

# MAHARASHTRA WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD



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

No. MWSSB/1092/59/166/E-5

Dated 10th May, 1993.

To:

1. The Chairman,  
Maharashtra Water Supply & Sew. Board,  
(Hon. Minister, Urban Development),  
Mantralaya,  
Bombay: 400 032.
2. Shri D.T. Joseph,  
Secretary (I),  
Urban Development Department,  
Mantralaya,  
Bombay: 400 032.
3. Shri Suresh Kumar,  
Secretary,  
Rural Development Department,  
Mantralaya,  
Bombay: 400 032.
4. Shri A.D. Sane,  
Joint Secretary (Exp.),  
Finance Department,  
Mantralaya,  
Bombay: 400 032.
5. Shri M.B. Chobe,  
Municipal Commissioner,  
Thane Municipal Corporation,  
THANE.
6. Shri Jagannath S. Patil, — RPOD  
Member,  
Zilla Parishad,  
Solapur,  
Dist. Solapur.
7. Shri M.R. Agarwal,  
A1/5, Agrasen Society,  
8, Koregaon Park,  
Pune: 411 001.
8. Shri S.S. Patwardhan,  
Member Secretary,  
Mah. Water Supply & Sew. Board,  
Express Towers, 4th Floor,  
Bombay: 400 021.

Sub:- Minutes of 59th meeting of the Mah.  
Water Supply & Sew. Board held on  
30.3.1993.

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of  
the minutes of the 59th meeting of the Board held  
on 30th March, 1993.

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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,

[ R. S. PISE ]  
Chief Administrative Officer

Encl: a/a

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

1. The Vice-Chairman,  
Mah. Water Supply & Sew. Board,  
[Hon. Minister of State],  
Rural Development,  
Mantralaya, Bombay
2. Shri Ganesh Roy,  
President,  
Chandur Railway,  
Dist: Amravati
3. Shri P.S. Rajvanshy,  
Adviser to Govt. of India,  
Central Public Health and  
Engineering & Sanitation Organisation,  
Ministry of Urban Development,  
NEW DELHI.

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मंत्रालय, मुंबई ४०० ०३२

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1. The Chief Engineer [Urban / Rural / Project, MWSSB, Bombay]
2. FA & CAO, MWSSB, New Bombay.
3. The C.A.O, MWSSB, Bombay.
4. The Dy. Chief Accounts Officer I/II/III, MWSSB, New Bombay.
5. SE [HQ], MWSSB, Bombay
6. S.E., CPDM, MWSSB, Bombay
7. The Administrative-cum-Personnel Officer, MWSSB, Bombay

Office of the  
CHIEF ENGINEER,  
(Urban / Rural),  
Bhavan  
Chambers,  
Fort,  
Bombay 40001.

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Minutes of 59th meeting of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board held on 30.3.1993.

The 59th meeting of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board was held at 9.30 am on the 30.3.1993 in Mantralaya under the Chairmanship of Shri Arun Gujarathi, Hon. Minister for Urban Development and Chairman, Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Board. The following members were present.

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| 1] | Shri Arun Gujarathi,<br>Hon. Minister for Urban Dev.<br>& Chairman, MWSSB             | Chairman          |
| 2] | Shri D.T. Joseph<br>Secretary - I<br>Urban Development Deptt.                         | Member            |
| 3] | Shri Suresh Kumar<br>Secretary,<br>Rural Development Deptt.,                          | Member            |
| 4] | Shri M.B. Choube,<br>Municipal Commissioner<br>Thane Municipal Corporation,<br>Thane. | Member            |
| 5] | Shri A.D. Sane,<br>Joint Secretary [Exp.]<br>Finance Department.                      | Member            |
| 6] | Shri Jagannath S. Patil   | Member            |
| 7] | Shri M.R. Agarwal   | Member            |
| 8] | Shri S.S. Patwardhan  | Member Secretary. |

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

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| 1] | Shri Manikrao Thakare,<br>Minister of State for Rural Development<br>& Vice-Chairman, MWSS Board. |
| 2] | Shri Ganesh Roy,<br>President,<br>Chandur Railway,<br>Dist. Amravati.                             |

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- 3] Shri B.V. Rotkar,  
502, Aseem Co-op. Hsg. Society,  
Jayant Palkar Marg, Worli,  
Bombay 400 018.
  - 4] Dr. M.A. Chitale,  
General Secretary,  
International Commission on  
Irrigation & Drainage,  
40, Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri,  
New Delhi 110 021.
  - 5] The Adviser to Govt. of India,  
Central Public Health & Engineering  
& Sanitation Organisation.  
Ministry of Urban Development,  
New Delhi.

The following officers of Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board also attended the Meeting.

- 1) Shri R.M.Sagane, Chief Engineer (Urban),
- 2) Shri A.A.Sankpal, Chief Engineer(Rural),
- 3) Shri S.D.Armal, Chief Engineer(Project),
- 4) Shri K.R.Tamhane, F.A.&.Chief Accounts Officer,
- 5) Shri J.B.Ambegaoker, Chief Administrative Officer.

The Chairman welcomed all the members and officers of the Board and requested the Member Secretary to start the proceedings. Thereupon the Member Secretary, Shri Patwardhan welcomed the newly appointed Chairman and other members and offered them bouquets.

The Member Secretary in his introductory speech enumerated the difficulties being faced in running the various activities of the Board. He mentioned that :-

- 1) At present, there is no direct recruitment of technical officers in the Board hence it is difficult to find suitable officers for manning superior posts. He, therefore, suggested that direct recruitment through M.P.S.C., both for

class I and Class II posts, should be started immediately and for that purpose, necessary modification in the provisions of the Board Act may be carried out.

2) In order to have smooth co-ordination between the Board and U.D.D., it is necessary to have a technical officer at the level of Joint Secretary/Deputy Secretary in the U.D.D. Mantralaya.

3) The position of cash flow of the Board is delicate and it was necessary to draw from the over draft, for payment of salaries this month. Necessary permanent solution for this purpose will be necessary.

4) The local authorities are reluctant to take over the completed schemes from the Board, hence the Board has to operate and maintain such schemes even though there is no financial provision for this purpose. It is, therefore, necessary to insist on the local bodies to take over schemes immediately on completion.

5) The Merani Committee, which was appointed by Government to review the working of the Board, has already submitted its report in August, 1990. It is necessary that recommendations of this Committee are approved by Government as early as possible.

6) In order to stop diversion of funds from one sector to another, separate bank accounts and cash books for Rural Development Department and Urban Development Department will be maintained w.e.f. April, 1993.

7) It is also necessary to provide for price

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escalation in the original estimate itself so that the question of revised estimate only for the purpose of escalation does not arise. This would result in early completion of schemes works of which are held up for want of revised administrative approval.

The Member Secretary also mentioned that he was retiring shortly. He thanked all the members of the Board for their kind co-operation.

The Secretary, R.D.D. thereafter mentioned that in the earlier meeting of the Board, it was pointed out that review of all schemes is required to be taken periodically, but it is not being done. He also insisted that the members of the Board must know the progress of the schemes. The Commissioner, Thane Municipal Corporation intervened to say that the Board should not choose individual schemes but make attempts to overcome the major hurdles such as finance etc. The Chairman therefore directed that a general broad based review of all schemes is necessary periodically and should be placed before the Board. This review shall indicate (for both Urban + Rural W.S.). (1) Total No. of schemes completed fully + handed over, (2) No. of schemes in progress, (3) No. of schemes in progress for more than last 3, 5, 7 to 10 years with reasons, (4) Schemes lying with RDD/FD for A.A.(New Schemes), (5) Revised Schemes lying with RDD/FD for A.A. since when. During the discussion Member Secretary explained giving comparative figures for last few years that the funds earmarked for rural schemes were not diverted to urban schemes as pointed out by Secretary, RDD.

Thereafter the items were taken up for consideration.

ITEM NO.1 :- Confirmation of minutes of the 58th Meeting of M.W.S.&S.Board held on 11.11.1992:-

The draft minutes were circulated to all members by letter dated 29.12.1992. As no member has communicated any suggestions/modifications etc., minutes of the meeting were confirmed.

Item No.2:-Action taken/initiated or being taken on the actionable points in the Minutes of the 58th Meeting held on 11.11.1992:-

The Member Secretary explained the action taken by the Board on the decisions of the 58th Meeting . The Board has noted the action taken.

ITEM NO.3 :- Cash flow position of the Board during 1992-93:-

The Member Secretary explained the difficulties being faced by the Board because of irregular releases of grant-in-aid funds from Government. The Chairman requested the Finance Department representative to explain the difficulties in not releasing funds to the Board on a uniform basis. The Jt. Secretary, Finance Department pointed out that Merani Committee has already made useful suggestions in this matter and the recommendations of the Committee need to be finalised quickly. The Secretary, Urban Development, mentioned that the grants are being released to the Board on an ad hoc basis and so the Board is not in a position to plan its programme in advance, he therefore suggested that the grants should be released to the Board timely, on regular basis and the Board should know the exact amount to be released well in time. The Chairman, agreeing with this view, directed that a Committee of Secretary, U.D., Secretary, RD, Jt.Secretary, FD and the F.A.&C.A.O. of the Board

should meet every month to review the cash flow position of the Board and convince the F.D. for timely release of funds. Thereafter the Board passed the following Resolution:

Resolved that a Committee of the following members of the Board shall meet on 2nd Monday of every month to review the cash flow of the Board and make proposals to the Finance Department.

Secretary, U.D.

Secretary, R.D.

Jt. Secretary, F.D.

F.A.&C.A.O., MWSSB.

ITEM NO.4 :- Diversion of funds during 1992-93 and 1993-94:-

The Member Secretary first explained the position of dues from the Municipalities/Municipal Corporations and Gram Panchayats etc. He also placed the yearwise break up of arrears before the Board & mentioned that the arrears from the local bodies are increasing day by day, hence the Board has to divert funds from capital sector to revenue sector for maintaining these schemes. He also mentioned that a large amount is also required every year to repay the loans received from L.I.C. and as well as the O.M.B. The FA&CAO showed the figures of diversion of funds since inception to end of March, 1992. The Secretary, remarked that the diversion of funds is more in case of UD funds than in the case of RDD funds. The Chairman stated that it was necessary to have a detailed discussion on this issue. He, therefore, suggested that for the time being, item may be deferred. It was agreed that recovery of water charges on flat rate basis as



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suggested by Commissioner, Thane Municipal Corporation, should be tried on Temghar Water Supply Scheme on a pilot basis.

ITEM NO.5:- Draft paragraph regarding avoidable expenditure on account of interest payment - Akola W.S.S:-

The Member Secretary explained that the loan was obtained from L.I.C. because of decision of Government to give loan to municipal council to pay popular contribution. However, Government later on changed its earlier decision and hence the loan could not be utilised and had to be refunded to L.I.C. However, for the period of 1 1/2 years the interest was required to be paid and this was inevitable for which the Board was not responsible. The audit has raised an objection to the payment of this interest. After detailed discussion the following Resolution was passed.

RESOLUTION:-

After careful study of the case of lifting of loan from the L.I.C. in respect of Akola Water Supply Scheme, it was resolved that the Accountant General be requested to reconsider his decision to incorporate the draft para in his Audit Report.

ITEM NO.6:-Ratification of the Agenda items approved by the Board in Circulation:-

These items were already circulated to the members of the Board and were approved. The Board, therefore, decided to ratify all the decisions taken by circulation. Accordingly the following resolution was passed:-

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RESOLUTION:-

The Board hereby ratifies the following agenda items approved in circulation.

1. O.M.B. Programme for the year 1992-93(Annexure "A" - Rs.800 lakhs).
2. Raising of loan from LIC of India for financing Ahmednagar Water Supply Augmentation Scheme Stage-III Phase-I Revised approval for the.....(Annexure "B" - Rs. 737 lakhs).
3. Raising of LIC Plan Loan for U.W.S.&.S.S. during the year 1992-93(Annexure "C" - Rs.180 lakhs).
4. Raising of loan from Housing and Development Corporation Ltd., Bombay, for Shelter Upgradation Scheme under Nehru Rojgar Yojana for Kalyan Municipal Corporation(Annexure "D" -Rs. 45 lakhs).

ITEM NO.7:- Annual Account for the year 1991-92:-

The Member Secretary informed that the Annual Account for 1991-92 has already been audited by the Accountant General, Bombay. The Board, therefore, approved the item and passed the following resolution:-

RESOLUTION:-

- 1) Resolved that the Annual Accounts for the year 1991-92 be adopted.
- 2) It is further resolved that the Annual Accounts for the year 1991-92 be authenticated by the Chairman and 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 results 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.847.99 lakhs be appropriated towards depreciation fund.

ii) A sum of Rs.170.59 lakhs may be appropriated towards Sinking Fund.

ITEM NO.8:Revised Budget for the year 1992-93:-

The Member Secretary presented the item and explained in brief. On the basis of points raised, the Member Secretary further explained that where a turnkey contract was awarded on the lines of World Bank contracts, no separate purchases were made. He also explained on the point raised by Shri Agarwal that the purchases are made through Rate Contract firms only and not from private firms recommended by the MSSIDC. The item was approved and the Board passed the following Resolution:-

RESOLUTION:-

The Board approves the revised estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year 1992-93 as follows:-

S.No.		Rs. in lakhs	
		Budget Estimates 1992-93	Revised Estimates 1992-93
1.	Capital Receipts	23959.09	22683.27
2.	Capital Expenditure	22614.16	21251.17
3.	Revenue Receipts	13815.90	13732.00
4.	Revenue Expenditure	13699.90	13695.26

ITEM NO.9:- Budget Estimates for the year 1993-94:

The Member Secretary presented the item and explained the details. The Chairman directed that Government should be requested to make available matching grant-in-aid if it desires that the Board should utilise the entire loan of Rs.30.00 crores from LIC. The following resolution was therefore passed:-

RESOLUTION:-

The Board approves the Budget Estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year 1993-94 as follows:

			( Rs. in lakhs )
S.No.	Particulars	Revised Estimates 1992-93	Budget Estimates 1992-93
1.	Capital Receipts	22683.27	27812.45
2.	Capital Expenditure	21251.00	26816.00
3.	Revenue Receipts	13732.00	14938.00
4.	Revenue Expenditure	13695.26	14805.00

The Board further directs that while incurring expenditure during 1993-94, the provisions of section 34(1) of M.W.S.&.S.Board Act, 1976 and provision made thereunder should be kept in view.

The Government should also be requested to sanction grant-in-aid matching with the LIC loan of Rs.30.0 crores to enable the Board to obtain loan to that extent from the L.I.C.

ITEM NO.10 : Audit Report for the year 1989-90:-

The Member Secretary explained the item in brief. The Chairman suggested to constitute a small Committee to go through the compliance of the points raised by the audit and submit its report to the Board. It was decided that the Committee consisting of following members should be formed.

- 1) Secretary-I, UDD..... Chairman.
- 2) Jt.Secretary, F.D. Member.
- 3) F.A.&.C.A.O., MWSSB. Member.
- 4) S.E.(H.Q), MWSSB. Member.

ITEM NO.11 : Raising of loan from Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd., Bombay for "Shelter Upgradation Scheme under Nehru Rojgar Yojana" Rs.327.96 lakhs:

The Member Secretary presented the item and explained in brief. After detailed discussion, the item was approved and the following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION:-

The Board hereby approves the borrowing from HUDCO for shelter upgradation scheme under Nehru Rojgar Yojana for Thane, Kalyan and Nagpur Municipal Corporation amounting to Rs.327.96 lakhs(Rupees Three crores twenty seven lakhs Ninety six thousand only)and authorises the M.S./F.A.&.C.A.O., MWSSB, 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 HUDCO for the loan as and when sanctioned by HUDCO.

ITEM NO.12: Authority for revision for water rates:-

The Member Secretary explained that the item was placed on the pattern of the procedure being followed in the State of Kerala. The Hon'ble Chairman however did not agree. He said that instead of an individual taking a decision, it is better that the Board takes such decision.

ITEM NO.13: Enhanced escalation payment to M/s Hydraulic and General Engineering for the work of Ahmednagar Sewerage Schemes:-

The Chairman directed that every such escalation item should be placed before the Board for detailed scrutiny and approval. In the present case he directed that a note giving detailed justification for escalation should be submitted to the Board since such justification was not available in the report of the Committee.

ITEM NO.14 : Appointment to the post of Junior Engineer(R.T.) from daily rated (NMR)skilled labour who are diploma holders in Civil/Electrical Engineering:-

The Member Secretary explained the item in brief. After detailed discussion, the item was approved and the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION:-

Resolved that Diploma holder candidates viz. Sarvashri Pimpalkar, Diophode and Bobade appointed directly on daily rated basis (NMR) should be recommended to Government for being exempted from the condition of recruitment through Employment Exchange etc. for their appointment to the post of Junior Engineer.

ITEM NO.15 : M.R.W.S.&.Environmental Sanitation Project with World Bank Assistance - Contracts under Phase-I Deemed Export benefits to the Contractors:

The Member Secretary explained the item in brief. The Municipal Commissioner, Thane, was of the opinion that it was necessary to get the opinion of Law and Judiciary Department first. It was, therefore, decided to refer the proposal to Law & Judiciary Department in view of the large amount involved, and on receipt of its opinion, the matter should be placed before the Board again. Meanwhile the payment to the contractor, if any, should be held up.

ITEM NO.16: Conversion of temporary posts into permanent posts:-

The discussion on this item was deferred.

ITEM NO.17 :Handing over Field Staff of M.W.S.&.S.Board to CIDCO Authorities:-

The Member Secretary explained the item in brief. It was suggested that this item need not be brought before the Board, as the Board as well as the CIDCO are functioning under M(UD) and as he has already convened a meeting.

Further items were deferred for want of time.

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