Subject: CBIP Awards to Bhakra Dam and to Sh. D.K. Sharma, Chairman, BBMB

Chandigarh: Bhakra Dam, the Iconic Multipurpose Project of India was dedicated to the nation on 22 October, 1963. This Dam is continuously supplying around 16,000 Million Cubic Meter of water and 6500 Million Units of energy annually to its partner states for meeting their Irrigation, Power and Drinking water requirements for more than 56 years. Two power houses of Bhakra Dam on left and right banks of the river contributes 1379 MW of power in the Northern Grid besides playing an important role of supplying "Black Start Power" in the event of Grid Collapse.

Keeping in view outstanding maintenance and operation of the Project and its service to the nation, Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) based on recommendations of the high level jury has awarded the most prestigious National Level Award to 'Bhakra Dam', the Temple of Modern India, as “Best Maintained Hydroelectric Power Houses (Functional Project – age more than 50 years) to BBMB. Bhakra Dam was selected due to its robust health, ensured by rigorously following detailed documented maintenance schedules, round the clock vigil and by using latest technology and material for its upkeep & repairs under the dynamic leadership of Chairman, BBMB.

The citation reads, “Best Maintained Hydroelectric Power Houses (Functional Project – age more than 50 years) presented to Bhakra Beas Management Board for outstanding contribution to the nation by use of latest technologies and innovative solutions for efficient operation & maintenance of hydroelectric power houses functional for more than 50 years”.

Sh. D.K. Sharma, Chairman, BBMB has also been given national level award for "recognition of his dedication, dynamism, leadership, long distinguished service and significant contributions made to the growth and development of Indian Power Sector ".

Both these awards were received by Sh. D.K. Sharma, Chairman, BBMB from Sh. Rattan Lal Kataria, Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Govt. of India on 19th February, 2020 in the award ceremony held at New Delhi.

Chairman, BBMB thanked the dedicated team of employees, technicians and engineers for their untiring efforts and congratulated them for this achievement.