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Draft minutes of 54th Board meeting of Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board held on 22nd March, 1991 are placed below for approval please.

Chief Admn. Officer.

Y.S. Sawant
16-4-91

Member Secretary,

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Minister [UD]
and
Chairman, MWSSB.

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16/4/91

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Draft minutes of the 54th Meeting of the
Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage
Board held on 22nd March, 1991.

The 54th meeting of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board was held at 3.15 p.m. on 22nd March 1991 in Mantralaya, Shri. Sushilkumar Shinde, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development and Chairman, Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board presided over the meeting. The following were present in the meeting:

- 1) Shri. Sushilkumar Shinde, Chairman.
Hon'ble Minister for
Urban Development.
- 2) Shri. Bhaskarrao Patil Khatgaonkar Vice Chairman.
Hon'ble Minister of State
for Rural Development.
- 3) Shri. Satish Tripathi, Member.
Secretary, Urban Development
Department.
- 4) Shri. Asoke Basak, Member.
Secretary, Rural Development
Department.
- 5) Shri. S.T. Deokule, Member.
Secretary, Irrigation Department.
- 6) Shri. Mohan Vasant Gupte, Member.
Councillor, Thane Municipal
Corporation.
- 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.

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

- 1) The Secretary, (Expenditure) Finance Department.
- 2) The Municipal Commissioner, Thane Municipal Corporation.
- 3) The Adviser to Govt. of India, Central Public Health & Env. Engg. Organisation, Ministry of Urban Development, New Delhi.

The following officers of Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board also attended the meeting as invitees:

- 1) Shri. R.M. Sagane, Chief Engineer (Rural)
- 2) Shri. S.D. Armal, Chief Engineer (Project)
- 3) Shri. A.S. Narsapur, Chief Engineer (Urban)
- 4) Shri. K.R. Tamhane, Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer
- 5) Shri. Y.S. Sonawani, Chief Administrative Officer.

The proceedings of the meeting are as under:-

ITEM NO. 1:

Sub: Confirmation of minutes of the 53rd meeting of Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board held on 13.2.1991.

Since no suggestions for modifications or amendments were received, the minutes were confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2:

Sub: Action taken, initiated or being taken on the actionable points in the minutes of 53rd meeting of the Board held on 13.2.1991

Shri. Rotkar enquired about the progress made in handing over of Tuljapur W.S. scheme and Jalna-Ambad W.S. scheme to the respective municipal councils. Secretary, Urban Development Department expressed that he had recently visited Jalna and there were many complaints about the execution of the scheme. The representatives of the Municipal council pointed out that, the item of mortar lining of pipes was dropped without consulting them. The

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Chairman then suggested that Board should evolve a procedure of independent joint inspection before handing over the schemes. He further stated that an outside body could be engaged for this work.

Action taken or initiated on all other points, was noted by the Board.

ITEM NO.3:

Sub: Consideration of Report of Committee for Restructuring organisation pattern of Maharashtra W.S. & Sewerage Board.

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The Chairman stated that, as he is hard pressed for time, this item may be postponed to the next meeting. The Vice-Chairman, however, desired to make some suggestions regarding location of head quarters of the proposed regional Chief Engineers. The Chairman then suggested that the Member Secretary may discuss this issue with the Vice-Chairman before the next meeting of the Board.

ITEM NO. 4:

Sub: Scheme for providing parallel Water Supply lines in different parts of Beed City.

The Member Secretary explained that this item has been put up before the Board only to point out that, even though the work is of urgent nature in the context of prevention of epidemics like jaundice which had occurred in the last year, the work could not be taken up as the Municipal council failed to deposit the amount of popular contribution. The Board noted the delay, made by the Municipal council in payment of popular contribution.

ITEM NO.5:

Sub: Revised estimates for the year 1990-91

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The Secretary, Rural Development Department, asked as to why there were reduction in receipts. The Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer, clarified that, this year there were less receipts of E.T.P. charges because of less expenditure on works. After a brief discussion, the revised estimates were approved by the Board and the following resolution was passed:-

RESOLUTION

The Board approves the revised estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year 1990-91 as follows:-

	Budget estimate	Revised estimate
1)Capital Receipts(Gross Receipt less opening balance)	24974.48	25435.71
2)Capital Expenditure(Gross expenditure less closing balance)	24302.83	18534.55
3)Revenue Receipts	11396.69	10124.21
4)Revenue expenditure	11227.75	10019.35

ITEM NO. 6:

Sub: Budget Estimates for the year 1990-91.

The Secretary, Rural Development Department stated that the figure of grant-in-aid to be received by the Board from the Rural Development Department shown in agenda item did not agree with the Govt. figures. It was explained to him that these figures were taken from the department prior to the actual approval to the Budget Estimates by Govt., and therefore, there were some minor variations. These figures were ultimately corrected at the time of preparation of revised estimates. The Secretary, Rural Development Dept.,

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then raised the point regarding heavy cash balance at the end of the year. This point was also clarified to him in a brief discussion. The Board then passed the following resolution:-

RESOLUTION:

" The Board approves the budget Estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year 1991-92 as follows:-

(Rs.in lakhs)

	Revised estimate for 1990-91	Budget Estimate for 1991-92.
1)Capital Receipts (Gross Receipts less opening balance)	25,435.71	26,332.45
2)Capital Expenditure (Gross expenditure less closing Cash balance).	18,534.55	22,718.03
3)Revenue Receipts	10,124.21	12,018.48
4)Revenue expenditure	10,019.35	11,854.69

The Board further directs that while incurring expenditure during 1991-92, the provisions of section-34(1) of Maharashtra W.S. & Sewerage Board, Act, 1976 and provisions made thereunder should be kept in view."

ITEM NO. 7:

Sub: Revision of water rates for the year 1991-92 in respect of the Board's Water Works in Project Area.

The Member Secretary explained that there are two sets of water rates in the Board. The first set pertained to Water Works in Project area. He further explained that the average increase in rate proposed was only 14.04% and that it was expected to generate additional revenue of Rs.106.76 lakhs. The Secretary, Rural Development Department pointed

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out that there appears to be no change in the retail non-domestic rate. He, therefore, proposed that rates be revised to Rs. 7.50 per 1000 litres. The Chairman remarked that this suggestion can be accepted, and in case any representations against the increase in rate are received, the position can be reviewed. It was then decided to revise this rate to Rs. 7.50 per 1000 litres for retail non-domestic water supply. The Board then passed the following resolution:-

RESOLUTION:

" The Board hereby resolves that the following tariff for supply of water to its consumers in project area shall be made applicable with effect from 1st June, 1991 or such other date as may be decided by Member Secretary.

Sr.No.	Description of consumer	Rate per 1000 litres in paise.
I)	<u>Bulk supply</u>	
	i) Domestic	150
	ii) Rural Area under Temghar WSS	110
	iii) Non-Domestic	670
II)	<u>Retail supply:</u>	
	i) Domestic	160
	ii) Institutions not run for profit	350
	iii) Non-Domestic	750
III)	<u>Special consumers:</u>	
	Ordnance factory.	300

Minimum charges for metered connections
(Retail supply)

The charges for metered connections based on actual consumption shall be subject to monthly minimum charges as follows:-

Diameter of the connection	Domestic supply rate per month per connection(in Rs)	Non-domestic supply rates per month per connection(in Rs)
15 mm	30.00	135.00
20 mm	55.00	250.00
25 mm	80.00	360.00
32 mm	120.00	540.00
40 mm	210.00	945.00
50 mm	265.00	1195.00
65 mm	325.00	1465.00

Minimum charges for unmetered connections
(Retail supply):

a) The following rates based on the diameter of connection where non-meters are fixed shall be charged.

Diameter of connection	Flat rate in Rs. per connection per month for domestic supply	Flat rate in Rs. per connection per month for non-domestic supply.
15 mm	40.00	180.00
20 mm	70.00	320.00
25 mm	145.00	650.00

(b) In case the meter fixed to a connection remains out of order for over three months, the consumers shall be charged on the basis of average consumption of the past three months or the charges prescribed for the connection without meter (as stated above) whichever is more.

Supplies to connections above 25 mm shall only be on meter basis. Divisional Officers shall not make unmetered supply to connections above 25 mm.

Minimum charges for bulk supply:

In case of bulk supplies, the minimum monthly charges shall be as may be specified in the agreement. However, such minimum charges shall not be less than the charges for supply of 2 ML. of water.

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Charges for unmetered public stand posts:

(a) For each unmetered Public Stand post Rs. 200 P.M.

(b) If stand post is metered, responsibility for fixing and maintaining it will be that of the owner. If the meter is out of order for more than 3 months, charges will be levied for the consumption of average of last 3 months, or that for unmetered Public stand posts, whichever is more.

DELAYED PAYMENT CHARGES:

The consumer who fails to pay water charges (including arrears) in a period of 30 days from the date of issue of bill, shall be liable to pay delayed payment charges at the rate of 18% P.A. on [all the amounts outstanding against him on the date on] which the period of 30 days after issue of bill ends. In case he fails to pay the delayed payment charges for a continuous period of six months, his supply is liable to be discontinued.

ITEM NO.8:

Sub: Revision of water rates for the year 1991-92 in respect of Board's water works outside Project area.

Secretary, U.D.D. referred to the statement at page No.73 of agenda notes and opined that there is no point in increasing the water rates when the Board is not able to recover the dues even at the existing rates. Shri. Mohan Gupte suggested that the Board should concentrate its efforts on the issue of recovery of arrears. The Chairman enquired as to when the water rates were last revised. The Member Secretary replied that they were revised last year from 1.6.1990. The Secretary, UDD. stated that he was not in favour of increasing the rate of domestic bulk supply to municipalities from Rs. 1.40 to Rs. 1.65 per 1000 litres,

as the increase would badly hit the consumers. The Member Secretary explained that, as a result of 35% increase in electricity charges, the expenditure on operation of water works had increased. Shri. Rotkar explained that it would be necessary to revise the water tariff almost every year in the context of increase in prices and hike in electricity charges etc. Normally, the water rates may have to be increased every year atleast by 10%. Electricity charges constitute about 40% of the expenditure on operation of water works

The FA&CAO pointed out that at the time of revision of water rates from 1.6.1990, there was a hike of 27%, but now the proposed increase is only 15% and this would give an additional revenue of Rs. 63.35 lakhs. The proposal was then approved and the following resolution was passed:

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RESOLUTION:

"The Board hereby resolves that the following tariff for supply of water to its consumers shall be made applicable with effect from 1st June 1991 or such other date as may be decided by the Member Secretary.

Sr.No.	Description of consumer	Rate per 1000 litres in paise	
		Alternative (I)	Alternative (II)
I) <u>Bulk supply:</u>			
A) <u>Domestic:</u>			
	i) Bulk supply to Municipal Council.	165	165
	ii) Other domestic consumers receiving more than 2 ML. water per month at distribution mains of the Board.	170	170

Sr.No.	Description of	Rate per 1000 litres in paise
1	2	3
	B) Non-domestic	825
	II) <u>Retail supply</u>	
	A) <u>Domestic</u>	170
	i) Supplies to institutions not run for profit.	360
	B) <u>Non-domestic:</u>	
	i) Non-domestic supply in Municipal Councils other than 'C' class.	875
	ii) Non-domestic supply in 'C' class Mun. councils for consumers who consume upto 2 ML. of water in a month.	475
	(The Non-domestic consumers in 'C' class M.C. who consume more than 2 ML of water in a month would be charged as at I-B above)	
	III) <u>Special consumers:</u>	
	i) Aurangabad Paper Mills at Paithan.	280
	ii) Filtered water to Ordnance factories at	
	a) Ambazari	360
	b) Ozar	360
	c) Atomic Power station	360
	IV) <u>Hill Stations:</u>	
	a) Domestic	170
	b) Non-Domestic	1000
	V) <u>Minimum charges for metered connections (Retail supply):</u>	

The charges for metered connections based on actual consumption shall be subject to monthly minimum charges as follows:-

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Diameter of connection	Domestic supply rate per month per connection (in Rs.)	Non-domestic supply rates per month per (in Rs.)
1	2	3
15mm	15.00	75.00
20mm	30.00	150.00
25 mm	60.00	300.00
32 mm	90.00	450.00
40 mm	120.00	600.00
50 mm	150.00	750.00
65 mm	195.00	975.00

VI) Minimum charges for unmetered connection(Retail supply)

a) The following rates based on the diameter of connections where no meters are fixed, shall be charged:

Diameter of connection	Flat rate in Rs. per connection per month for domestic supply	Flat rate in Rs. per connection per month for non-domestic supply
1	2	3
15 mm	35	178
20 mm	70	356
25 mm	140	712

b) In case the meter fixed to a connection remains out of order for over three months, the consumers shall be charged at the basis of average consumption of the past three months or the charges prescribed for the connection without meter(as stated above)whichever is more.

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Supplies to connections above 25 mm diameter shall only be on meter basis. Divisional Officers shall not make ~~unmetered~~ supply to connections above 25 mm diameter.

VII) Minimum charges for bulk supply:

In case of bulk supplies, the minimum monthly charges shall be as may be specified in the agreement. However, such minimum charges shall not be less than the charges for supply of 2 ML. of water.

VIII) Charges for unmetered public stand posts:

- a) For each unmetered public stand posts Rs 200 P.M.
- b) If stand post is metered, responsibility for fixing and maintaining it will be that of the owner. If the meter is out of order for more than 3 months, charges will be levied for the consumption of average of last 3 months, or that for unmetered public stand posts, whichever is more.

IX) Delayed payment charges:

Further resolved that the consumer who fails to pay water charges (including arrears) in a period of 30 days from the date of issue of bill, shall be liable to pay delayed payment charges at the rate of 18% P.A. on all the amounts outstanding against him on the date on which the period of 30 days after issue of bill ends. In case he fails to pay delayed payment charges for a continuous period of six months, his supply is liable to be discontinued".

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TABLE ITEM NO.1:

Sub: Augmentation to Chandrapur Water Supply Scheme-Payment towards compensation for land for Treatment Plant.

The Member Secretary briefly explained the contents of the agenda item. He pointed out that, for acquisition of agricultural land admeasuring 5 hectores, a provision of Rs. 81,000/- was made in the estimate and now as a result of Court order an amount of Rs. 1,30,76,605/- is required to be deposited in the Court towards compensation for land. He also pointed out that, while the cost of the treatment plant is Rs. 110 lakhs, the cost of land acquisition has come to Rs. 130.76 lakhs, The Board had gone in appeal to the Supreme Court, but it did not succeed.

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Secretary, Urban Development Department suggested that the issue as to how and why such high rates of compensation were recommended by the Land Acquisition Officer should be separately investigated. The Chairman supported this suggestion saying that serious malpractices have come to the notice of Govt. in land acquisition proceedings in Raigad district.

With the above discussion, the Board noted the contents of the agenda item.

TABLE ITEM NO.2:

Sub: Opening of a new Division with four Sub-Divisions at Nagpur.

The Board noted the action taken on this question.

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TABLE ITEM NO.3:

Sub: Inclusion of provision for price escalation in Urban W.S./Sewerage Schemes and Rural Water Supply Schemes.

The Secretary, Urban Development Department remarked that the point being considered by the Board on this issue is contrary to the instructions of the Finance Department, and hence, it would be necessary to go into details. The Chairman, then suggested that consideration of this item may be postponed to the next meeting and the suggestion was agreed to.

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