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57th meeting of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board was held on 22nd April, 1992 at 11.30 a.m. in Mantralaya. Shri Sushilkumar Shinde, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development and Chairman, M.W.S. & S. 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 Bapusaheb Thite, Vice-Chairman  
Hon'ble Minister of State  
for Rural Development
3. Shri Asoke Basak, Member  
Secretary, Rural  
Development Department
4. Shri D.K. Sankaran Member  
Municipal Commissioner,  
Thane Minicipal Corporation,  
Thane
5. Shri S.T. Deokule, Member  
Secretary,  
Irrigation Department
6. Shri B.V. Rotkar Member
7. Shri V.D. Desai Member
8. Shri J.S. Patil Member
9. Shri S.S. Patwardhan Member Secretary.

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

1. Shri Satish Tripathi,  
Secretary, Urban Development  
Department, Mantralaya,  
Bombay: 400 032.

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2. Joint Secretary (Expdr.),  
Finance Department,  
Mantralaya,  
Bombay: 400 032.
  3. The Adviser to the Govt.  
of India, Central Public Health  
Engineering & Sanitation  
Organisation, Ministry of  
Urban Development, New Delhi.

The following officers of M.W.S. & S.  
Board also attended the meeting as invitees:-

1. Shri R.M. Sagane, Chief Engineer (R)
2. Shri S.D. Armal, Chief Engineer (P)
3. Shri A.S. Narsapur, Chief Engineer U)
4. Shri K.R. Tamhane, F.A. & C.A.O.
5. Shri S.R. Borwankar, Chief Administrative  
Officer.

The proceedings of the meeting are as  
under:-

ITEM NO.1:

Sub:- Confirmation of minutes of the 56th  
meeting of M.W.S. & S. Board held on  
31.3.1992.

Shri B.V. Rotkar, Member has pointed out  
a typographical error in revised estimate for  
1991-92 i.e. Budget Estimate for revenue  
receipt for 1991-92 should Rs.12018.48 instead  
of Rs.12918.48 subject to this correction  
minutes were confirmed by the Board.

ITEM NO.2:

Sub:- Action taken in accordance with the  
decision taken in 56th meeting of  
the Board held on 31.3.1992.

The Member Secretary briefly explained  
the important decisions and actions taken by  
the office till the date. Thereafter the  
actions taken by the office were noted by the  
Board.

ITEM NO.3:

Sub:- Procurement of A.C./P.V.C. pipes and CID joints directly by M.W.S. & S. Board through yearly rate contract.

After Member Secretary explained the item in brief, Hon. Minister (U.D.) and Chairman of the Board enquired whether direct purchases of pipes would not have any adverse effect on quality of the material purchases. Secretary (R.D.D.) informed that even the Industries Department favours direct purchases of materials by major users. Hon. Minister (U.D.) and Chairman suggested that for these purchases a Committee may be set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary (R.D.). The Member Secretary, MWSSB, Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer and the senior most Chief Engineer of MWSSB would be the members of the Committee. After over six months the position may be reviewed with a view to seeing whether Secretary (R.D.) could be relieved of this responsibility. Subject to this the Board approved the proposal and passed the following resolution:-

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S.E. (HQ)

Resolution:

Resolved that the Board has reviewed the position of purchasing A.C./P.V.C. and CID Joints through CSPO/MSSIDC and is convinced that for smooth and speedy execution of water supply schemes, it is necessary that this material is procured directly by M.W.S. & S. Board instead of through MSSIDC, though such



purchase from MSSIDC is as per recent Government instructions. The Board hereby approves the proposal of procurement of this material through its own rate contract. The Member Secretary is authorised to take all steps necessary in the matter after obtaining approval of Government in this regard.

ITEM NO.4:

Sub:- Transfer of Board Water Works to the concerned local bodies and valuation of its assets.

While presenting the item, the Member Secretary raised the issue as to whether any amount should be recovered from the local bodies towards value of the assets transferred to them, which assets were earlier transferred by Government to the Board and their value treated as perpetual loan to the Board. Shri Desai felt that it would be improper to recover any amount from local bodies for such assets. Member Secretary stated that with the transfer of water works, the corresponding amount in perpetual loan account has to whither away. It was agreed that either the corresponding perpetual loan should stand simultaneously transferred to local body or Government should convert that amount into grant and that grant transferred to local body by way of transfer of assets. Hon. Minister (U.D.) emphasised that water works should be transferred to local bodies as early as possible. He observed that

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in this process some problems relating to staff do arise and suggested to consider whether only willing staff be transferred to local bodies. Member Secretary clarifies that Government has already issued clear instructions that water works should be transferred alongwith the staff and that if this is not done Board will face the problems of surplus staff. After the discussion as above the Board approved the proposal and passed the following Resolution, namely:

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F.A. & C.A.O./  
C.E.(P)/C.E. (U)

RESOLUTION:

Resolved that in view of the position explained in the Agenda note recommendation to Government may be made on the following lines:-

(i) To issue the directives to local bodies at Govt. level to take over the water works for regular operation and maintenance.

(ii) The cost of Government water works transferred to the Board on 1.11.1979 and completed thereafter may be transferred to the concerned local bodies free of cost treating it as loan in perpetuity to the local bodies.

(iii) The Board water works may be transferred to the concerned local bodies alongwith loan liability including loan taken for popular contribution.

2. Pending approval of Government to the recommendations of the Board, the water works may be transferred to local bodies indicating that the mode of valuation of the assets will be decided by the Govt. and the decision of the Govt. will be binding on local bodies.

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3. It is further resolved that the Member Secretary is authorised to approach Government and take necessary action in the matter.

ITEM NO.5:

Sub:- Revision of water rates for the year 1992-93 in respect of Board's water works outside project area.

While presenting the item the Member Secretary pointed out that due to increased expenditure, more particularly on electricity charges, the Board was left with no alternative but to propose hike in water rates. Shri Shankaran, Municipal Commissioner, Thane Municipal Corporation, felt that further increase in water rates was not desirable. Hon. Minister (U.D.) felt that increase in water rates was unavoidable and correspondingly suggested that big Municipal Corporation like that of Thane must give up depending on Board's supply and develop their own water resources. After brief discussions, the Board approved the proposal and passed the following Resolution, namely:-

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F.A. & C.A.O.

RESOLUTION:

Resolved that the following tariff for supply of water to its consumers shall be made applicable with effect from 1st June, 1992 or such other date as may be decided by the Member Secretary.

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Sr. No.	Description of consumer	Rate in Rs. per 1000 lits.
1	2	3

I. Bulk Supply

A) Domestic

- i) Bulk supply to Mun. Councils 200
- ii) Other domestic consumers receiving more than 2 ML water per month at distribution mains of the Board 205

B) Non-Domestic.

II. Retail Supply

A) Domestic 210

B) Non-Domestic 960

- i) Non-domestic supply in Municipal Councils other than 'C' Class 1020

- ii) Non-domestic supply in 'C' Class M.C. for consumers who consume upto 2 ML of water in a month 540

(The non-domestic consumer in 'C' Class M.C. who consume more than 2 ML of water in a month would be charged at I B above)

- III. Supply to insittution like schools, colleges, Govt./Semi-Govt. offices, charitable trusts and Institution not run for profit 420

IV. Special Consumers

- i) Aurangabad Paper Mills at Paithan 310

- ii) Filtered water to Ordnance Factories at
  - a) Ambazari 420
  - b) Ozar 420
  - c) Atomic Power Stion, Tarapur 420

V. Hill Stations

- a) Domestic 210
- b) Non-domestic 1200

VI. Minimum charges for metered connections:

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

Diameter of connection	Retail domestic supply rate per month per connection (in Rs.)	Insittutions not run for profit as specified in III above.	Retail Non-domestic supply rate per month per connection (in Rs.)
1.	2.	3.	4.
15 mm	18.00	38.00	90.00
20 mm	36.00	76.00	180.00
25 mm	72.00	152.00	360.00
32 mm	108.00	228.00	540.00
40 mm	144.00	304.00	720.00
50 mm	180.00	380.00	900.00
65 mm	234.00	494.00	1170.00

VII. Minimum charges for unmetered connection:

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

(Rate in Rs.)

Diameter of connection	Flat rate per connection per month for domestic supply	Flat rate for Insti-tution not run for pro-domestic supply fit as specified in III above.	Flat rate per connection per month for non-domestic supply
1.	2.	3.	4.
15 mm	42.00	84.00	214.00
20 mm	84.00	168.00	472.00
25 mm	168.00	336.00	854.00

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

VIII. 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 at 2 ML of water.

IX. Charges for unmetered public stand posts:

a) For each unmetered public stand post Rs.240/- 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 on the basis of the average consumption of last 3 months, or that for unmetered public stand posts, whichever is more.

X. 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. from the date next to that 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.

ITEM NO.6:

Sub:- Revision of water rates for the year 1992-93 for supply of water from Nhava Sehva Water Supply Scheme.

The Member Secretary explained the item in brief. Shri Desai felt that since the scheme was specifically designed for the benefit of CIDCO, it was

improper on part of the CIDCO to take water from other sources, though cheaper, and leave the Board's installed capacity under-utilised. The Member Secretary clarified that a very large portion in the present water rates is meant for loan repayment and once the loan fully stands repaid the rates would substantially be low. Shri Rotkar observed that by the time the loan liability extinguishes, production would also go up and cumulative effect of these two factors would be substantial reduction in costs. He, therefore, suggested that for the purpose of recovery loan liability should be spread over a fairly longer period, if necessary by obtaining a 'gap loan' from Government. After brief discussion, the proposal was approved and the Board passed the following Resolutions:-

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F.A. & C.A.O.

RESOLUTION:

The Board hereby resolved that the following rate for supply of water through Nhava Sheva Water Supply Scheme shall be made applicable w.e.f. 1.6.1992 or from the date as may be decided by the Member Secretary.

I. <u>Category of supply</u>	<u>Rate in paise per 1000 litres.</u>
Bulk supply of water from Nhava Sheva Water Supply Scheme - Stage I	400

II. 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% per annum on all the amounts outstanding against him on the date on

for a continuous period of 3 months, his supply shall be disconnected.

III. Minimum charges for Bulk supply:

In case of bulk supplies, the minimum charges shall be as may be specified in the agreement.

ITEM NO.7:

Sub:- Revision of water rates for the year 1992-93 in respect of Board's water works in project area.

The Member Secretary explained the item in brief and narrated why the proposed increase in water rates is considered necessary. Shri Rotkar observed that according to World Bank Agreement the water rates are required to be reviewed every year and so refixed that 6% return is realised on the value of net fixed assets. The M.W.S.S. Board Act also requires the Board to carry on its operations as far as possible without loss. The increase in rates is, therefore, inevitable. The Board thereafter approved the proposal and passed the following Resolution:-

RESOLUTION:

Resolved that the following tariff for supply of water to its consumers in project area shall be made applicable w.e.f. 1st June, 1992 or such other date as may be decided by Member Secretary.

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Sr. No.	Description of Consumers	Rate per 1000 litres in paise
1.	2.	3.
I.	<u>Bulk Supply</u>	
	i) Domestic	180
	ii) Rural areas under Temghar water supply scheme	130
	iii) Non-domestic	800



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II. Retail Supply:

i) Domestic	190
ii) Non Domestic	900

III. Supplies to Institutions like Schools, Colleges, Govt., Semi-Govt. offices, charitable trusts, and Institutions not run for profit. 420

IV. Special Consumers:

— Ordnance Factory	360
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IV. Minimum charges for metered connections:

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

Diameter of the connection	Retail Domestic supply rate per month per connection (in Rs.)	Institution not run for profit as specified in III above	Retail Non-Domesfic supply rates per month per connection (in Rs.)
1	2	3	4
15 mm	36.00	84.00	162.00
20 mm	66.00	154.00	300.00
25 mm	96.00	224.00	432.00
32 mm	144.00	336.00	648.00
40 mm	252.00	588.00	1134.00
50 mm	318.00	742.00	1434.00
65 mm	390.00	910.00	1758.00

V. Minimum charges for unmetered connections:

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

Diameter of connection	Flat rate per connection per month for retail domestic supply.	Flat rate for Institutions not run for profit as specified in III of Draft Resolution	Flat rate per connection per month for retail non-domestic supply
1.	2.	3.	4.
15 mm	48.00	96.00	216.00
20 mm	84.00	168.00	384.00
25 mm	174.00	348.00	780.00

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.

VI. 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.

VII. Charges for Unmetered Public Stand Posts:

a) For each unmetered Public Stand Post Rs.240/- 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 on the basis of the average consumption of last 3 months, or that for unmetered public stand posts, whichever is more.

VIII. 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.

IX. Member Secretary is authorised to approach the High Court for obtaining necessary permission for revising the rates in Project Area from the date as allowed by the Court.

Item No.8:

Sub:- Rules of registration of contractors for M.W.S.S. Board.

The Member Secretary explained in brief why it is considered necessary to make Board's own Rules for Registration, upgradation, renewal and blacklisting of contractors. Secretary (R.D.) observed that it has been noticed in Rural areas that many works are either delayed or not executed properly due to failure of agencies executing those works. He observed that it is very much necessary that provisions exist for blacklisting of dishonest contractors and for not entertaining them in future. Hon. Minister (U.D.) & Chairman strongly supported the view of Secretary (R.D.D.). Secretary (R.D.D.) suggested that Z.P.'s should also be instructed to allot their works only to contractors registered with the Board. This suggestion was accepted subject to observation that these instructions will have to be issued by the



R.D.D. Member Secretary suggested that power to sanction registration should not be delegated below the level of S.E. and to that extent the tables on P.5 of the item (page 70 of agenda notes) should be suitably modified. This was accepted and subject to this, the Board passed the following Resolution:-

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S.E. (HQ)

RESOLUTION:

Resolved that the Board approved the Rules for Registration, upgradation, renewal, removal of the contractors. The Board also authorises the Member Secretary to take decisions as per the provision of the Rules".

ITEM NO.9:

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C.A.O.

Sub:- Holding meeting with various Labour Unions/Engineers Union at Central Office/Division Office levels.

The Member Secretary explained the item in brief and narrated how the existance of many Unions among the workmen of the Board and everybody's insistance on Board's officers holding discussions with them is causing nuisance to the officers. Hon.Minister (U.D) and Chairman did not approve the idea of not holding discussions with the Workmen's Unions. He, however, expressed a view that discussion be held only with recognised Unions. The Chief Administrative Officer pointed out that at present there is a recognised Union<sup>only</sup> for Sangli Circle and that the Board's proposal that its all establishments in the State should be treated as one unit for the purpose of recognition of the Union is pending with Govt. since long. Hon. Minister (U.D.) and Chairman then directed that Board officials may decide as to with which Unions the

discussions may be held in each Circle. As regards restricting the entry of Unions representatives/workmen at the time of meeting Hon. Minister (U.D.) and Chairman directed that the number of Union representatives/Workmen for entry at meeting place should be scrupulously restricted to minimum eleven. He also desired that no joint meeting with number of Unions be held but a meeting with each Union held separately. In view of this discussion, the Board did not pass any Resolution in respect of this item.

ITEM NO.10:

Sub:- Cadres of office Superintendent and Store Superintendents conversion from Zonal level to State level.

The Member Secretary explained the item in brief. Shri Desai felt that the employees of the Board in Bombay zone might object to such a decision because their prospects are being affected. After some discussion, the Board approved the proposal and passed the following Resolution:-

RESOLUTION:

Resolved that the cadres of Office Superintendent and Store Superintendent in the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board be converted from the present Zonal level to State level and that the Member Secretary of the Board is authorised to take all the necessary steps to obtain Government's approval to this decision.

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ITEM NO.11:

Sub:- Restructuring organisation pattern of MWSSB - Report of the Committee.

The consideration of this item was postponed with the consent of all the members of the Board.

ITEM NO.12:

Sub:- Confidential item by C.E. (Project) regarding tenders.

The Member Secretary explained the item in brief. He clarified the tenders was given wide publicity and that after due scrutiny, the lowest tender is proposed to be accepted. He also clarified that since the work is of a peculiar type, the offers which were received in response to the tender notice were referred to the V.J.T.I., Bombay and they have also recommended the proposal. Hon.Minister (U.D.) and Chairman felt that Board officials are competent enough to scrutinise such offers and hence, in future, no such consultation with educational institutions should be resorted to. The Board thereafter approved the proposal and passed the following Resolution:-

RESOLUTION:

Resolved that the Board approves the proposal of accepting the lowest evaluated offer of M/s. S.N. Gharpure, Pune, amounting to Rs.11,35,90,000/- (which is 8.57% above the cost put to tender) in respect of Conventional Activated Sludge Process for the work of Nagpur Sewerage Scheme Phase I - Designing, providing,

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constructing and commissioning 100 MLD capacity Sewage Treatment Plant at Bhandewadi, Nagpur. The Board further authorises the Member Secretary to take further necessary action in the matter".

ITEM NO.13:

Sub:- Curtailment of Water Supply to Thane Municipal Corporation.

The Member Secretary while presenting the item narrated how the non-payment of arrears by T.M.C. is adding to financial difficulties faced by the Board and explained the Board was left with no alternative but to curtail water supply with a view to reducing the recurring expenditure. Chairman expressed very much dissatisfaction about the approach of Thane Municipal Corporation. Particularly when the Commissioner, Thane Mun. Corporation is a member of the Board. After discussion, the Board approved the proposal and passed the following Resolution:-

RESOLUTION:

Resolved that the Board approves the proposal and authorises the Member Secretary to cut the water supply upto 30% to the Thane Municipal Corporation, till the Corporation clear all the outstanding payment to the Board on account of sale of water.

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C.E. (Project)

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ITEM NO.14:

Sub:- Handing over of Board's Nasik Road Water Works to Nasik Municipal Corporation, Nasik.

The Member Secretary explained the item in brief. The Board thereafter approved the proposal and passed the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION:

Resolved that Nasik Road Water Works be handed over to the Nasik Municipal Corporation on the following terms and conditions:-

1. All the hydraulic structures and the land occupied by the water works will be handed over to the Municipal Corporation and the Board will maintain such structures like office buildings, public health laboratory buildings, stores and space occupied for storing material.
2. The cost of assets as decided by Government will have to be paid by the Municipal Corporation to M.W.S.S.Board. The issue of valuation of the cost of assets will be referred to the Government and the Government decision on the same will be binding on both the parties.
3. Mode of transfer of staff.

Transfer of staff to local bodies may be regulated as per the guidelines issued vide Marathi G.R. dated 7.4.1986.

After transfer of the employees to the concerned local bodies, the service conditions of such employees will not be changed to their disadvantage. To facilitate the pension and gratuity cases, the workers likely to retire in near future, such workers who are to retire

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C.E.(P)

within next two years and who choose to remain as Board employees will continue as Board staff on compulsory deputation to the Corporation and their pension and gratuity cases will be finalised and paid by the Board. However for such staff, the Corporation will pay leave salary and pension contribution and such other charges as are applicable.

Except such staff, all other staff will be treated as transferred to the Municipal Corporation. The Board will pay pension contribution on the basis of the formula which Government may lay down for payment of pension contribution by Government for pre 1979 services rendered by Government servants transferred to the Board. The leave salary contributions will be paid by the Board on the basis of Earned Leave balance on the day of their transfer. However, the Municipal Corporation will pay the leave salary as well as pension to the retiring employees transferred to them without waiting for the decision in the matter.

4. The Mode of Recovery of Board's dues from consumers outstanding on the date of transfer.

The Corporation shall pay the dues of the Board outstanding with the consumers on the date of handing over in three equal instalments in a period of one year.



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5. The details of assets, staff:

The depreciated cost of assets as on 31.3.1991 is Rs.6.64 lakhs and 42 numbers Class IV and 25 Nos. Class III staff have been employed on the Water Works which shall be transferred along with water works.

6. Deputation of Engineering staff to the Local Bodies.

If requested by the Corporation, the Board may spare Engineering staff such as Junior Engineer, Deputy Engineer on deputation for day to day maintenance of the Water Works to be handed over. The period of deputation will be initially for one year, which can further be extended by mutual agreement.

7. The Corporation shall supply the water to the consumers as per the agreement made by the Board with the consumers. The Corporation shall pass the General Body Resolution accepting the above said terms and conditions and necessary agreement on stamp paper interalia indicating the terms and conditions of transfer of Water Works will be executed between the Nasik Municipal Corporation and the Board.

8. The Board further authorises the Member Secretary of the Board to take further necessary actions in the matter and hand over the water works on such date as is mutually agreed to after completing necessary formalities.

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The Board also authorised the Member Secretary to transfer the other Water Works to Local Bodies on the same lines.

ITEM NO.15:

Sub:- Handing over of Temghar Water Works to Thane Municipal Corporation.

The Member Secretary explained the item in brief. The handing over of the water works to Thane Municipal Corporation was favoured by all. Member Secretary pointed out that apart from T.M.C. the Bhivandi-Nizampur Municipality, the Bhayander Municipal Council and around 30 villages get water from this water works. After transfer they will have to purchase water from T.M.C. and T.M.C. would be fixing water rates. It would, therefore, be necessary to safeguard their interest adequately and obtain the concurrence of the aforesaid two Municipal Councils and of U.D.D. and R.D.D. to the terms of transfer. Besides, since the agreement with the World Bank envisages running of the water works by the Board, their concurrence would also be necessary for the transfer. The views expressed by Member Secretary were endorsed by the Board. Secretary (R.D.D.) felt that even after transfer, the water rates payable by the 30 villages should not exceed the maximum in this respect fixed by the Govt. in R.D.D. This view was generally supported. Hon. Minister (U.D.) and Chairman suggested that Ulhasnagar and Ambernath Water Works should also be transferred to local bodies immediately. Subject to the above discussion, the Board approved the proposal and passed the following Resolution:-

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C.E.(P)

RESOLUTION:

The Board has noted the proposal of handing over of Temghar Water Works to the Thane Municipal Corporation as per Terms and Conditions listed at Annexure III and approves the same. The Member Secretary is authorised to proceed further and also to vary the terms/conditions, if necessary, in consultation with the Government of Maharashtra.

ITEM No.16:

Sub:- Purchase of stable bleaching powder for water works of M.W.S.S. Board.

While presenting the item, the Member Secretary explained why it was considered necessary to decide to purchase bleaching powder against the D.G.S. & D. rate contract instead of by inviting public tenders. Shri Desai observed that if bleaching powder is stores for a long time and then issued its quality substantially deteriorates. He, therefore, wanted to know whether the powder purchased through open tenders was bad in quality when received or whether its quality deteriorated due to too prolonged storage. Member Secretary clarified that bad quality of the powder was noticed even without any quality loss being incurred due to storage. The Board, then approved the proposal but desired that a report regarding sustaining capacity of the bleaching powder should be submitted to the Board every six months. The Board accordingly passed the following Resolution:



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S.E. (HQ)/  
C.E. (R)

RESOLUTION:

Resolved that, in future, the item of bleaching powder should be procured against the D.G.S. & D. rate contract, or from the firm on rate contract, if there is no valid rate contract in operation. M.S. should take necessary action in the matter.

ITEM No.17:

Sub:- Starting of water supply from Jalna Ambad Water Supply Scheme to Jalna Town by MWSSB.

Since Secretary (U.D.) who is more concerned with this item, was granted leave of absence for the meeting, the Board decided to postpone consideration of this item.

ITEM No.18:

Sub:- Contribution of Rs.10.00 lakhs for the construction of a permanent Pavilion at Delhi.

After the Member Secretary explained the item, the Board approved the same and passed the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION:

Resolved that the Board should contribute Rs.10 lakhs for construction by Government of Maharashtra of a permanent provision at Pragti Maidan, New Delhi, for holding Exhibitions and that the Member Secretary be and is hereby authorised to take necessary steps for implementation of this decision.

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

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F.A. & C.A.O.