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Draft minutes of 48th meeting of the Board held on 8th August, 1989 are kept below for approval of Minister (Urban Development) and Chairman, Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

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Draft minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board held on 8-8-1989 at Mantralaya.

48th meeting of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board was held on 8th August, 1989, at 10.00 A.M. in Mantralaya, Dr. Ishaq Jamkhanwala, Hon'ble Minister for U.D. and Chairman of the MWSSB presided over the meeting. Following were present in the meeting.

1. Dr. Ishaq Jamkhanwala, Minister for U.D. and Chairman, ~~of the~~ MWSS Board.
2. Shri Panditrao Daund, Minister of State for R.D.D. and Vice-Chairman, ~~of the~~ MWSS Board.
3. Shri D. K. Jain, Principal Secretary, U.D.D. Member.
4. Shri A. Dasgupta, Secretary (Exp.), Finance Deptt., Member.
5. Shri M. J. Garde, ^{Member,} Zilla Parishad, Dhule, Member.
6. Shri S. S. Patwardhan, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

1.1 The following Members had intimated their inability to attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

1. Shri V. Ranganathan, Secretary, R.D.D.
2. Shri M. B. Chobe, Municipal Commissioner, Thane Municipal Corporation.

1.2 The following Officers of M.W.S. & S.Board also attended the meeting as invitees.

1. Shri P. G. Bhojraj, Chief Engineer (Urban).
2. Shri P. R. Kulkarni, Chief Engineer (Rural).
3. Shri Y. V. Joshi, Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer.
4. Shri Y. S. Sonawani, Chief Administrative Officer.

The proceedings of the meeting are as under :-

Emergency Item No. 1 -

Sub : Devastating floods in Maharashtra -

Before commencing the proceedings of the meeting, the Member Secretary draw attention to the situation created by the devastating floods in several towns and rural areas of the State and the irreparable loss of life and severe damage to the property of our brethren in the State. The Board paid condolence by standing for 2 minutes in the memory of those who lost their lives. In view of the appeal of the Chief Minister, the Member Secretary proposed that the Board may donate Rs. 5 Lakhs to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The Board approved the proposal

and passed the following Resolution :-

"This meeting of the MWSS Board places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the loss of life and property caused during the recent devastating floods in Maharashtra and offers its condolences to the bereaved families, Officers and Staff of the Board have done their best to provide relief to the affected areas and they ~~would~~ ^{offer} do their ~~best~~ ^{services} to complete the relief works. The Board also hereby resolves that an amount of Rs. Five lakhs from the Board's funds may be donated to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, and authorises the Chairman and Member Secretary, MWSS Board to hand over a cheque of Rs. Five Lakhs as MWSSB's donation to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund".

ITEM NO. 1 -

Subject : Confirmation of Minutes of the 47th Meeting of Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board held on 10-5-1989.

The Member Secretary explained that Mr. Unwala has informed that the minutes are in order. The confirmation from the other members has not been received. On this, Secretary, F.D. (Expenditure) referred to the decision on Item No. 16 regarding construction of a Rest-House at Chikhaldara and pointed out that, as per Govt. policy regarding new building construction, there is a ban on such construction. The Member Secretary explained that the decision was taken in view of the persistent demand from the Commissioner, Amravati Division, and there is also absolute necessity of having a Rest-House at Chikhaldhara.

He further explained that the expenditure is being met from the Board's fund and this point will be noted for future proposals. *The secy (Exp) F.D. has mentioned that this* (y)

Secretary, F.D. (Expenditure) also referred to the decision taken on Item No. 17 regarding Board Employees' Medical Benefits Regulations, 1980 and argued that the revision of maximum limit of reimbursement of medical expenditure would need Govt. approval. The F.A. & C.A.O. then explained that the Board Employees Medical Benefits Regulations, 1980, were approved by the Govt. and the present revision relates only to laying down the pay-slab in terms of the revision of pay scales of Board Employees.

There is no change in the annual amount of medical reimbursement as approved by the Govt. The minutes were thereafter approved by the Board.

Construction should be allowed.

ITEM NO. 2 -

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Sub : Action taken, initiated or being taken on the actionable points in the minutes of 47th meeting of the Board held on 10th May, 1989.

The member Secretary explained the actionable points and the action taken/initiated on them as narrated in the statement accompanying this item.

ITEM NO. 3 -

Sub : Handing over of -

- a) Pune Cantonment Water Works,
- b) Khadki Cantonment Water Works (Holkar Bridge Water Works) &
- c) Bhairoba Drainage Pumping Station to Pune Municipal Corporation.

Member Secretary explained the item and informed the Board that the Pune Municipal Corporation has requested to hand over the water works in order to have a single control for the basic need of supply of water. Part area of Pune Municipal Corporation is served through Pune Cantonment Water Works, Khadki Cantonment Water Works and other Water Works, and therefore, they intend to have control on these water works. In the Conference of Administrators/Commissioners of Municipal Corporations held in May, 1989, Hon. Minister for Urban Development had announced that these water works would be handed over to Pune Municipal Corporation on 15th August, 1989. This issue was again discussed in the meeting convened by Hon. Chief Minister in regard to problems of Pune Municipal Corporation, when the Hon. Chief Minister also announced to transfer the water works to Pune Municipal Corporation on 15-8-1989.

Repercussions of such handing over would be :-

1. Increase in the water rates of other Board water works, since Pune Cantonment is major profit earning water works. The Board is adopting the policy of pooled water rates for all Board Water Works, and therefore, if these works are handed over to Pune Municipal Corporation, the water rates of other water works would increase by 15 to 20%, in addition to the normal annual increase. Therefore, Board has insisted on Pune Municipal Corporation authorities to compensate for the losses for initial 5 years. The corporation has suggested to work out rate structure of remaining Board water works in case of 10 to 15% losses being compensated by Pune Municipal Corporation. The services of Board Employees engaged on these water works will be transferred to the Pune Municipal Corporation. To sort out probable labour problems due to such transfer, the Board is arranging a

a meeting on 10-8-1989 with the representatives of the two main Labour Unions.

The Secretary (Expenditure), F.D., and Principal Secretary, U.D.D., were of the opinion that, since these water works were transferred by Govt. of Mah.^{te}W.S. & Sewerage Board^{on} 1-11-1979, the depreciated value of assets as on 1-11-1979 needs to be recovered by Govt. from Pune Municipal Corporation. Further, Board will have to recover depreciated value of assets for works carried out after 1-11-1979 till the date of handing over. It is, therefore, absolutely essential to refer the case to Govt. in U.D.D. which in turn will consult F.D. and then issue necessary orders regarding mode of recovery of assets and then only water works be handed over to the Pune M.C. Member Secretary pointed out that the present Govt. policy is that the water works of Municipal Council/Corporations should be maintained by the concerned local body only and therefore maintenance of these water works needs to be handed over to the Pune M.C. as per their demand. In order to avoid difficulties of employees who are due to retire shortly, it is proposed to stipulate that the employees who are due to retire upto 31-8-1991 will be treated as on deputation to the Pune M.C. without deputation allowance. However, both Secretaries stressed that modality of transfer needs to be finalised before permanent handing over of the water works and unless this is done, the issue of recovery of cost of assets will remain hanging. The Chairman then suggested that the Board Officers should work out figures of probable sharing of loss of revenue by Pune M.C. on priority. Principal Secretary, U.D.D., thereafter suggested that we may hand over the water works to the Pune M.C. on 15-8-1989, along with the staff, only for operation and maintenance, but ownership of the water works be transferred after approval of terms and conditions by Govt. This suggestion was agreed to and the following resolution was passed.

RESOLVED THAT -

- i) The proposal of handing over the Pune Cantonment Water Works and Khadki Cantonment Water Works, Bhairaoaba Drainage Pumping Station and other Water Works located in Pune to Pune M.C. is agreed to in principle.

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ii) Operation and Maintenance of these works be handed over to Pune M.C. with effect from 15-8-1989.

iii) Agreement regarding terms and conditions of transfer should be executed between Board and the Pune Municipal Corporation Authorities.

iv) Cost of assets as on 15-8-1989 is to be evaluated and communicated to Govt. within one month along with terms and conditions for transfer of works.

v) The staff engaged on these works are to be transferred to Pune M.C. with effect from 15-8-1989 as proposed in the Agenda Item".

ITEM NO. - 4

Sub : Augmentation to Khamgaon Water Supply Scheme, Dist. Buldhana. Adopting scheme from Head Works upto E.S.R. as a Board's Scheme and taking scheme of Distribution System as a Municipal Scheme.

The Member Secretary explained that according to the decision taken in the 24th Board Meeting held on 5-1-1982, Suptd.Engr., Akola, was asked to implement the decision of taking over of then existing Khamgaon Water Supply Scheme along with distribution system. However, after prolonged correspondence with the Municipal Council, it was noticed that, if the existing system is taken over, the Board will be put to financial loss and hence Superintending Engineer, Akola, did not take over this scheme. The old water works and distribution system therefore, continues to be owned and maintained by Khamgaon Municipality. This is also in the consonance with the decision taken in the Board's 42nd Meeting held in December, 1987. Member Secretary also pointed out that the Municipal Council is charging very low rates for the supply of water to the public and, if the distribution system is taken over by the Board, the people may not pay the rates charged by the Board.

A meeting was, therefore, held in January-1989, with the Officers of the Khamgaon Municipal Council in the chamber of Hon. Minister for Urban Development, when it was decided that a separate scheme named as Augmentation and Distribution System to Khamgaon be proposed as Municipal Scheme. On this, Secretary, F.D.(Exp.) asked whether the Khamgaon Municipal Council has passed the Resolution accepting a separate distribution system. The Member Secretary explained that the scheme will be proposed to Govt. only after the passing of G.B.R. of

Khamgaon Municipal Council. The proposal was thereafter approved and the following resolution was passed.

1. "Resolved that the Board approves the proposal of taking up "Augmentation to Khamgaon Water Supply Scheme" costing Rs. 448.04 Lakhs Gross as a Board's scheme upto ESRs only (including the cost of ESRs) with 10% P.C. to be paid by Municipal Council as per Govt. circular.
2. The Board further approves the proposal of framing a separate scheme for distribution system only named "Augmentation to distribution system of Khamgaon" as a Municipal scheme, since the existing distribution system is owned and maintained by the Municipality. The financial pattern of the scheme will be 40% G.I.A., 50% Loan to Municipal Council and 10% P.C. to be paid by the Municipal Council.
3. Board further approves the action taken by the Suptd.Engr., Akola, in not taking over the existing water works with its distribution system belonging to Municipality in view of the Board decision taken in its 42nd meeting held on 24-12-1987.
4. The "Board" further authorises Member Secretary, M.W.S. & S.Board to take further steps in the matter".

ITEM NO. 5 -

Sub : Construction of Staff Quarters at Nanded.

While discussing ~~on~~ the proposal, the Secretary (Expenditure), F.D., informed the Board that as an economy measure restrictions are imposed by Govt. on construction of office buildings and office quarters and hence it is not desirable to approve this item. It was, therefore, decided that the item may be considered at a later stage.

ITEM NO. 6 -

Sub : Proposal of advance action of taking up preliminary work of Topographical Survey, Foundation Exploration, Investigation & Survey for Construction Materials, Establishment and other misc. works for Poshir Dam.

Member Secretary explained the need to take up the work of construction of Poshir Dam, stating that there is no water available from Ulhas river even for the existing Temghar Treatment Plant since Board is presently drawing 100 MLD of Water ~~from~~ ^{and} the MIDC is lifting more water than planned and the only available source is construction of

Poshir Dam. The cost of this dam would be around Rs. 100 Crores and it will require a period of 7-8 years for completion. This work has been included in the MWSSP, Stage-II Project which is not yet cleared by Govt. of India for want of commitment from Govt. of Maharashtra about its inclusion in the 8th F.Y.P. Therefore, clearance of Stage-II Project will require some more time. It is high time to take up the preliminary works such as exploratory operation, preliminary survey, design work, etc. because these preliminary works themselves would require a period of 2 to 3 years. He, therefore, pleaded that the estimate amounting to Rs. 77 Lakhs may please be approved by the Board. Initially this expenditure will be debited to MWSSP, Stage-I Project which will be subsequently transferred to Stage-II after its sanction. Secretary (Expenditure), F.D., suggested that since the Board has not incurred any expenditure on this work and since 8th F.Y.P. is not yet finalised, it will be better to take up this work only after approval from Govt. Therefore, Board noted the proposal and decided that the proposal may be sent to Govt. for its approval. The following resolution was passed :-

"Resolved that the Board noted the urgency of taking up the advance action for preliminary works of Poshir Dam which is included in MWSSP, Stage-II. The proposal may be submitted to Govt. for obtaining necessary sanction to the estimate and thereafter the preliminary work may be taken up."

The Member Secretary is hereby authorised to process the proposal to Govt. and to take suitable action on getting clearance from Govt."

ITEM NO. 7 -

Sub : Claim regarding idle wages in favour of M/s. Geo Miller & Co., New Delhi, for the work of Construction of 90 MLD capacity Sewage Treatment Plant at Naidu Hospital, Pune, for Pune Municipal Corporation.

The Member Secretary explained the back-ground of the case and how the claim had arisen. He pointed out that the Board decided to suspend the work, because Pune Municipal Corporation was not making payments and the Board's funds were locked up. On this, Secretary, F.D. (Expenditure) asked whether the amount has been accepted by the Contractor in full and final settlement of his claims. The Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer informed that the Contractor has orally accepted the amount.

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Member Secretary then raised a point whether such matters need to be brought before the Board. The Secretary (Expdt.), F.D., stated that there should be a delegation of powers for such matters. The proposal was then approved and the following resolution was passed :-

"RESOLVED that the Board approves the proposal of payment of idle wages (Labour, Plant & Machinery) amounting to Rs. 1,76,239/- as recommended by Chief Engineer (Urban) of Board Office to M/s. Geo-Millers & Co., New Delhi, for the work of construction of 90 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant at Naidu Hospital, Pune. The payment in full and final settlement of their claim shall be made through the funds received from Pune Municipal Corporation".

ITEM NO. 8 -

Sub : Research and Training Centre at Nasik Road.

i) Consultancy advice for development and upgradation of the

ii) Suggestions for improving performance of the

Member Secretary explained the item and stated that this Training Institute is imparting training to the operation and maintenance staff of water works up to the level of managerial staff. Courses sponsored by Govt. of India are also conducted in this Institution. This Institution is started from the provisions in the MWSSP, Stage-I Project. The Govt. of India with the help of British Council had appointed Severn & Trent's ^{Water Authority as} Consultants for the proposal of upgradation of training facilities. Board has recently received their final report and the recommendations are noted in the item. The expenditure on staff is likely to be borne by Govt. of India and U.K. Govt. Board thereafter approved the proposal and the following resolution was passed.

"RESOLVED THAT the Board has considered recommendations contained in the report of M/s. Severn & Trent Water Authority, U.K., in respect of upgradation and development of Research and Training Centre, Nasik Road".

Further Resolved that

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1) Board agrees to undertake a Training Need Survey for improving the training facilities at the Centre.

2) Member Secretary is hereby authorised to formulate and process through Govt. of Maharashtra/Govt. of India a proposal to obtain consultancy advice and necessary training facilities for MWSS Board Officers and equipments under a programme of Overseas Development Association, U.K.

3) The present post of Executive Engineer and Professor Incharge of Training Centre be elevated to the rank of Superintending Engineer who would be designated as Training Manager which means creation of a separate post of Superintending Engineer.

4) Creation of 3 posts of Training Officers of the rank of Executive Engineer and 3 posts of Assistant Training Officer of the rank of Deputy Engineers, ^{which} means creation of 2 additional posts of Executive Engineer and 3 posts of Deputy Engineers.

5) In view of additional work involved in discharging duties as Liasion Officer, the Executive Engineer (Mech) working in the ENE Circle or another specifically designated officer be granted special pay of Rs. 150/- per month.

The Member Secretary is hereby authorised to take necessary action to process this proposal for obtaining Govt. aproval".

ITEM NO. 9 -

Sub : Enblock shifting of Unit No. IV & VI of MWSS Project, Division No. II, Kalyan, to Aurangabad Circle and Unit No. V of MWSSP, Division No. I, Thane, to ENE Circle, New Bombay, and creation of a New Division for Nagpur Water Supply Stage-II.

The Member Secretary explained that the proposal involves re-deployment of 3 Units in the Project Organisation. He mentioned that CPHEEO, Adviser from Govt. of India visited Aurangabad, where two major schemes costing Rs. 27 Crores and Rs. 18 Crores are under execution. Considering the heavy work-load he advised to shift additional Sub-divisions for speedy execution of the projects. On this, Secretary, F.D., (Expdt.) enquired about norms of works divisions of the Board. Member Secretary replied that Rs. 2 Crores is the normal work-load for each division but a number of divisions are being required to execute works involving expenditure of Rs. 6 to 7 Crores per year. On this, Principal Secretary, U.D.D.,

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expressed that the Board should take an overall review and put up a consolidated proposal for creation of new divisions in the Board. The Vice-chairman expressed surprise that no proposals for creation of posts in the Board are being placed before the Cabinet.

Member Secretary explained that the Hon. Chief Minister had directed to complete augmentation of Nagpur to Nagpur Water Supply (Phase-I) Scheme within a period of 3 years. Secretary, F.D.(Expdt.) pointed out that the sanction for Nagpur Division was received in 1986 and since the posts have not been filled within a period of 6 months, the sanction has lapsed and a fresh sanction will have to be obtained from the Govt.

The Board then approved the proposal for enblock shifting of 3 Units and a post of Dy.Engineer (Mech.) from the Projection Organisation and decided that for opening a new division with Sub-divisions at Nagpur the Member Secretary should approach Govt. for necessary revival of the sanction. The following resolution was passed by the Board.

" RESOLVED THAT -

1) The Unit No. IV, Dombivali and Unit No. VI, Kalyan of MWSSP, Dn. NO. II, Kalyan, be enblock shifted to Aurangabad district under the control of Suptd.Engr., ENE Circle, Aurangabad, and Unit No. V, Thane, of MWSSP, Dn.No.I, Thane, be enblock shifted to Raigad district under the control of the Suptd.Engr., ENE Circle, New Bombay.

2) One post of Dy.Engineer (Mech.) under the control of Chief Engineer (P) be transferred to the control of Suptd.Engr., ENE Circle, Akola, for being utilized on Amravati Water Supply Scheme.

3) Member Secretary is authorised to approach Govt. for revival of sanction accorded in 1986 for creation of a new division for Nagpur Water Supply Scheme. "

ITEM NO. 10 -

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Sub : Fixing of agency for construction of Morbe Dam.

Member Secretary stressed the necessity of taking up of the Morbe Dam for solving water problems in CIDCO, NSPT and also informed the Board that unless this scheme is completed, CIDCO town will have to face severe water problems. He also stated that the subject of fixing of agency has been discussed in ^{great} details in the 47th Board Meeting and Board has accepted the lowest tender but the work order has not been given. It was assured by the Principal Secretary, U.D.D. in the 47th Board Meeting that revised administrative approval would be issued by Govt. within six weeks. The plans and estimates have been submitted to Govt. on 5th June, 1989. He also informed ~~to~~ the Board that Hon. Minister for U.D. and Chairman of MWSSB along with the Member Secretary had discussions with the Hon. Minister for Finance on 7-8-1989 when problems regarding administrative approval to the revised scheme were explained. Hon. Minister for Finance then assured to look into the matter and accord early sanction and intimated to go ahead with the construction of Morbe Dam in view of its urgency.

The Secretary (Expdt.), F.D., however, was of the opinion that the work order to the contractor should be given only after Govt. approval to the revised scheme, since there is a huge rise in the estimated cost. He assured that he himself will pursue the case by convening a meeting of all concerned with the Principal Secretary, F.D. (Dr. Godbole) within 2-3 days and try to solve the problem of revised adm. approval. The Board then decided not to issue the work order for the present and directed the Member Secretary to get the validity of the offer extended upto 31st of August, 1989, Secretary (Exp.) assured that revised administrative approval would be issued prior to 31st August, 1989. The acceptance letter and work order etc. to be issued after the revised administrative approval is received.

ITEM NO 11 -

Sub : New Water Supply Schemes of Backlog towns submitted to Govt. for administrative approval.

The Board noted the contents of the item.

ITEM NO. 12 -

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Sub : Recovery of outstanding dues from Municipal Corporations and Councils - Position of arrears as on 31st March, 1989.

Due to paucity of time, the Board decided to consider this item in the next Board Meeting.

TABLE ITEM NO. 1 :-

Sub : Handing over of Pandharpur Water Works of M.W.S. & S.B. to Pandharpur Municipal Council.

The Member Secretary explained the background in detail and stated that a large amount of Rs. 2.5 Crores is outstanding from Pandharpur Municipal Council towards recovery for sale of water. The Principal Secretary, U.D.D., expressed a view that there was no necessity to appoint an arbitrator to fix the amount of arrears of water rates payable by the Municipal Council and the question needs to be sorted out by the Board and the Municipal Council. It was ultimately decided that the proposal is approved in principle and that the operation and maintenance of Pandharpur water supply scheme may be handed over by Board to the Council with effect from 1-9-1989 on the lines of handing over of Pune Water Works.

In the meanwhile, Board should approach Govt. with necessary proposal indicating cost of assets as on 1-9-1989 to be transferred to the council by the Board. Govt. would then approve such transfer and fix the modality of recovery of cost of assets from the Municipal Council. The following resolution was accordingly passed.

RESOLVED THAT -

- 1) The Board approves in principle the proposal of handing over the Water Works at Pandharpur to the Pandharpur M.C.
- 2) Operation and maintenance of Pandharpur Water Works be handed over to Pandharpur M.C. with effect from 1-9-1989.
- 3) Agreement regarding terms and conditions of transfer should be executed between Board and the Pandharpur M.C. authorities.

4) Cost of assets as on 1-9-89 is to be evaluated and communicated to Govt. within one month along with terms and conditions for transfer of the water works.

5) The staff engaged on operation and maintenance is to be transferred to Pandharpur Municipal Council with effect from 1-9-89 as proposed in the agenda item."

TABLE ITEM NO. 2 :-

Sub : Procurement of P.V.C. Pipes from M/s. MSSIDC Ltd., Bombay.

The case was fully explained by the Member Secretary in detail. The Secretary (Expdt.), F.D., enquired about the necessity of putting this item before the Board and stated that the decision in this respect would have been taken at the level of Member Secretary. It was informed that the CSPO is fixing rate contract for supply of PVC and AC Pipes and CID Joints to Board since last 2 years at the request of Board. The present rate contract awarded to MSSIDC for PVC Pipes has expired on 31-5-1989 and finalisation of new rate contract is pending with CSPO for which tenders are received in April-1989. In this regard Board Members expressed displeasure and pointed out that this may be brought to the notice of CSPO. The previous rate contract was based on cost plus formula with the provision of increasing or decreasing rates depending upon the raw material cost subject to approval by the Price Fixation Committee appointed by Govt. in Industries Deptt., wherein the Chief Engineer (Rural) and FA & CAO of the Board were the members. The present rates of PVC pipes in the market are lower than the MSSIDC rate contract rates (by about 17.5%) due to sudden withdrawal of China from importing PVC resin in international market.

However, MSSIDC is reluctant to reduce their rates of PVC Pipes. Meanwhile, PVC Pipes Manufacturers Association has offered to supply PVC pipes at 17.5% less rates or new rate contract rate being finalised by CSPO, whichever is lower. In view of this, it would be necessary for Board to take further line of action in the matter, as MSSIDC is not reducing their rates in view of advance procurement of PVC resin by them at higher rates. F.A. & C.A.O. clarified that though the PVC resin was purchased by

MSSIDC in advance as per probable requirement of MWSSB and Zilla Parishad, decision to that effect was taken by MSSIDC only and no prior approval of Price Fixation Committee was taken and this position was also pointed out to them by Board. It was pointed out by Member Secretary that it would be difficult for Board to invite tenders at Board level for this item which will be time consuming work and the item is also included by Govt. in Industries Deptt. in the Schedule 'C' of Store Purchase Manual. It was further stated that the procurement for urgent requirements of ARP schemes has remained pending for which grants are to be expended before September, 1989. It was informed that as per decision taken on 29-6-1989 in the meeting at the level of Hon. Minister for U.D. and Chairman, MWSS Board, the Board has placed order on 4th July, 1989, for supply of PVC Pipes on MSSIDC with the condition that the rates payable to MSSIDC would be as per rates to be finalised by CSPO for new rate contract or 17.5% lower rates than old rate contract rate effective from 17-1-89, whichever is lower and present payment be limited to 80% of old rate contract.

After detailed discussion, the following resolution was passed :-

1) "Board approves the proposal of placing further supply orders on MSSIDC on the same terms and conditions as incorporated in the Board's previous Supply Order dated 4-7-1989 for requirements pertaining to ARP schemes till finalisation of new rate contract.

2) The Directorate of Industries, CSPO, Bombay, should be requested to continue the work of fixing rate contracts for PVC pipes, AC Pipes and CID Joints for further requirements of Board.

3) Board also authorises the Member Secretary to take further action in the matter".

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.