

Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the Maharashtra
Water Supply and Sewerage Board held on 23rd September
1981 at New Administrative Building (Chairman's Chamber)
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Item No.1: The minutes of the 20th meeting of the
Board were confirmed.

Item No.2: Action taken

It was decided that Mrs. Neela Satyanarayan,
Deputy Secretary, Urban Development should be taken
as a Member of the Committee appointed at the
Headquarter level of the Board for the Work Study Report.
It was further stressed that the findings of the works
Study Committee should be brought before the meeting of
the Board as an agenda item latest within two months
from 23rd September 1981.

(ii) Budget Estimates:

Members expressed apprehensions about delay
in presenting the budget. It was stressed that the
budget of the Board may be presented as an agenda item
in the next meeting of the Board to be held on 6th
November 1981.

Item No.3: : Improvement to Chandrapur
Water Supply Scheme, interim
proposal for construction of
the elevated service Reservoir
(ESR) of 12.5 lakhs litres capacity:

During discussions on the subject, question was
raised as to the validity of the methods of population
forecast made while preparing Water Supply Schemes.

It was explained that while for Urban schemes the
population forecasts were made taking into account the
four standard methods, viz., straight line method,
Arithmetic increase, Geometric increase and comparison
with other towns etc. and then applying best judgement,
for Rural Water Supply Schemes population forecast

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was made on the basis of a uniform increase of 25% per decade to be compounded over 15 and 30 years hence. It was pointed out that whatever may be ^{the} ~~be~~ methods followed the forecast made according to these methods were always found to be grossly underestimated, particularly where new urban, industrial and agricultural (Irrigation) activities have come up over years. It was also stated that in recent years, instructions have been issued to take into account population projections made in the approved/draft stage, development plans of urban towns for arriving forecast of population for water supply system design. After further discussions, it was decided that a paper explaining the methodology of forecasting population for urban towns and rural villages should be put up as an agenda item for consideration of the Board. The Member-Secretary informed that the proposed review is likely to be completed within a period of 12 months from the date of commencement of work. The Board thereafter approved, the following resolution:-

" Resolved that the Administrative approval is accorded to the work of construction of E.S.R. of 12.5 lakh litres capacity estimated to cost Rs.8,11,000/- Gross with 21% E.T.P. charges. The expenditure on the work should be met out of O.M.B. fund of the Board. This scheme should be treated as a part of the Total Scheme for " Improvement to Water Supply Distribution Scheme of the Chandrapur", Plans and Estimates for which are under preparation with the Board. The Board desired that proposals regarding the basis on which population forecast is to be prepared should be submitted to the Board".

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Item No.4: Approval to tender for excess of 10% or more over the current schedule of rate:

A point was raised as to why the earlier offer of 35% below the estimated cost of work put to tender could not be accepted. The Superintending Engineer, Environmental Engineering Circle, Bombay informed that the local enquiries revealed that there was opposition of the local body, i.e. village Panchayat and Panchayat Samiti to accept this tender. They had suggested that this work be split up into smaller part and given to Village Panchayat for execution at tendered rates. Under the rules it was not possible to split the works. Hence reference was made to Rural Development Department in respect of splitting up of works. R.D.D. did not agree. The contractor whose offer was the lowest was not prepared to do ^{work} in view of the opposition of local body. S.E. felt that if tender was given to the Contractor whose offer was the lowest, there would be the question of law and order, people might break pipes etc. However, the S.E. did not consult the Collector on the question of law and order. Under these circumstances, it was felt that re-invitation of the tender a forced action under pressure of the local Village Panchayat for not getting the work done at the lowest rates received earlier. Under these circumstances the Board decided the following:-

- a) The detailed reasons leading to the rejection ~~rejection~~ of first favourable offer at 35% below and the at invitation of fresh tenders etc. may be obtained from local officers and placed before the Board for consideration.

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b) The work should be carried out and completed departmentally.

Item No.5: Thane Underground Sewerage scheme-Payment of difference of steel etc.

The Board decided that this item may be brought up again before the Board with specific recommendation of the Board Office as to the admissibility of the claim and the reasons as to why the claim should be entertained by the Board after the final bill was paid to the Contractor in 1977.

Item No.6: Creation of 3 Sub-Divisions, for Rural Piped and Water Supply Schemes on Bhima and Jayakwadi Command area under World Food Programme (WFP):

It was felt that the question of taking up this work by the Board should have come up before the Board for approval. It should now be put up before the Board for post facto approval.

Since time is an important factor in respect of these works, the Urgent Order Procedure should be followed for implementing these works.

The Secretary, R.D.D. stated that extra cement could be made available for this work on request.

The Secretary, R.D.D. stated that Administrative Approval may be presumed to have ~~been~~ ^{been} given for these works so that these can be stated immediately. Since the funds available are to be utilized in a short period, "urgent order procedure" may be followed while finalizing the agencies for works. Funds required for the ~~next~~ ^{next} 3 months works programme should be applied for immediately.

The proposal for creation of the three sub-divisions was approved and the following resolution passed.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved that the three Sub-Divisions for Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes on Bhima and Jayakwadi Command area under World Food Programme may be created".

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Item No.7: Enblock shifting of the
Headquarter of Environmental
Engineering Works Division and
Sub-divisions xxxx at Kalyan to
Sindhudurg District.

The proposal was approved. It was suggested that when the location of the Head-quarter of the District is finalised, sufficient lands may be ~~xxxxxxx~~ acquired at this District place for constructing the offices and residential quarters of the Board and Board staff.

It was decided that similar proposals should be initiated for Jalna District which has been newly created.

The following resolution was passed

RESOLUTION:

" Resolved that the Environmental Engineering Works Division, Kalyan and Environmental Engineering Sub-Division No.II, Kalyan may be shifted enblock to Kankavali to function as works Division and Sub-Division for Sindhudurg District, Control of Environmental Engineering Works Sub-Division, Kulgaon and Ulhasnagar may be transferred to the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Project Organisation alongwith operation and maintenance of Badlapur and Ambernath Water Works and remaining work of Kalyan Division may be transferred to the Environmental Engineering Works Division, Thane alongwith the control of the Environmental Engineering Works Sub-Division No.I, Kalyan, Incumbants against the posts being shifted to Kankavali may not be transferred to the new headquarters but may be absorbed against existing sanctioned posts in the Project Organisation, as far as possible."

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✓ Item No.8: Creation of Pension Scheme and Provident Fund Scheme.

While discussing the item, following points were brought out:-

(a) The work of Accounts Wing is in arrears. Hence all efforts need to be made to recruit persons against vacant sanctioned posts(107).

(b) Creation of Pension fund might imply payment of income tax. The LIC has some schemes, the operation of which would enable the Board to pay gratuity to the retired Board Servants. This should also be examined.

(c) Although the Board may agree in principle to approach actuaries for advice on the question of pension contribution etc, the terms of reference and amounts payable for this work should be got approved from the Board in advance.

(d) It was felt that reference to Income Tax Authorities in para 5.2 on page 28 of the item note was not necessary and could be deleted as I.T.A. would not directly give such approval. Subject to these remarks, the proposal was approved and the following Resolution was passed:-

RESOLUTION: "The Board resolved that the work of sanctioning pension and payment thereof should be taken over by the Board with effect from 1st November 1981 and the work of maintaining the G.P.F. account of the employees of the Board should be taken over with effect from 1st Januaryly 1982. As additional staff would be required for discharging these functions, the Board approves the proposal to approach the Government for sanctioning the remaining 35 posts which have been agreed to in the past by the Government vide G.R. U.D. & P.H.D. No. USB/1080/5981/(1960)/UD-16, dated the 15th March 1980.

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The Board also approves in principle the proposal of approaching practicing actuaries to advise the Board on the amount of pension contribution to be made annually to the pension fund for effecting pension payment to the employees of the Board. However the terms of appointment of the actuarial firm should be submitted to the Board for consideration and sanction".

Item No.9: Authorising the Deputy Chief Accounts Officers in Central Office to sign the cheques.

It was decided that in the absence of Member-Secretary and Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer, both at one and the same time on leave or on tour etc, any one of the three Deputy Chief Accounts Officers in the Central Office should be authorised to sign cheques drawn on State Bank of India, upto a limit of Rs.10,000/- at each such time

Item No.10:- Any other item with the permission of Chair:

a) Taking over of Nagpur Municipal Corporation Water Works by the Board:

The Member-Secretary explained that this question was under correspondence and discussions between the Central Office of the Board and the Nagpur Municipal Corporation for some time. The Board permitted the Officers of the Board to finalise the draft proposals indicating terms and conditions for taking over the Water Works in consultations with Nagpur Municipal Corporation and place the same before the Board for consideration and approval.

(b) Taking over of water works of 14 Municipal Councils in Vidarbha:

The Member-Secretary explained that this question was

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under correspondence and discussions between the officers of the Board and the Government. The Board permitted the office of the Board to finalise draft proposals indicating the terms and conditions etc. for taking over of these water works and place them before the Board for consideration and approval.

c) Augmentation to Matheran Water Supply Scheme:

The members enquired about latest developments on this scheme and requested the Member-Secretary to place the scheme before the Board for approval at the earliest.

d) It was decided that the next meeting of the Board be held on 6th November 1981 at 10.30 hrs.

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

Minutes Confirmed

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CHAIRMAN

Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Board
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