

MAHARASHTRA WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD



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New Bombay - 400 614.

No. MWSSB/1092/Meeting/58/112/E-5.

Dated: 29th Dec. 1992.

To :

1. The Chairman,
Maharashtra Water Supply and
Sewerage Board,
(Hon. Minister, Urban Development)
Mantralaya,
Bombay : 400 032.
2. The Vice-Chairman,
Maharashtra Water Supply and
Sewerage Board,
(Hon. Minister of State, Rural Development),
Mantralaya,
Bombay : 400 032.
3. Shri Suresh Kumar,
Secretary,
Rural Development Department,
Mantralaya,
Bombay : 400 032.
4. Shri M.P. Patwardhan,
Deputy Secretary,
Urban Development Department,
Mantralaya,
Bombay : 400 032.
5. Shri Jaganath S. Patil,
Member,
Zilla Parishad,
Solapur.
6. Shri Ganesh Roy,
President,
Chandur Railway,
Dist. Amravati.
7. Shri M.R. Agarwal,
A-115, Agrasen Society,
8, Koregaon Park,
Pune : 411 001.
8. Shri S.S. Patwardhan,
Member Secretary,
Maharashtra Water Supply and
Sewerage Board,
Bombay : 400 021.

Sub : Minutes of 58th meeting of the Mah.
Water Supply and Sewerage Board
held on 11.11.1992.

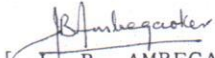
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I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the 58th meeting of the Board held on the 11th November, 1992. (2)

I am to state that your comments, if any, on the minutes may please be sent to the undersigned, for being placed in the next meeting of the Board.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


[J. B. AMBEGAOKER]
Chief Administrative Officer

Encl: a/a

Copy with a copy of the Minutes forwarded with compliments to:

1. Shri A.D. Sane,
Joint Secretary [Exp]
Finance Department,
Mantralaya, Bombay 400 032.
2. Shri Vijay Sakhalkar,
Municipal Commissioner,
Thane Municipal Corporation,
Thane.
3. Shri B.V. Rotkar,
502, Aseem Co-op. Hsg. Society,
Jayant Palkar Marg,
Worli, Bombay 400 018.
4. Dr. M.A. Chitale,
Secretary,
Ministry of Water Resources,
Govt. of India [Retired]
15855/212, Shrey Nagar,
Veer Savarkar Chowk,
AURANGABAD
5. Adviser to Govt. of India,
C.P.H.E.E.O.,
Ministry of Urban Development,
NEW DELHI.

Copy with a copy of the minutes forwarded for necessary action to:

1. The Chief Engineer, [Urban / Rural / Project],
MWSSB, Bombay 400 001.

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2. The F.A. & C.A.O., M.W.S.S.B., New Bombay.
3. The Chief Administrative Officer, M.W.S.S.B., Bombay.
4. The Dy. Chief Accounts Officer, (I)/(II)/(III), M.W.S.S.B., New Bombay.
5. The Superintending Engineer (HQ), M.W.S.S. Board, Bombay.
6. The Superintending Engineer, C.P.D.M. Circle, Bombay.
7. The Administrative-cum-Personnel Officer, M.W.S.S.B., New Bombay.
8. Concerned Desk Officer of M.W.S.S.B.

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MINUTES OF THE 58TH MEETING OF THE MWSSB
HELD ON 11TH NOVEMBER, 1992

The 58th meeting of the Board was held at 5.00 pm on Wednesday, the 11th Nov., 1992, under the Chairmanship of Shri Jawaharlal Darda, Minister UD and Chairman, MWSSB at Ashoka Hotel, Aurangabad. The following members were present.

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| 1. Shri Babasaheb Kedar,
Minister of State [RDD] | Vice Chairman. |
| 2. Shri Suresh Kumar
Secretary, RDD | Member |
| 3. Shri M.P. Patwardhan
Deputy Secretary, UDD | Member |
| 4. Shri Jagannath S. Patil
Member ZP, Solapur | Member |
| 5. Shri Ganesh Roy
Chairman, Panchayat Samiti,
Chandur Railway, Dist. Amravati. | Member |
| 6. Shri M.R. Agarwal, Pune | Member |
| 7. Shri S.S. Patwardhan,
M.W.S.S. Board | Member
Secretary. |

The following members of the Board had intimated their inability to attend the meeting and hence they were granted leave of absence.

1. Shri A.D. Sane, Joint Secretary, Finance Deptt.,
2. Commissioner, Thane Muni. Corporation, Thane.
3. Shri B.V. Rotkar, Retired Member Secretary, MWSSB
4. Shri M. A. Chitale, retired Secy., Govt. of India.
5. Adviser to the Govt. of India, CPHEEO, Ministry of U.D. New Delhi

The following officers of the MWSSB were also present by invitation.

1. Shri R.M. Sagane, Chief Engineer [Urban]
2. Shri S.D. Armal, Chief Engineer [Project]

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3. Shri A.A. Sankpal, Chief Engineer [Rural]
 4. Shri K.R. Tamhane, FA & CAO.
 5. Shri J.B. Ambegaoker, Chief Admn. Officer.

At the outset, the Member Secretary welcomed the newly appointed Chairman, as well as the Vice-Chairman and several other newly appointed members and offered them bouquets. He also placed on record, the gratitude of the Board to the outgoing Members of the Board for their excellent services and guidance rendered by them during their tenure.

Chairman of the Board at the outset said that the Members of the Board require some more time for studying the various items on the Agenda and only those items which can not wait will be taken up for discussions. All other items would be discussed during next meeting to be held in January, 1993. He mentioned that the aspirations of the people regarding the water supply are on the rise and consequently, the responsibility of the Board is also on the increase, but it appears that the dues which the institutions have to pay to the Board are not being promptly paid by the local authorities. It will therefore be necessary to educate them, otherwise, the working of the Board is likely to be considerably hampered.

Secretary, RDD mentioned that a number of schemes are undertaken by the Board, the expenditure on which exceeds the estimated cost, even then no revised estimates are prepared for which RDD is held responsible. He, therefore, proposed that, henceforth, at subsequent meetings of the Board, the Agenda Item should include a status position of all the schemes undertaken by the Board. This suggestion was approved.

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Thereafter, the following decisions were taken on the Agenda Items of the meeting.

ITEM NO.1 **Approval of the minutes of the 57th meeting of the Board.**

The draft minutes of the 57th meeting of the MWSS Board held on 27th April, 1992 were circulated to all Members by letter No. MWSSB.1092/Meeting/57/E.5/ dated 21.5.1992. As no Member has communicated any suggestions, the modifications, etc, minutes of the meeting were confirmed.

ITEM NO.2 **Action taken on the Agenda Item of the 57th meeting held on 27th April, 1992.**

Member Secretary informed the action taken by the Board on the decisions of the 57th meeting of the Board. Board noted the action taken.

ITEM NO.3 **Position of Cash Flow of the Board for the year 1992-93**

While placing this item before the Board, the Member Secretary mentioned that the Board has no resources of its own. The Board has to depend on the grants received from Govt., the loans received from the financial institutions and the contributions received from the beneficiary local authorities. The administrative expenditure of the Board is limited to 17.5% [ETP charges] of the expenditure on projects. Though the Merani Committee appointed by Govt. has recommended that the grants admissible from Govt. should be paid in advance, in effect these grants are considerably delayed. The beneficiary local authorities also try to avoid making their payments in time. As a result there is considerable delay in the implementation of the projects which in turn increases the projects' costs because of

ever increasing cost of raw materials. The Board is also required to ensure that the local authorities pay timely instalment to the financial institutions as guaranteed by Govt. The local bodies do not pay the instalments in time with the result that the Board has to pay the instalments from its own funds. Because of such diversion, the Board schemes are delayed. However, the Board was not in favour of diversion of its funds from regular schemes to the repayment of loan to financial institutions and desired to discuss this item in the next meeting of the Board. Govt. is aware of this dilemma and has appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Shivajirao Deshmukh, to find out a solution for raising the resources of the Board. After the Committee comes to the conclusion, it is expected that this difficulty will be finally resolved. Minister of State for RD mentioned that the solution for this problem has to be evolved by the Board itself. The Secretary, RDD mentioned that to reconcile the expenditure on projects as well as to avoid the delay in implementation of the schemes, the Chief Engineer[R] of the Board should have regular meeting with the OSD of the RDD once a month. After some discussions, the Board passed the following resolution.

"RESOLVED THAT the Board notes with concern the cash flow constraints of the Board and request the Govt. to take action to release the funds well in advance."

ITEM NO.4 DIVERSION OF FUNDS.

Consideration of this item was postponed.

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Lifting of the loan of Rs.59.80 lakhs from Housing and Urban Development Corporation, Bombay for Low Cost Sanitation Programme.

Member Secretary explained the programme to the members and also clarified that Government is giving guarantee for the repayment of loan, the responsibility for repayment of loan devolves on the Board through which it is administered. The beneficiary institutions do not repay the loan in time. The Board has to make payment from its own funds. As a result there is an adverse effect on the implementation of the Board's own programme. As the Government has stood guarantee to the loan the Board has to fulfill this obligations. The result is that the repayment has to be resorted to from other available sources by diversion. Hon'ble Minister mentioned that the other course would be to see whether the financial institutions themselves accept the responsibility of collection. For the present this responsibility devolves on the Board and the proposal may be accepted. But the question whether this responsibility should be accepted by the Board hence forth will have to be considered in detail.

RESOLUTION.

"RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the borrowing of ^{on} & C.A.O. Rs.59.80 lakhs from HUDCO for Low Cost Sanitation Programme for the 9 towns with all the conditions attached thereto and also authorise Member Secretary/Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer to approach the HUDCO for the loan"

ITEM NO.6

Raising of loan from Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited, Bombay for Shelter Upgradation Scheme under Nehru Rojgar Yojana.

While taking up this item for discussions the Member

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Secretary explained that as in the case of earlier item regarding low cost sanitation, this item is also not directly concerned with the Board. But Govt. has ordered that this scheme should be implemented through the Board. The Board has to abide by it. Hon'ble Chairman enquired why the Municipal Councils themselves were not implementing the scheme. It was clarified that the HDFC want to implement the scheme through Govt. only. As a result Govt. has directed that the Board be the intermediary for the implementation of this scheme. The Minister expressed that in order to reduce the burden on the Board, it is necessary to re-examine the scheme in further detail and the Minister (UD) and Minister of State (RDD) should take up the matter with the Minister (Finance). Subsequent to these discussions, the Board passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

The Board hereby approves the borrowings from HUDCO for Shelter Upgradation Scheme under Nehru Rojgar Yojana for 10 towns amounting to Rs.45.71 lakhs (Rupees Forty five lakhs seventy one thousand only) and authorises the Member Secretary/Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer to approach the Government for issuing guarantee and to execute the loan agreement etc. by affixing common seal on the documents to be executed with the HUDCO for the loan as and when sanctioned by HUDCO.

ITEM NO.7

Enhancement of overdraft limit.

While placing the item before the Board the Member Secretary explained that though the overdraft facility of Rs. 3.0 crore was sanctioned by the Board in 1982, it was not availed of until June, 1992. Because of increase in arrears of the

Municipalities and Zilla Parishads on various accounts which have now crossed Rs.140 crores, it has become impossible to maintain the constant flow of funds to the field officers. The major water supply schemes under execution at Amaravati, Dhule, Barshi-Kurudwadi, Nagpur (Pench) project involve huge capital outlay. For Amaravati Scheme alone the capital cost has been revised to Rs.77.00 crores. As a result the overdraft limit of Rs.3.0 crore is found to be inadequate and it is necessary to raise it Rs.10.0 crores. Dy. Secy. UD Shri Patwardhan on behalf of Secretary UD, opposed this resolution and requested that the consideration of this item be postponed. The Chairman, however, stated that for want of funds the cost of the project was considerably increased and if by paying a little more interest, finances can be procured reducing the expenditure on schemes, then it is desirable to procure the finances. He, therefore, agreed that the over draft limit should be raised as proposed. Board passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION.

C.A.O.

"Resolved that the overdraft facility of Rs.3.0 crores allowed to the Board in 1982 vide Board's Resolution passed in 28th meeting held on 4th Sept. 1982 may be enhanced to Rs.10 crores (Rupees ten crores.)

ITEM NO.8 Audit Report for the year 1989-90

Consideration of this item was postponed.

ITEM NO.9 Rules for Registration of Contractors for M.W.S.& S. Board. - Revision of Registration fee.

Member Secretary clarified that though the rules regarding the registration of contractors for the Board were sanctioned in

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the meeting held on 22 April, 1992 the registration fee was same as was prescribed in Mah. PWD manual. However, considering the price rise and the present market situation it is felt that the rates prescribed are comparatively very small. It was therefore necessary to raise them as suggested in the Annexure to the Agenda item. This item was approved and the following resolution was passed.

RESOLUTION

C.A.O. "The Board hereby approves the proposal to enhance the existing registration fees as mentioned in the Annexure.

ITEM NO.10 Authentication of orders/instruments of the
Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board

Delegation of powers.

According to Section 8(3) of MWSSB Act, 1976 the Member Secretary is the Chief Executive Officer of the Board and according to Section 9 of the said Act he is authorised to authenticate the orders and decisions of the Board. In the circumstances all the orders and instruments of the Board are required to be signed by the Member Secretary to satisfy the test of the law. In other words, authentication of the Board's orders/instruments by any officer other than the Member Secretary are invalid ab-initio unless they are authorised by the regulations framed by the Board. The Member Secretary is always very busy in the matters of supervision, control and administration of the Board and it is absolutely necessary to authorise, in addition to the Member Secretary, some senior officers of the Board to authenticate the orders and instruments of the Board. It is therefore proposed that the Chief Engineers/FA&CAO and CAO should be authorised to authenticate the

orders/instruments of the Board. The proposal was approved and the Board passed the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION:

The Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board hereby "resolves that on approval of the orders/instruments of the Board by the Board, Chairman or the Member Secretary of the Board as the case may be in addition to the Member Secretary as authorised under Section 9 of the Act, the Chief Engineer(Urban/Rural/Project), the F.A. & C.A.O. and the Chief Administrative Officer of the Board shall also be empowered to authenticate the orders/instruments of the Board."

ITEM NO.11 Enhanced Escalation payment to Hydraulic and General Engineers for the work of Ahmednagar Sewerage Scheme.

Consideration of the this Item was postponed to the next meeting.

ITEM NO.12 Procurement of L & T Cement for Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Board works.

Member Secretary explained the need for procurement of L&T Cement alone for certain purposes and pleaded that this was being done in the Irrigation Department also. The members inquired whether the cement of all the companies was of ISI Standard and if so, why was it necessary to give preference to the L&T cement alone and suggested that this item be considered after obtaining the details regarding analytical reports of the products test reports of all cement companies including L&T . Consideration of this Item was, therefore, postponed.

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Appointment to the post of Jr. Engineer(R.T.) from daily rated(NMR) skilled labour who are holding Diploma in Civil/Electrical Engg.

Member Secretary explained that though Sarvashri Bobade, Doiphode and Pimpalkar were graduate engineers, they could not be appointed on regular establishment as Junior Engineers because their appointments were not through the prescribed medium viz. Employment Exchange. He therefore suggested that their cases may be recommended to the Government to approve the same as a special case. The Minister of State for RDD and Vice-Chairman of the Board pointed out that it was not the fault of the employees that they were not recruited through Employment Exchange, it would not, therefore, be fair to deny them facilities available to the employees recruited through regular procedure. While making further recruitment to the post of Junior Engineer these persons may also be called for interview and it should be decided whether they are suitable or otherwise. The Member Secretary pointed out that only those who come through prescribed source are appointed on the basis of interview. The Vice-Chairman desired that this item may be considered in the next meeting of the Board. This suggestion was approved by the Members of the Board.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.