

Draft minutes of 51st meeting of the Board held on 14.8.1990 are placed at pages 1-19 for approval.

2. The next [52nd] meeting of the Board is proposed to be held on 24.9.1990, especially for discussing the report of Merani Committee.

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Chief Admn. Officer. 12/9/90

Member Secretary.

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Minister [UD]
And
Chairman, MWSSB.

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Draft minutes of the 51st meeting of the
Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Board
held on 14th August, 1990.

The 51st meeting of the MWSSBoard was held at 3.00 P.M. on 14th August, 1990 in Mantralaya. Shri Shushilkumar Shinde, Hon. Minister for Urban Development and Chairman, MWSSBoard presided over the meeting. Following were present in the meeting.

1. Shri Shushilkumar Shinde - Hon'ble Minister for U.D. and Chairman, M.W.S. & S. Board.
2. Shri V. Ranganathan, - Member Secy., R.D.D.
3. Shri Satish Tripathi, - Member Secy., U.D.D.
4. Shri M. B. Chobe, - Member Municipal Commissioner, Thane Municipal Corpn.
5. Shri B.V. Rotkar - Member
6. Shri S.S. Patwardhan, - Member Secy. Member Secy.

Shri Shivajirao Shendge, Hon'ble Minister of State for Rural Development and Vice-Chairman could not attend the meeting. The following members had intimated their inability to attend the meeting and leave of absence was granted to them.

1. Shri S.T. Deokule, Secy., Irrigation Deptt.
2. Shri Mohan V. Gupte, Mayor, Thane Municipal Corpn.
3. Shri V.D. Desai
4. Adviser, Central P.H. and Environmental Engg. Organisation, Ministry of U.D., New Delhi.

The following officers of Govt./Board also attended the meeting as invitees.

1. Shri Harnam Singh, Joint Secy., U.D.D.
2. Shri Y.S. Sonawani, Chief Admn. Officer.
3. Shri R.M. Sagane, Chief Engr. (Rural/Urban)
4. Shri S.D. Armal, Chief Engr. (Project)
5. Shri V.T. Ambekar, F.A. & C.A.O.

The proceedings of the meeting are as under :-

The Chairman welcomed the members at the 51st meeting of the Board. The Member Secy. stated that Shri M.J. Garde ceased to be a member of the Board, since his membership was in the capacity of a member of Dhule Z.P. and the Z.P. stood dissolved. The Member Secy. further stated that Shri Garde had made valuable contribution during his tenure of membership. The Board decided to place on record its gratitude for the valuable services rendered by Shri Garde and authorised the Member Secy., to communicate the same to him.

Member Secy. also informed the Board that Shri Anupam Dasgupta, Secy. (Expdr), F.D. had written to say that he was not attending the meeting, since as per recent decision, officers of F.D. should not function on Board of Directors of State Public undertakings.

ITEM NO.1 :- Confirmation of Minutes of the 50th meeting of M.W.S. & S.Board held on 31-3-1990.

The Member Secy. stated that no modifications were suggested to the minutes of the meeting circulated earlier.

Shri B. V. Rotkar, Member drew attention to Item No.13 regarding maintenance of regional water supply scheme for 21 villages in Akola District and stated that a paradoxical situation had arisen as the Board is compelled to maintain the scheme at the instance of Govt. However, neither the Govt. nor the Z.P. is paying the maintenance charges. The Board's ^{funds} ~~fees~~ over Rs. 16.0 lakhs have been locked up. The Member Secy. stated that outstanding dues over Rs.89.00 crores are recoverable from local bodies. The Secy., U.D.D. explained that Govt. has taken a decision to recover the Board's ^{dues} ~~decision~~ in a phased manner ^{from} ~~of~~ the non-statutory grants of the local bodies concerned. The Chairman replied that the proceedings of the meeting on this item have been correctly minuted. He informed the members that Govt. was not happy about the quality of work of schemes - especially Rural Water Supply Schemes - executed by the Board. There is an impression that Board officers do not properly supervise the works to ensure the required quality. He suggested that Secy., U.D.D. and Secy., R.D.D. should sit together and find out ways and means to remedy the situation. Secy., R.D.D. expressed a view that deterrent action needs to be taken against erring

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officers. The Chairman then stated that he would request the Chief Minister to convene a meeting for solving the problems of the Board.

Municipal Commissioner, Thane Municipal Corpn. suggested that schemes executed by the Board should be inspected and checked by an independent body, before they are handed over to local bodies. Shri Rotkar, pointed out that Govt. has already appointed Merani Committee for examining the working of the Board and its report is expected shortly. Member Secy. explained that inspection by an independent body has been arranged in the case of Tuljapur Water Supply Scheme. He pointed out that the proposal of the Board to set up a Vigilance-cum-Quality Control Unit was pending with Govt. for the last 3 years. Joint Secy., U.D.D. expressed a view that the Board can draft some officers and staff from the existing sanctioned posts for undertaking the work. Besides, when the proposals for creation of additional posts are referred to the Finance Deptt., it raises ^athe point that the Board has not completed review of the existing posts. The Chairman agreed that there is some substance in the point raised by ^{the}Municipal Commissioner, Thane. The Member Secy. pointed out that the report of Merani Committee may throw light on this aspect. The Chairman suggested that/

/a special Board meeting should be called only to discuss the Merani Committee report.

After these deliberations, the Board approved and confirmed the minutes of the 50th meeting held on 31-3-1990 and passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION:

"Resolved that the minutes of the 50th meeting of the Board are approved and confirmed."

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ITEM No.2 :- Action taken, initiated or being taken up on the actionable points in the Minutes of 50th Meeting of the Board held on 31-3-1990.

Member Secy. explained some of the important points and action taken/initiated on them. Secy., R.D.D. then drew attention to the concluding sentence in para 1 of minutes of item No.7 & 8 which reads as under and stated that this point has not been touched in the statement of ACTION TAKEN.

"Member Secy., however, agreed that the review proposed by the Secy., R.D.D. will be taken whenever water works are handed over." Member Secy. agreed that it was an omission and assured that the review as proposed by the Secy., R.D.D. would be taken in future whenever water works are handed over to local bodies.

ITEM NO.3 :- Lifting of the loan of Rs.261.65 lakhs from Housing and Urban Development Corporation, Bombay for Low Cost Sanitation Programme.

Member Secy. explained that HUDCO has sanctioned the loan of Rs.261.65 lakhs for implementation of 'LOW COST SANITATION PROGRAMME'. As per Govt. directives, this programme is being executed by the concerned local bodies and the Board only acts as an UNBRELLA ^{Agency} for distribution of grants received from the Govt. and for raising and servicing of loans. The Chairman wanted to know the list of Municipalities to whom this loan has been sanctioned by HUDCO. Member Secy. agreed that in future the list of beneficiary Municipalities will be attached to the proposal.

The Board thereafter approved the proposal and passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION:-

"The Board hereby approves the borrowing of Rs.261.65 lakhs from HUDCO for Low Cost Sanitation Programme for the 21 towns with all the conditions attached thereto and also authorises Member Secy./Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer to approach the HUDCO for the loan".

ITEM No.4 Recruitment Rules for various posts in the Finance and Account Wing of the Board.

Secy., R.D.D. expressed a view that there was too much emphasis on promotion in the proposed rules and there was a scope for direct recruitment in class I posts as is done in Govt. F.A. & C.A.O. replied that the rules were drafted on the lines of the existing recruitment rules of the Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries. The No. of posts in Class I are very few and it may not be feasible to resort to direct recruitment. Member Secy. clarified that, after the draft rules were referred to Govt. in U.D.D., they would be examined by the GAD and L & JD. The Chairman remarked that, since the draft rules are going to be scrutinised in detail by Govt., they may be cleared. The Board then approved the proposal and passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION:

"1" Resolved that the Board approves the draft recruitment rules for various posts in the Finance and Accounts wing of the Board and they may be submitted to Govt. for approval.

2. The Board also authorises the Member Secy. to take followup action in the matter."

ITEM No.5 Pay fixation in the revised scale in respect of S/Shri A.A. Vaze, P.H. Parmeshwaran and A.D. Churhe, appointed as Sr. A.O./I.A.O. in the Board's services..

Member Secy. briefly explained the background of the proposal. Joint Secy., U.D.D. stated that the case is pending in his Deptt. and it will be examined in the light of the Board decision. Thereafter, the Board approved the proposal and passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION :

" Board approves the prioposal of fixing the initial pay in the revised pay-scale of the posts of Sr. Accounts Officer/Internal Audit Officer of Rs.2200-75-2800-EB-100-4000 from the date of appointment of the following officers.

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Sr. No.	Name	Date of appointment	pay to be revised from the date of appointment.
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1.	Shri A.D. Churhe	18.7.1986	Rs.2,800/-
2.	Shri P.H. Parmeshwaran	1.4.1986	Rs.2,900/-
3.	Shri A.A. Vaze	1.4.1986	Rs.2,425/-

2. Board further agrees to authorise Member Secy./ Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer to take further action in the matter.

Item No.6 Revision of Pay-scale of the post of Divisional Accountants Working in the field offices.

Member Secy. explained the necessity of revision of pay-scale of the Dnl. Accounts in the Board. He emphasised that, considering the duties and responsibilities of the posts of Dnl. Acctt. and the pay-scales of their counter parts in Organisations like MIDC, MHADA, etc., an upward revision was necessary. The Board then approved the proposal and passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION:

"Board approves the proposal of upgrading the pay-scale of qualified Divisional Accountants from Rs.1400-2600 to Rs.1640-2900 with effect from 1.1.1986.

The Board further authorises the Member Secretary to approach the Govt. in the matter for getting the above revised pay-scale/approved by Govt."

ITEM No.7 1. Opening of Bank Account with Scheduled Banks.

2. Keeping temporary surplus funds to deposit A/c of Scheduled Banks.

The Chairman enquired why it was necessary to entrust the work to scheduled banks. The F.A & C.A.O. explained the background of the proposal. The Chairman

suggested that, since there is no urgency, consideration of the item may be postponed. Accordingly the consideration of this item was postponed.

ITEM No.8 Revision of Water rates for the year 90-91 in respect of Board water works in Non-Project area and in respect of Nhava-Sheva Water Supply Scheme.

The Member Secy. explained that this proposal was placed before the Board in 50th meeting held on 31-3-1990. In the meeting, the Secy., Urban Development Deptt. desired that a comprehensive note on the financial position of the Board including various alternatives for considering the revision of water rates be put forth before the Board. In the meantime, the financial position of the Board was discussed by the Cabinet on 16-4-1990. The issue ^{that} remained to be discussed was only about revision of water rates. Had the proposal been postponed, the Board would have suffered a heavy loss. A note was, therefore, submitted to the Chairman, and after his approval, the revised rates in respect of non-project area and Nhava Sheva were made effective from 1-6-1990.

After brief discussion, the Board accorded ex-post-facto sanction and passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION:

"Resolved that the revisions in rates in non-project area and in respect of Nhava-Sheva Water Supply Scheme w.e.f. 1st June, 1990 are approved.

Board also approved the action taken by the M.S. in revising the rates from 1-6-1990 in anticipation of Board's approval."

ITEM No.9 Revision of Pay-scales in respect of nine categories of posts held by employees working on Amaravati Water Supply Scheme.

After a brief discussion, the Board approved the proposal and passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION.

i) The Board has noted that, in accordance with the decision of High Court of Bombay, Nagpur Bench, 110

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employees of the Amaravati Municipal Corporation have been permanently absorbed in the service of the Board w.e.f. 9.8.1983.

ii) The Board approves the proposal of revision of existing pay-scales of certain categories of these employees as an interim arrangement as detailed in the accompanying statement 'A' and authorises the Member Secy. to approach Govt. for obtaining necessary approval."

ITEM No.10 Audit Report for the year 1987-88.

Secy., R.D.D. expressed a view that it is difficult for the Board to go into detail in the remarks raised in the Audit report and the work can be profitably entrusted to a small committee. The F.A. & C.A.O. replied that the audit objections mostly related to procedural matters and they have been complied with. The Chairman suggested that a Committee comprising of Shri B.V. Rotkar, Secy., R.D.D., Jt. Secy., U.D.D. and Member Secy. of the Board could study the audit report and action taken by the Board thereon. The Board accepted the suggestion of the Chairman and passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION:

" The Board appoints a committee comprising of the following -

to go through the Audit report for the year 1987-88 and its compliance and to submit its report to the Board.

Secretary, R.D.D.	- Chairman.
Joint Secy., U.D.D.	- Member
Shri B.V. Rotkar	- Member
Member Secy., MWSSB	- Member Secy.

ITEM No.11 Grant of Loan from Open Market Borrowing (OMB) to the Municipalities for financing Urban Schemes.

Member Secy., explained the item and stated that the purpose was to bring on par the borrowing and lending terms of the OMB loan so as to avoid any financial burden on the Board. The Secy., U.D.D. felt that the margin of 2% charged by the Board on loan was

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excessive. The F.A. & C.A.O. replied that, out of the margin, 1% is of Govt. ^{guarantee} grant and it is applicable in all cases of Govt. ^{guarantee} grant. After a brief discussion, further consideration of ^{the} item was postponed.

ITEM No.12 : Granting of Special Allowance to -
i) Executive Engr. and Professor
ii) Deputy Engineer
iii) Assistant Engineer,
Grade-II/Sectional Engr
iv) Junior Engineer.
in the Research & Training Centre, Nasik.

Member Secy., explained that SPECIAL ALLOWANCE sanctioned to officers in the R & T Centre, Nasik, need^{ed} to be revised because of the recent revision of pay-scales. However, he apprehended that Govt. may not agree to payment of the special allowance at rates higher than SPECIAL PAY sanctioned for the respective posts. The Chairman remarked that it is the policy of Govt. to keep financial benefits ^{to staff} Special working in the State Public sector undertakings on par ^{with} ~~that~~ those admissible to State Govt. employees. The Board then passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION :

"Resolved that the SPECIAL ALLOWANCE admissible to the following posts in the R & T centre, Nasik may be revised as under, w.e.f. 1/9/1988.

- a) Ex. Engr. and Professor, Rs. 300 per month
- b) Dy. Engr. Rs. 200/- per month.
- c) Jr. Engr. Rs. 125/- per month.

2) Special allowance at the rate of 200 per month may be granted ~~to~~ Asstt. Engr. Gr. II/Sectional Engr. working in the Research and Training Centre Nasik."

ITEM No.13 A) World Bank Aided project for Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation in 10 Districts of Maharashtra.
B) Bilateral Assistance from U.K. Govt. for Regional piped water supply scheme projects.
— Creation of Staff for implementation of the project.

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Member Secy. explained the proposal briefly. Secy. RDD clarified that the matter is already under consideration of Govt. Thereafter, the Board approved the proposal and passed the following resolution.

Resolution:

1) Resolved that the Board approves the proposal to create an independent organisation for implementation of the WORLD BANK AIDED and BILATERALLY (from U.K.) Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (Piped water supply) as under :-

a) Chief Engineer (Rural ODA-IDA Project), with complementary staff shown in Annexure III (a) (Col.3)

b) Two Circles at Pune and Nasik headed by two Supdt. Engrs. with complementary staff and two Mechanical Sub-Divisions as shown in Annexure III (a) (Col.3)

c) Eight works Divisions four at Thane, Ahmednagar, Nasik and Jalgaon under New Nasik Circle and four at Pune, Sangli, Aurangabad and Beed under new Pune Circle with 38 sub-Divisions as shown in Annexure-III (a) Col. 3

d) To create additional staff for Research and Training Centre, Nasik Road as indicated in Annexure III (a) Col. 3

e) To authorise the Member Secy. to approach State Govt. through R.D.D. and U.D.D. for obtaining approval of the Govt. to the creation of the posts."

ADDITIONAL ITEM No.1 :-

Revision of DSR by the Board.

Secy., R.D.D. requested the Board to consider this issue as an additional item. He explained that, while examining the proposals of rural water supply schemes, the F.D. has observed that DSR rates adopted by the Board in preparing estimates of the schemes are on higher side and that Deptt. has taken the position that proposals of water supply schemes would be examined only after the rates are realistically revised. Therefore, the work of clearance of schemes has come to a standstill. The Member Secy., clarified that a detailed analysis of DSR's has already been submitted by the Board office to Govt. and tech. people will have to examine it.