where:

(1) the length of the water course affiliated with the existing outlet is more than two miles;

(2) the area which is to be transferred to the outlet with a discharge of between one cusec and half a cusec is receiving less than fifty per centum of its authorized share as the water course affiliated with the existing outlet:

(i) passes through sand dunes or built-up area and is frequently chocked due to dumping of garbage etc. and no alternate alignment for the water course exists; or

(ii) is blocked due to a road, construction or other work.

(c) for removal of any ambiguity which may exist in this regard, it is clarified that:

(1) the provisions of clause (b) supra shall not apply to an outlet on a non-perennial canal;

(2) in case of splitting of an existing outlet in terms of clause (2) supra, the discharge of the new and existing outlet shall not fall less than half cusec under any circumstances; and

(3) the provisions of this notification shall also apply to all existing outlets with a size of less than one cusec.

2. No outlet with a discharge of between one cusec and half a cusec shall be sanctioned unless the Departmental Special Committee recommends the provision of such an outlet in light of the above criteria.

3. For this purpose, the Superintending Canal Officer in-charge of the respective canal shall submit a report to the Departmental Special Committee verifying the need for such an outlet after site inspection and his personal satisfaction as regards such need.

4. Eligible cases recommended by the Departmental Special Committee will be finally approved by the Chief Minister Punjab.

SECRETARY
IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT"

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