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MAHARASHTRA WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD  
"2nd floor, CIDCO Bhavan, (South Wing), Belapur,  
New Bombay 400 614.

NO. MWSSB/Ad.Officer

Date: 28.12.1989

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Draft minutes of 49th Board meeting of Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board held on 21st December, 1989 are placed below for approval please.

*Manubhai*  
28/12/89  
Administrative Officer.

C.A/O. After making necc. corrections, a revised draft of minutes is placed at pp. 31-59/post for approval.

F.A. & C.A.O. *[Signature]*  
24/1/90

M.S. *[Signature]*  
15/2/90.

Min. (U.D.)  
Chairman, MWSSB.

Draft minutes  
Approved  
*[Signature]*  
15/2/90

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① Action to be taken by the sections should be marked in the margin of a.c.

② Smti Kamble A.S. should submit the file of action taken on 1st & 15th of every month.

*[Signature]*  
19/2/90

③ Send the draft-minutes quickly to all members. The minutes should be sent in the name of

A.O., E.S. *[Signature]*  
20/2/90 She Hormae Singh Singh is authorized to attend to  
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# Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Board



CIDCO Bhavan (South Wing),  
Belapur, New Bombay-400 614.

NO.MWSSB/1089/Meeting/49/166/Estt<sup>5</sup>ed

Dated 20 Feb., 1990.

To,

1. The Chairman,  
Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Board,  
(Hon. minister, Urban Development Department,  
Mantralaya, Bombay 32.
2. The Vice Chairman,  
Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Board,  
(Hon. Minister of State Rural  
Development Department,  
Mantralaya, Bombay 32.
3. Shri Harnam Singh,  
Joint Secretary,  
Urban Development Department,  
Mantralaya, Bombay 400 032.
4. The Secretary,  
Rural Development Department,  
Mantralaya, Bombay 400 032.
5. The Secretary, (Exp.),  
Finance Department,  
Mantralaya, Bombay 400 032.
6. Shri S.T. Deokule,  
Secretary,  
Irrigation Department,  
Mantralaya, Bombay 400 032.
7. Shri Mohan Vasant Gupte,  
Member,  
Corporator,  
Thane Municipal Corporation,  
Thane.
8. Shri B.V. Rotkar,  
502, Aseem Cop. Housing Society,  
Jayant Palkar Marg, Worli,  
Bombay 400 018.
9. Shri V.D. Desai,  
41/42, Shitala Darshan, 4th floor,  
Plot No.375, Ledy Jamshetha Road,  
Mahim 400 016.
10. Shri S.S. Patwardhan,  
Member Secretary,  
Maharashtra Water Supply  
and Sewerage Board,  
Bombay 400 021.

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Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage  
Board held on 21st December, 1989.....

# Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Board



CIDCO Bhavan (South Wing),  
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Dated

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Sir,

1/. I am directed to send herewith a copy of the draft minutes of 49th meeting of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board held on 21st December, 1989.

2/- It is requested that your comments if any on the draft minutes may please be sent, so that the same can be confirmed in the next meeting of the Board.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

( L.S. Kamble )  
Administrative Officer.

Encl: Draft Minutes.

Copy with a copy of draft minutes forwarded with compliments to :-

1. The Municipal Commissioner,  
Thane, Municipal Corporation,  
Thane.
2. Shri M.J. Garde,  
Member,  
Barapather,  
Arajit Building,  
Dhule.
3. Advisor of the Government of India,  
Central Public Health Engineering & Sanitation  
Organisation, Ministry of Urban Development,  
New Delhi.

Copy with a copy of the draft minutes forwarded to :-

1. The Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer,  
M.W.S.S.Board, New Bombay.
2. The Chief Engineer (Project/Urban/Rural) M.W.S.S.Board  
Bombay.
3. The Chief Administrative Officer, M.W.S.S.Board, Bombay.  
Copy for information to :-
1. The P.A. to Member Secretary, M.W.S.S.Board, Bombay.
2. The Superintending Engineer (HQ), M.W.S.S.Board,  
New Bombay.

# Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Board



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Dated

3. Superintending Engineer, C.P.D.M. New Bombay.
4. The Dy. Chief Accounts Officer (I/II/III), M.W.S.S. Board, New Bombay.
5. The Officer on Special Duty ( M.Cell) New Bombay.
6. The Executive Engineer (Urban/L.C.S/Rural/T.M.) M.W.S.S. Board, New Bombay.
7. The Executive Engineer (T.Cell) Bombay 400 021.
8. The Administrative Officer, New Bombay.

They are requested to take follow up action immediately.

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Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board, held on 21.12.1989 at Mantralaya

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49th meeting of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board was held on 21.12.1989 at 10.30 A.M. in Mantralaya, Dr. Ishaq Jamkhanwala, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development and Chairman of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board presided over the meeting. Following were present in the meeting.

1. Dr. Ishaq Jamkhanwala, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development and Chairman of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board.
2. Shri Panditrao Daund, Hon'ble Minister of State for Rural Development and Vice-Chairman of the Maharashtra Water and Sewerage Board.
3. Shri V. Ranganathan, Secretary, Rural Development Department, Member.
4. Shri A. Dasgupta, Secretary (Expenditure), Finance Department, Member.
5. Shri S.T. Deokule, Secretary, Irrigation Department, Member.
6. Shri Mohan Vasant Gupte, Corporator, Thane Municipal Corporation, Thane, Member..
7. Shri B.V. Rotkar, Member.
8. Shri V. D. Desai, Member
9. Shri S.S.Patwardhan, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

Shri Harnam Singh, Joint Secretary, Urban Development attended on behalf of Shri D.K. Jain, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, Member.

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

1. Shri M.B. Chobe, Municipal Commissioner, Thane Municipal Corporation, Thane,
2. Adviser to Govt. of India, Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation, Ministry of Urban Development, New Delhi,
3. Shri M.J. Garde, Member , Zilla Parishad, Dhule.

1.2 The followig Officers of Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board also attended the meetig as invitees.

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

The proceedings of the meeting are as under:

The Member Secretary introduced the new Members Sarvashri S.T. Deokule, Secretary, Irrigation Deptmt, Mohan Gupte, Carporator, Thane, B.V. Rotkar and V.D. Desai, to Chairman. Chairman welecomed them as well as other members present. Member Secretary also thanked the outgoing Members saying that they have rendered very usuful services to the Board.

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ITEM NO.1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 48th Meeting of Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board held on 8.8.1989.

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The Member Secretary read out the letter No.Nil dated 17.10.1989 from Secretary (Exp.), Finance Department and stated that while confirming the minutes of 48th meeting necessary corrections have been carried out in Items No.1, 3, 5 and 6 of the 48th Board meeting. The minutes were then confirmed.

ITEM NO.2

Action taken/initiated or being taken on the actionable points in the minutes of 48th meeting of the Board held on 8th August, 1989.

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The Member Secretary stated that the action on the actionable points has been taken as shown in the last column of the statement appended to the above item. He further mentioned that following are the important actionable points.

- a) Handing over of Pune and Khadki Cantt. Water Works and Bhairoba Pumping Station. These <sup>water</sup> works have been handed over for operation and maintenance to Pune Municipal Corporation. The agreement to that effect has also been executed with Pune Municipal Corporation and Govt. informed accordingly.
- b) Augmentation to Khamgaon Water Supply Scheme - The report has been submitted to Govt.
- c) Fixing of Agency for Construction of Morbe Dam - The work order has been issued to Agency on 5.10.1989 for Construction of dam.

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- d) Handing over of Pandharpur Water Works for operation and maintenance to Pandharpur Municipal Council - The Water Works has been handed over to Pandharpur Municipal Council on 2.9.1989 alongwith the staff. Hon'ble Minister (Urban Development.) and Chairman was also present on this occasion.

### ITEM NO.3

#### Open Market Borrowing Programme for the year 1989-90

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The Member Secretary explained that the Open Market Borrowing is raised every year as per Govt. policy and for the amount sanctioned by the Govt. The ~~Open Market Borrow~~<sup>O.M.B.</sup> is utilised for financing Urban Schemes and to meet the gaps between admissible loan component of Urban Schemes and actual receipt of loan from L.I.C. He further explained that the L.I.C. sanctions loan on sliding scale i.e. 66.6% on first One crore of the gross cost of the scheme, 50% for the next One Crore, 40% for the next Three crores and 25% on the balance gross cost of the scheme. Thus, the loan sanctioned by the L.I.C. is not sufficient to meet the loan component of the Urban Schemes, particularly schemes of 'A' Class Municipal Councils/Corporations and where the cost of the schemes is higher.

The Secretary, Rural Development Department wanted to know, as to why ~~Open Market Borrow~~<sup>O.M.B.</sup> is not allocated to Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes. He further stated that for MNP Programme the Govt. obtains L.I.C. Loan. However, this amount is not sufficient to execute the MNP Programme in the state. He, therefore, urged that some portion of ~~Open Market Borrow~~<sup>O.M.B.</sup> loan may be allocated to Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes.

Shri V.D. Desai, Member, wanted to know the rate of interest, and repayment period for ~~Open Market Borrow~~<sup>O.M.B.</sup> and L.I.C. Loan. The Member Secretary replied that the rate of interest for ~~Open Market Borrow~~<sup>O.M.B.</sup> Loan is 13.5% and repayment period was 10 years till recently but Govt. has now increased it to 20 years. In the case of L.I.C. <sup>Plan</sup> Loan, the rate of interest is 10.25% and it is repayable in 25 years including moratorium period of 3 years. It was thus clear



<sup>O.M.B.</sup>  
that the ~~Open Market Borrow~~ loan is costlier.

The Secretary, Finance Department mentioned that ~~Open Market Borrow~~ <sup>O.M.B.</sup> is also State Plan allocation and is costlier. It is, therefore, not possible to allocate it for Rural Schemes, since the cost of production of water will be higher, and the Rural population may not afford to pay the water charges, while in Urban areas the capacity of people to pay is relatively higher. It would, therefore, be an expensive proposition to utilise ~~Open Market Borrow~~ <sup>O.M.B.</sup> Loan for Rural Schemes. The Member Secretary, however, agreed that a proposal will be sent to Govt. for allocating additional ~~Open Market Borrow~~ <sup>O.M.B.</sup> loan for Rural Schemes.

After the above discussion, the Board approved the proposal and following resolution was passed.

#### RESOLUTION

"Resolved that the Board hereby requests the Govt. of Maharashtra, Urban Development Department to permit the Board to raise the ~~Open Market Borrowing~~ <sup>O.M.B.</sup> loan not exceeding Rs. 1355 lakhs (Rupees thirteen crores and fifty-five lakhs only) during 1989-90, on the terms and conditions specified by the Govt. vide Finance Department, letter No.LNF 1089/CR.1988-89/ Arthopay, dated 26.9.1989, under Govt. guarantee vide Sections 31 and 33 of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board Act, 1976".

#### ITEM NO.4

Plan Loan Assistance from L.I.C. of India for financing Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes during the current financial year 1989-90

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The Member Secretary explained that during 1989-90, a provision of Rs. 18.54 crores exists for the Plan Loan Assistance from L.I.C. for financing Urban Schemes. However, the Board is in a position to lift loan of Rs.11 crores only during the current financial year and the entire provision could not be utilised as administrative approval of Govt. has not been received for some of the schemes, which were sent to Govt. and also because concerned Municipalities have not paid the popular contribution and the work on such schemes could not be started.

Shri B.V. Rotkar, Member stated that this is a serious situation as, on the one hand we have got unutilised provisions, while in some cases the schemes are required to be completed urgently, but the available provisions could not be utilised. The Chairman explained that non-payment of popular contribution by Municipalities is a vicious circle. We have already forwarded a proposal to Central Govt. to exempt 'C' Class Municipalities from paying popular contribution and also grant loan against popular contribution to deserving Municipalities to Finance Department. However, this was not approved by the Finance Department uptill now, On this, Secy. Finance Department explained that the views of the Finance Department are consistent on this issue and the Govt. will not allow the Board to grant loan against popular contribution out of O. M. B.

He was of the opinion that Class 'A' Municipal Councils have wider resource base and at least these councils should pay. Even those councils, which were financially better earlier, are now not in a position to manage their affairs. He further stated that Municipal Councils are expected to contribute popular contribution in cash and if this is not insisted, other Municipal Councils who had paid the popular contribution will also represent for granting loan against popular contribution and there would be increasing lethargy to raise their own resources. For this reason, Finance Department is not agreeable to the proposal of advancing loan against popular contribution.

Since O. M. B. is State Plan allocation, it should be used as bridge finance. If the proposal is accepted, it would have far-reaching effects, on Govt. resources, and Govt. will have to revise its policy. On this, Shri B.V. Rotkar, Member stated that, if we do not help Municipal Councils to come out of difficulties, plan funds would remain unutilised. The loan is to be given only after careful consideration, and on selective basis, Shri Desai, Member, however shared the views expressed by Secretary, Finance Department as it is the obligatory function of the Municipal Councils to supply water, and hence loan against popular contribution will not be a good financing. Chairman, however, observed that the entire concept has to be studied and for the time being a life jacket has to be provided to some the local bodies. It is also necessary to differentiate between short - term and long - term proposals.

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Vice-Chairman wanted to know, whether we have at any time examined the reasons behind arrears. According to him, there are some Municipal Councils whose financial position is good, but due to their mismanagement they are not paying the arrears. Chairman cited some examples where Govt. had taken steps to improve the functioning of the Councils, particularly in respect of collection of Octroi duty. Shri Mohan Gupte, Member stated that Thane Municipal Corporation has tried to increase its revenue, but dues of the Board are not paid. In some areas of the city, recoveries of water rates are not made.

Shri Rotkar reiterated his stand, that during emergency, large funds are made available. On the same analogy, there is no harm if Govt. assists the local bodies as proposed by the Board. Secretary, Finance Department was, however, of the opinion that the Board should not take a limited view since there is a possibility of exception becoming a rule, even if the Councils revise the house tax by revaluation of houses. Chairman was of the view that when Govt. helps the rural sector by waiving of loan liability, support prices etc. the urban sector also deserves similar financial support.

Joint Secretary, Urban Development Department observed that though the position of 'A' Class Municipal Councils is somewhat good, it goes on deteriorating further while the 'C' Class Councils are no better than villages and it would not be possible for them to operate the water supply schemes. It has, therefore, to be seen whether piped water supply schemes should be proposed for 'C' Class Councils or measures like wells, bore should be proposed. Chairman suggested to increase the grants to the councils.

As this stage, Secretary, Rural Development Department mentioned that in Govt. of India, it is the practice to include towns having population upto 20,000 in Rural Water Supply and grants could be had from Rural Development Department of Govt. of India. Member Secretary informed that such proposals have already been prepared by Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board and are under consideration of Govt.

The Member Secretary explained that the Board is sandwiched between policy aspects and hard facts. He observed that the Board is executing two types of Urban Schemes namely, Board Schemes and Municipal Schemes. In respect of Board Schemes also the Municipal Council is required to pay 10% popular contribution. However, due to nonreceipt of popular contribution the cost of the scheme goes up and Board as well as Govt. has to bear additional burden of loan liabilities and G.I.A., respectively. The Secretary, Finance Department pointed out that the drawal of loan before its actual requirement is not good management. The loan should be drawn, only when it is actually required. After the above discussion, the Board approved the proposal and passed the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION:**

"Resolved that the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board hereby agrees to raise the loan from the L.I.C. of India, of the amount not exceeding Rs. 1100 lakhs (Rupees Eleven Crores only) for such schemes and on the terms and conditions as laid down by the LIC of India and authorises its Member Secretary to obtain Govt. sanction and guarantee thereto. The Board also authorises Member Secretary/Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer to execute the agreement with the LIC of India by affixing the common seal of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board."

**ITEM NO.5**

Annual Report for 1988-89 of Maharashtra  
Water Supply and Sewerage Board.  
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The Member Secretary explained in brief the details of the Annual Report. On this, Secretary Rural Development Department pointed out that the Annual Report does not give the status of various schemes under execution. The report should at a glance draw a picture of the progress of on-going schemes, pointing out the physical performance, and other details such as target date of completion, reasons for delay, etc. This information is not available readily and when a L.A.Q. is to be replied detailed information is required to be collected. The Member Secretary assured that Quarterly

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progress reports will be prepared hereafter, Shri Desai, Member, sought clarifications on some points such as objectives of the Board, Low Cost Sanitation Programme, etc. He requested to make available technical information pertaining to Technology Mission, Mini Mission etc. The Member Secretary gave the clarification on the points raised by Shri Desai and agreed to furnish the technical information separately.

Shri Rotkar, suggested that since this report is widely circulated, it should contain some photographs of important Water Works, etc. and should be presented well. He remarked that the Board has maintained good financial discipline and the only handicap is arrears of Board dues.

After these discussions, the Board approved the report and following resolution was passed.

**RESOLUTION:**

"Resolved that the Board approves the Annual Report for the year 1988-89 and authorises the Member Secretary to forward the same to Government for placing before the Houses of Legislature".

**ITEM NO.6**

Annual Accounts for the Year 1989-89

The Member Secretary explained that the overall working of the Board for the year 1988-89, resulted in a surplus of Rs.246.35 lakhs. After appropriating sum of Rs. 133.33 lakhs towards sinking funds, the net surplus works out to Rs. 113.02 lakhs against the net surplus of Rs. 51.31 lakhs during the year 1987-88. The cumulative surplus to the end of 1988-89 is Rs. 551.42 lakhs. Shri Rotkar, Member while appreciating the good financial management in the Board, suggested that since the Board is maintaining 62 Water Works and incurring expenditure over Rs 46 Crores, there is a need for separate post of Chief Engineer, for these Water Works with a complete unit. This will save large amount of expenditure and also increase efficiency of Water Works. The Member Secretary

agreed to examine the suggestion. Secretary, Finance Department enquired about the system of accounting in respect of dues from Municipalities. The ~~Finance~~ <sup>Financial</sup> Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer replied that popular contribution is shown on Cash basis and other items are shown on accrual basis. The Secretary, Finance Department enquired about the method of depreciation and investment of depreciation reserves. It was explained to him that the Board is following straight line method of depreciation as per instructions of Govt. and is investing the reserves with Nationalised Banks. The Secretary, Finance Department, suggested that the ~~(Finance~~ <sup>Financial</sup> ~~Manager~~ <sup>Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer</sup> should find out more profitable methods of investing funds like depreciation reserves so that cash flow position would improve. Member Secretary assured to take a review in this respect.

After the above discussions, the Board adopted the Accounts for 1988-89 and the following resolution was passed.

**RESOLUTION:**

1. Resolved that the accounts for the year 1988-89 be adopted.
- 2, It is further resolved that the accounts for the year 1988-89 be authenticated by the Chairman and the Member Secretary on behalf of the Board.
3. Further, resolved that the minor corrections in the adopted accounts which do not materially alter the working result brought out in the accounts, may be carried out under the signature of the Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer and the Member Secretary.
4. **Resolved that**
  - i) A sum of Rs. 687.26 lakhs be appropriated towards Depreciation Fund.
  - ii) A net sum of Rs. 36.31 lakhs may be appropriated towards Pension Contribution Fund.
  - iii) A sum of Rs. 133.33 lakhs may be appropriated towards Sinking Fund.

ITEM NO.7

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Proposal for acquisition of land for office building and store at Gadchiroli, Dist. Gadchiroli

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The Member Secretary read out the letter dated 29.7.1988 received from Collector, Gadchiroli and stated that the Board proposes to aquire 1.12 Hectares of land in Gadchiroli at a provisional cost of Rs. 1.08 lakhs.

Secretary, Finance Department enquired whether there are any offices located at Gadchiroli, and there are any plans for expansion. The Member Secretary replied that one Sub-Division is located at Gadchiroli, and since this place has been declared as District place, we may have to create a Division. Vice-Chairman stated that the cost appears high and enquired whether there are any arrears from Gadchiroli Municipal Council. The Member Secretary replied that there are no arrears and since the land is being acquired through Collector, the cost can not be considered as high.

After above discussion, the item was approved and following resolution was passed.

**RESOLUTION:**

The Board approves the proposal of acquisition of land measuring about 1.12 Hectares of survey of Number 343 of Mauza Visapur of Gadchiroli on the terms and conditions stated in the Collector's letter dated 29.7.1988. The Board also approves payment of Rs. 1.00 lakhs to Collector, Gadchiroli as initial payment for the advance possession of the land.

The expenditure shall be met from the approved budget provision under the head "Construction/Purchase of Offices Building, Staff quarters etc." for the current financial Year. The Board further authorises the Member Secretary to take necessary action in the matter."

ITEM NO.8

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Incentive/Encouragement to the M.W.S.S.Board  
Engineers to Join India Water Works Association.  
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The Member Secretary narrated in brief, the background of the item, and explained that under the present system, one can become Member of the Indian Water Works Association on his own. However, in Madhya Pradesh, there is a provision in the P.W. Manual for payment of 50% of the fees by Govt. and balance 50% by the official if he wants to be a Member of Indian Water Works Association. By joining the Association, an officer can have the benefit of experience of all engineers. The Association is doing very good work. Vice-Chairman enquired whether in other undertakings of Maharashtra State there is any such provision of paying 50% of the fees by the office. Secretary Finance Department expressed apprehension that Jr. Engineers, may not be able to profit by becoming members. He suggested that the Board should become a Member of such institution and circulate the material received from such institutions. Technical material could also be obtained from other professional bodies and technical departments. Only a few representatives of the Board should be deputed to participate. Member Secretary explained that the suggestion is of partial reimbursement of fees only and if such incentive is given, it will be utilised by the engineers and they would get acquainted with recent developments and update their knowledge. Vice-Chairman enquired whether there was any increase in the Board staff during recent times. Member Secretary replied that there was no increase in staff of various Circles except Nhava Sheva Project Circle. Vice-Chairman expressed concern about show-cause notices issued to Dy. Engineers /Executive Engineers for making appointments during ban on recruitment. He said that they should not be penalised, since they had made appointments in the interest of work. Secretary, Rural Development Department pointed out that, while handing over completed rural water supply schemes, Board Officers were insisting that Zilla Parishad's should take over full complement of staff engaged by Board on these schemes. He was of the opinion that only the staff required by the Zilla Parishad's may be transferred.



After brief discussion, it was decided that the proposal be brought for consideration in the next meeting after ascertaining the position from similar organisations as suggested by Shri B.V. Rotkar, Member.

**ITEM NO.9**

Reduction in the rate of  
delayed payment charges  
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The Member Secretary explained the reasons as to why this proposal has been brought before the Board. Secretary, Finance Department stated that 18% D.P.C. were worked out on certain economics and these should not be changed. He further enquired about the procedure followed by other organisations such as Maharashtra State Electricity Board, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, Bombay Electricity Supply & Transport, etc. It was agreed that the proposal would be examined in the light of the procedure followed by other institutions particularly charging of D.P.C. rates and its procedure of recovery. After examination, if necessary, the proposal will again be brought before the Board for consideration.

**ITEM NO.10**

Grant of H.R.A./C.L.A. to the Staff Working  
on Balinaga Water Works as per Kolhapur City.  
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The Item was discussed and in view of the objections raised by Secretary, Finance Department, it was not approved.

**ITEM NO. 11**

Payment of ad-hoc Bonus to the Employees of the  
M.W.S.S.Board for the financial year 1988-89  
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The Item was approved and the following resolution, was passed.

RESOLUTION:

The Board approves and ratifies the action taken to sanction payment of the ex-gratia amount equal to 17 days' emoluments to the employees of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the financial year 1988-89, subject to the terms and conditions laid down in the Govt. Resolution No. Bonus 1189/155/Seva.9, dated 16th October, 1989.

It is further resolved that in future payment of ex-gratia amount equal to the amount of bonus sanctioned by the State Govt. to their employees should be made applicable to the Board employees on the same terms and conditions of payment as may decided by the State Govt. from year to year.

ITEM NO.12

Securing Office Accommodation in Fort area  
in Bombay for Offices of Chief Engineers of  
Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Board on rental basis  
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The Member Secretary explained the reasons, as to why Board is securing office accommodation in Fort area, Secretary, Rural Development Department enquired about the accommodation which the Board was occupying at Grant Road and wanted to know whether we have any right in the old accommodation. The Member Secretary explained that this building is very old and is to be demolished and hence the Board has vacated the accommodation. However, the Board has reserved its right of occupation when the new building will be ready.

*Board gave its consent for the proposal.*  
~~Since the proposal was only for information, no resolution was passed.~~

ITEM NO.13

Recovery of outstanding dues from Municipal  
Corporation/Councils position of arrears.  
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The Member Secretary explained the position of outstanding dues as on 31st March, 1989 and stated that thanks to the directive given by the Honorable Minister for Urban Development in the follow-up meeting held with the representatives of the Municipal Corporation/Municipal Councils against, whom dues over Rs. 1/- Crores were

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outstanding, the Board succeeded in improving the recovery position. The keen interest taken by the Secretary, Urban Development Department ( Shri Satish Tripathi) also substantially supported the Board's efforts for the recovery.

As against a recovery of Rs. 14.09 crores effected in first Six months of 1988-89, the Board could recover Rs. 24.16 Crores in the first Six months of 1989-89.

The meeting expressed satisfaction on the efforts made by all in the matter of improving the recovery position.

The Secretary, Rural Development Department, suggested that this is a chronic problem and accumulated dues may be cutting into the resource position of the Board. It will, therefore, be advantageous if further follow-up meetings are held with the representatives of these 16 specified municipalities so that a further progress of recovery could be achieved. He further pointed out that all these efforts have resulted only in reduction in growth of arrears and we may have to concentrate on the recovery from Municipal Councils whose arrears are heavy. He further added that targets should be fixed and reviewed for the performance of the Recovery Officer. The Urban Development Department should also increase the percentage of recovery from non-statutory grants payable to Municipal Councils from 50% to 75%. The suggestion was accepted for implementation. Member Secretary explained that the Board has no powers to recover the dues and we can only persuade the Municipal Councils to pay the dues.

Secretary (Expenditure), Finance Department pointed out that, when there is a provision in the Act to recover the Board dues as arrears of land revenue, why the Board should approach Govt. Member Secretary explained that Board has already approached the Govt. for allowing it to recover its dues as arrears of land revenue and the reply from the Govt. is awaited.

After the above discussions, the Board noted the action taken so far for recovery of the Board dues.

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