

Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of Maharashtra Water Supply
and Sewerage Board held on on 6th of November 1981 in the Chamber
of Chairman, M.W.S.S.B.

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| 1. | Smt. Vasudha Deshmukh | ... | Chairman |
| 2. | Shri D.N. Capoor, Secretary
(Urban Development) | ... | Member |
| 3. | Shri W.D. Bhide, M.S.,
M.W.S.S.B. | ... | Member-Secretary, |
| 4. | Shri W.G. Joshi, O.S.D., F.D. | | Member |
| 5. | Shri P.S. Manchekar, D.S. P.D. | ... | Member |
| 6. | Shri H.M. Dahibathe, D.S, R.D.D. | ... | Member |

INVITEES :

1. Smt. Neela Satyanarayan,
D.S.(UD),
2. Shri S.K. Tasgaonkar, C.E.(P),
3. Shri P.V. Bhutkar, C.E.(R),
4. Shri B.V. Rotkar, C.E.(U),
5. Shri D.K. Gupte, F.A.&C.A.O.

Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of
the 21st Meeting held on the 23
September 1981:

The minutes of the 21st meeting of the Board held on
23rd of September 1981 were taken as confirmed.

Item No.2: Actions taken:

(1) The Works Study-Committee : The latest developments
were explained by the Chief Engineer (Urban) who is the Chairman
of the committee. He has agreed to complete the report of
the Committee and put it up as Agenda Item for the next
meeting of the Board.

(2) Creation of Pension scheme and Provident Fund Scheme:

The Deputy Secretary, Urban Development informed that
orders for creation of necessary staff for this work are
being issued separately.

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(3) Augmentation of Matheran Water Supply Scheme:

The Deputy Secretary, Urban Development informed that administrative approval to this scheme is being accorded by the U.D. & P.H.D.

Item No. 3: - Augmentation to Aurangabad Water Supply Scheme.

After detailed discussions on this subject the Board approved that this scheme of 56 mld ^{be} capacity taken up by the Board for implementation on priority for the following reasons:

a) The present level of water supply to the town is around 80 LPCD which is about 60% of the norm (130 LPCD).

b) The town has been provided with sewerage facilities for smooth functioning of which per capita daily supply has to be around of 130 LPCD.

c) CIDCO has developed a new town-ship adjacent to A'bad. The requirements of water to this new town are expected to develop to 3.5 MLD by 1985. The present supply being only 0.5 MLD, the CIDCO has to depend on the ^{increased} board's w.s.s. for meeting their requirements.

d) At present supply being made to the MIDC at Chikhaltana is about 2.6 to 3.0 MLD. As per commitment

made to them, 6.5 MLD of supply is to be made, while the requirement upto 1986 is estimated @ 10 mld. The scheme is /

/ expected to fulfil this increased demand.

It was mentioned that the scheme envisages progressive increase in the water rates to be charged to the consumers for these water works. It is necessary that the ^{Aurangabad} Municipal Council also agrees to charge appropriate water rates commensurate with the bulk rates assumed in the project for charging to the municipal council and it was felt that unless

this is done, municipal council would again be reappropriating funds from other sources for meeting the deficit in the water supply expenditure. It was desired that such a situation would not arise hereafter in any of the municipal councils, and particularly to M.C. Aurangabad ^{all} It was, therefore decided to write to ^{all} the municipal councils ⁱⁿ to increase the water rates suitably so that the ^{an} water works is made self-supporting.

Arising out of discussions on this item, the Secretary, Urban Development also suggested to take a review of the work of scrutiny and technical approval of the schemes and estimates sent by the Municipal Councils to the corresponding officers of the M.W.S.S.B. and to indicate the position of -

a) Estimates referred by the Municipal Councils to the M.W.S.S.B. for approval during the year 1981-82 (with dates).

b) The estimates approved and sent back to the M.Cs. (with dates).

c) The estimates pending with the officers as on 30th of September 1981 and the reasons for delay, if any, in approving the estimates. It was suggested that an information in this respect should be furnished to the Urban Development Department early.

Arising out of these discussions, Secy. (UD) also mentioned that scrutiny fees need not be charged to the Municipal Councils for scrutiny and technical approval to the schemes referred to the Board by the Municipal councils in pursuance of Section 72 of the M.W. Act, 1965. Necy. circular will have to be issued immediately.

Secretary, U.D. also desired to know whether any policy has been evolved according to which the new water supply schemes should be processed for grating for augmentation and improvement/be processed for grating administrative approval. It was informed that the present level of service in terms of per capita per day supply as compared with the norms in respect of all Urban Municipal Towns has been assessed and on the basis of these details of present level of services, the towns have been categorised. Detailed data and information in this respect has been already submitted to the Planning Deptt. and U.D. It was further informed that this information could be the basis for taking up new schemes and priorities in this respect have been identified as follows:-

Sr.No.	Category	Level of Service	Number of Towns.
i)	A	No piped W.S.	6
ii)	B	Supply below 25% of Norms	Nil
iii)	C	Supply between 25% to 50% of Norms.	21
iv)	D	Supply between 50% to 75% of Norms.	98
v)	E	Supply between 75% to 100% of Norms.	23
vi)	F	Supply as per or over 100% of Norms.	74
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There are reasons to believe that this classification may have to be checked up again for its accuracy since, for instance, no town appears in category 'B' This would be done shortly and revised detailed lists would be furnished to Planning Deptt. and U.D.

While discussing the proposal, it was observed that since the Board has been set up primarily for rapid development and proper regulation of water supply services in the State of Maharashtra, no other authority should be allowed to develop parallel water supply system to meet the needs of a part of those area, wherever the Board has undertaken the activity of water supply systems in the area. In the specific instances of Aurangabad water supply scheme, the proposal of the Board for augmentation of existing Board water supply system includes provision of increased water supply for industries in and around Aurangabad Town. In view of this, the members felt that the authorities like MIDC have to be told not to expand their water supply activities in this area but to avail of facilities of water supply being created by the Board through this augmentation scheme. Secretary (UD) has agreed to take up this issue with the Government and to obtain orders thereon. It was further opined by the members that such an action would also facilitate the element of cross-subsidy for keeping the domestic water supply rates at reasonable level and would also avoid overlapping capital investments.

Subject to above considerations, the following Resolution was passed :-

"Resolved that to meet the rapidly increasing demands of water for domestic and industries in and around Aurangabad town the Board accords administrative approval to the scheme for Augmentation of Aurangabad Water Supply Works (with Mayakwadi as source) estimated to cost Rs.307.65 lakhs gross with 21% E.T.P. charges. The Board also approves

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to finance the scheme out of funds to be made available to the Board by way of loans from L.I.C. O.M.D. and Govt. Grant in aid. The Board further resolves that Government to be approached for sanction of appropriate grant in aid component to the scheme. Further Resolved that for the reasons mentioned during the discussions on this issue and in the light of paragraph 6 of the Agenda Item, the Urban Development Department be requested to take up with Govt. this issue of development of water supply system at Aurangabad exclusively by the Board.

The Urban Development Department be further requested to obtain general policy decision of Govt. in this respect so that it could be made applicable to similar situations elsewhere in the State of Maharashtra."

Item No.4: Taking over of Nagpur Municipal Corporation water Works by the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board :

During detailed discussions on this Agenda item, the following items were agreed to be processed on priority:

1. The Chief Engineer (Urban) informed that the draft of the agreement to be entered into with the Corporation for taking over these water works had been got approved from the Dist. Government Pleader, Nagpur. The original letter of the Distt. Government Pleader and the original agreement which the D.G.P. has approved should be kept on record of the Board Office.
2. It was felt that, if the formalities for increasing the water rates have by now been completed by the Corporation, it would be appropriate if the Corporation is asked to issue orders for increasing water rates with effect from 1st Jan, 1901, and preferably prior to the date of taking over of these water works by this Board.

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(3) A note on the impact of the take over of the water works to be felt by the people should be prepared and furnished for information of the members so as to watch the actual performance of the water works immediately on its take over.

(4) It seems that the real benefit of the new Pench Water Supply scheme would be given to the people if the work on the distribution system is taken over immediately. A detailed note along with the phase programme for taking up and completion of the distribution system for the town would be put up as Agenda item before the Board for consideration at the earliest opportunity. The item note should include the annual physical programme, so ^{that} during implementation of this work ~~so that~~ the actual benefits of implementation could be watched.

(5) For the proposal of take over, one cell headed by S.E. has been proposed. It is necy. to lay down the job duties and responsibilities of the key personnel in the Cell so as to have an effective control on the maintainance and planning works has ben contemplated in the Agenda item. The job description ^{and} the responsibilities are to be shown to the U.D. for information and concurrence.

(6) It has been proposed in the item Note that the interest paid by the Corporation on the loan taken by it for augmentation of Pench water supply scheme is to be paid to the Corporation in 10 equal yearly instalments. It was suggested that the payments to be made should be from the surplus generated ^{of the} from the operation / water works of Nagpur City. In other words, ^{these} it was felt that there was no point in paying ~~this~~ interest charges to the Corporation if the water works remained in deficit in any financial year. In ^{view of} this, the draft agreement be modified suitably.

(7) Question of attracting para 4.05 of the project Agreement as a result of taking over of Public Servicing Liabilities was also discussed. It was felt that this para is not attracted in case of normal activities of the Board but has been provisional and therefore, reference to the World Bank may not be necy. at this stage.

Subject to the above discussions and considerations, the following Resolution was passed:-

"Resolved that in view of the proper development of the area in and around Nagpur, the MWSS Board ^{agrees to} ~~may~~ take over the existing water supply system of the Nagpur Mun. Corporation, including the Pench WaterSupply scheme, which is under construction, on the terms and conditions indicated in the draft agreement enclosed with the Agenda Item to be modified as indicated under para 6 above. The Board further approves that the following actions may be taken by Board office:-

a) To approach U.D. & P.H.D. with the draft agreement for giving its approval to the transfer of water works as required under Sec. 20(1) of the M.W.S.S. Board Act.

b) Accept the transfer of staff from the Corporation to the Board on the terms and conditions mentioned in para 19 of the draft agreement and to approach Govt. for sanction to creation of the posts in the Board for the management of water works with effect from the date of take over, as per statement at Annex. VII of the Item note.

c) Approach Govt. for creation of ~~posts~~ ^{the officer on Special Duty (of the rank of S.E.)} for the office of the officer on Special Duty (of the rank of S.E.) with the supporting staff, for ⁽ⁱ⁾ effecting smooth take over of the water works, (ii) efficient maintenance and operation thereafter & (iii) Future planning of works vide Annex. IX, of the item note, for a period of one year in the first instance.

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(d) To / Member Secy. ^{to} sign the documents on behalf of the Board in connection with the transfer of water works to the Board and to enter into agreement on behalf of the Board.

Item No.5:- A Project for in-service training programme of the M.W.S.S.Board.

During the discussions on this agenda item, attention was invited to paragraph 6.3 of ^{Annexure} ~~Annexure~~ I where consultancy for preparation of the project report was indicated. Secy. (UD) suggested that this work could as well be done by appointing a Committee internally from officers of the Board. An attempt in this direction should, therefore, be made before the consultancy work is given by the Board to local or outside agency.

Subject to this, it was agreed that the project as prepared by the Board office may be sent to Government of India, through the Government of Maharashtra for bilateral assistance and in the light of above, the following resolution was passed:-

"Resolved that the Board approves the Project for in-service training as brought out in Annexure-I of the Agenda Note and authorises the Member-Secretary to process this project, through the State Government, to Government of India for bilateral assistance. It also resolves that initial work of the project may be commenced during this year by ~~work of the project~~ ~~xxx~~ setting up training unit cell and constructing two workshop sheds at the proposed site of training institute at Nasik Road and to commence training in Chlorination etc. by debiting the cost to World Bank Project."

Item No.6: Thane underground Drainage Scheme - Payment of difference in cost of steel to M/s Hydraulic and General Engineers(P) Ltd., Bombay.

During the discussions on this subject, the U.S.L. ,
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Finance/ informed that similar cases of grant of ex-gratia claims ~~expixs~~ are already under consideration of Government of Msh. an

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and decision in this respect is likely to be taken in due/ course. ~~course.~~ It was, therefore, suggested that board may consider this item ~~later~~ when the Government orders on similar issues are finalised.

✓ Item No.7: Accommodation on hire for residence of Shri B.V. Rotkar, C.E.(U).

M.S. suggested the following corrections in Agenda Item:-

- a) on page 82 in the 3rd line from bottom, the area should be read as 650 sq. ft. against 900 sq. feet. shown,
- b) On page 83, in the second line of para 3, the amount should be read Rs.2/- per/sq. ft. against Rs.1.50^{per}/sq. feet as shown.

The proposal was approved and the following Resolution was passed:-

"Resolved that the Board approves the proposal for ^{the premises} taking on hire by the Board for residential accommodation for Shri B.V. Rotkar, Chief Engineer (Urban) on the terms and conditions as stipulated in the Agenda Note, read with modifications indicated by the Member Secretary".

Item No.8:-Deputation of Shri S.S. Patwardhan, Executive Engineer to the 3rd Asia Pacific Regional Water Supply Conference and Exhibition:

The proposal was approved and the following Resolution was passed.

"Resolved that the Board approves the deputation of Shri S.S. Patwardhan, Executive Engineer, Environmental Engineering Works Division, Nagpur to the 3rd Asia Pacific Regional Water Supply conference and exhibition to held at Manila from 15th to 19th November 1981 and to incur expenditure of Rs.16,250 for the same."

Item No.9: Review of Urban Water Supply Schemes and progress for 1981-82.

The progress report was discussed in general. However, Secy. (UD) desired to have details of each of the 173 schemes

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indicated under progress so as to have a clear idea as to the delays in completion, shortfalls or excesses in expenditure and ^{extent of} The Assistance which is required from authorities such as UD, DPDCs, LIC, etc. It was decided that the information required for individual schemes would be compiled in a proforma as required by the Secy. U.D. and would be discussed with him by C.E.(U) on 18th November 1981. As regards list of schemes, for which ~~administrative~~ ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ approval is stated to be wanting, Secy. U.D. desired to have further details as to the present stage of administrative approval indicating:

- a) Where the scheme is at present:
- b) whether and when the approval of DPDC for provision of funds is obtained,
- c) Whether and when the Municipal Council has passed the Resolution accepting the project and
- d) Whether and when the report of the Examiner of Local Funds and Accounts has been received.

2. In case the compliances are wanting, the dates on which references were made to the respective authorities should also be indicated so that, wherever necessary, these authorities could be expedited at the level of U.D. The information has to be furnished for discussion of 18th November 1981.

3. As regards submission of the revised estimates in almost all the cases, it was noted that the actions are to be initiated at S.E.'s level. Reminders have to be sent to S.Es to expedite the submission of revised estimates.

4. Physical progress on the schemes has been shown on page 88 of the Agenda item. The names of schemes under various categories indicated in the statement should also be kept ready for discussion.

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5. In the statement at Annexure I furnished along with the Agenda item, details of the expenditure incurred upto the end of first quarter have been given. This also may be included in the new proforma that is being prepared for discussion of 18th November 1981.

6. Arising out of these discussions, Secy. (UD) also mentioned that during his recent visit to Kolhapur, he was informed that there are complaints regarding shortage of water at many of the places in Kolhapur town. This should be investigated and a report furnished to U.D.

✓ Item No. 11: Taking over by the M.W.S.S. Board the water works of 14 municipal councils in Vidarbha region by the MWSB.

The proposal was generally agreed. However, there was a lot of discussion on the issue of assistance to the Board by the State Government in the form of interest free loan for meeting the deficit in running of these water ^{loan liabilities of} works and for the debt-servicing charges on the/capital expenditure on these water works. The D.S.D. (Finance) had apprehension that if the assistance in the form asked for is considered at Government level in these cases, then there would be many more municipal councils who would come forward for handing over the water works to the Board for maintenance and the assistance given to the 14 Municipal Councils might be cited as an example for extending similar assistance in each of such cases.

2. The reasons leading to the request of the Board for the Government assistance were explained in detail. It was also explained that if the Board were to meet the liabilities of the deficit and debts servicing from its own funds, then it would be difficult to consider a package deal for 14 municipal councils. In that case individual cases Board might as well

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consider/on merit. However there were certain advantages in
taking over these in water works enblock as brought out in the
note.

3. After detailed discussion, it was agreed that the
Board should take over these water works on the terms and
conditions as enumerated in the Agenda item and accordingly
passed the following resolution.

"Resolved that the M.W.S.S. Board may take over the
existing water supply systems of 14 Municipal Councils in
Vidarbha region on the terms and conditions indicated in the
draft agreement as per Annexure-V of the Agenda Item. The
Board further approves that the following actions may be taken
by the Board Office:-

a) The Govt. in U.D. & P.H. Department should be approached
with a draft agreement as per Annexure No.V, for obtaining its
approval for taking over water works of the 14 Mun. Councils
in Vidarbha Region with the concurrence of Administrators of
M.Cs. and as per terms and conditions of such a transfer as
indicated *** by the Board office.

b) ~~Shri~~ Govt. should be approached for obtaining
G.I.A. for improvement and augmentation works of these water
works through normal channel.

c) Govt. should be approached to provide non-plan interest
free loan assistance to the Board to meet the deficit
in operation and maintenance of those water works and for
debt servicing of loan liabilities on capital investment of the
water works.

d) The transfer of staff from these 14 Municipal Councils
to the Board is accepted on the terms and conditions mentioned
in Draft agreement as per Annexure, ^{No V.} Further, Govt. in
Urban Development and
Public Health Department should *** be approached for
sanction for creating these posts under Board, with effect
from the date of taking over of these new posts. water works

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b) Member Secretary/Chief Engineer (Urban) is authorised to sign documents on behalf of the Board in connection with the taking over of existing water supply systems of individual municipal council and to enter into agreement on behalf of Board, wherever necessary.

Item 9 (b), 9(c) and 10.

It was decided that for discussions on the above Agenda Item the meeting will be continued at 10.30 A.M. on 21st November 196

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Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board, as continued on the 21st of November, 1981, in the Chamber of the Chairman, Mah. Water Supply & Sewerage Board.

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| 1. Smt. Vasudha Deshmukh | .. Chairman. |
| 2. Shri D.N. Capoor, Secretary
Urban Development. | .. Member |
| 3. Shri W.D. Bhide, Member Secretary
M.W.S. & S. Board. | .. Member Secretary. |
| 4. Shri W.G. Joshi, O.S.D.,
Finance Deptt. | .. Member. |
| 5. Shri H.M. Dahibhate, Dy. Secretary.
Rural Development Deptt. | .. Member. |

INVITEES

1. Shri S. K. Tasgaonkar, C.E.(P.)
2. Shri P. V. Bhutkar, C.E.(R)
3. Shri D. K. Gupte, F.A. & C.A.O.

1.1. The 22nd Meeting of the Mah. Water Supply & Sewerage Board was held on the 6th November, 1981. For want of time on that day it was continued on the 21st November, 1981 for discussions on the remaining three items. Draft Minutes of the first half of the meeting held on the 6th November, 1981, have been circulated to the Members with the Board's letter No. WSB.1081/22/UD-23, dated the 13th November 1981.

ITEM NO. 9 (b) : Progress Report on Works-Rural Water Supply Programme, 1981-82.

2.0. The Chief Engineer (Rural) explained briefly the progress on Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes and main aspects of the programme. He mentioned that the programme as envisaged in the sixth five year plan could be implemented only if the R.D.D. accords administrative approval to New Schemes commensurate with the programme and adequate funds are provided in each Annual Plan. D.S., R.D.D.

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informed that R.D.D. would be according administrative approval to new schemes as early as possible.

2.1 This was followed by detailed discussion about the maintenance of rural piped water supply schemes by the Board on behalf of the Z.Ps. and V.Ps. D.S., R.D.D. observed that the Board should not take up maintenance of completed schemes, unless requested by the Zilla Parishads. The Member Secretary and Chief Engineer (Rural) explained that the Z.Ps. / V.Ps. avoid taking over completed schemes on the plea that all items of work were not completed. However, the water supply stands already commissioned in such cases. D.S., R.D.D. indicated that as per procedure laid down, there is to be joint inspection by Board's officers and Ex. Engineers of the Zilla Parishads about completion of scheme before it is taken over for maintainance. It was explained that in respect of some of the schemes all and sundry items are not completed when water supply through the scheme is commissioned. Hence the local bodies should take over M. & R. of such commissioned of water works on the assurance of completion of remaining work by the Board. This aspect needs to be persued with local bodies by the Rural Development Department. In absence of this understanding the local bodies tend to delay taking over of the schemes. Member Secretary mentioned that at present this problem has arisen in respect of about 85 Regional Schemes under maintenance with the Board on behalf of Z.Ps. and for which Z.Ps. are not paying the M. & R. charges. It was decided that officers of the R.D.D. should discuss each case with offices of Z.Ps. and Board and issue instructions in individual cases whether pending the actual taking over of schemes by the Z.Ps. / V.Ps. water supply should be continued by the board or stopped. Board would follow instructions of R.D.D. in this respect.

2.2 M.S. pointed out that there are instructions of R.D.D. to start work of construction of the schemes wherever 2 percent p.c. is received. However, total public contribution to be made is 10%. No effective arrangements have been made for depositing with the Board the balance 8 percent of contribution. While the M.S. desired that the R.D.D. should sort-out the problem, the Secretary, Urban Development opined that Board Officers should also be instructed to obtain along with p.c. deposits from the Z.Ps. / V.Ps. a copy of resolution of the V.P. applying to Z.P./R.D.D. for loan for the balance 8 percent contribution. Deputy Secretary, Rural Development Department agreed to issue suitable instructions. Member Secretary requested the R.D.D. to arrange Govt. loan for the schemes already taken up for execution, expeditiously.

2.3 Deputy Secretary, Rural Development Department requested that before quarterly progress reports are sent to Government of India by the Board's office, the same should be shown to R.D.D., which was noted.

ITEM NO. 9 (C) : Progress Report on works -
Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Project.

3.0. The Chief Engineer (Project) enumerated the financial progress of the schemes, particularly the fact that though there is likely to be a short fall of Rs. three crores in the total planned expenditure of Rs. Thirty crores during current year, the expenditure on reimbursable items is however likely to exceed the target for 1981-82.

3.1 Thereafter he described the physical progress on the on-going works, the works likely to be commenced, the works on which preparatory actions like finalisation and invitation of tenders for works and ordering of material, pipes, steel and machinery were taken.

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3.2 Member Secretary indicated the difficulties about certification of accounts of six Municipal Councils in Project area by the Directorate of Local Fund Audit. The Secretary Urban Development advised that the concerned Dy. Chief Accounts Officer of the Board may attend the meeting of the Administrators of Municipal Councils being convened ^{on} 24th instant to sort out the problem.

3.3 The M.S. mentioned that the estimated cost of the project is anticipated to increase from Rs. 86 crores to Rs. 118 crores, mainly due to the fact the trend of price escalation is substantially more than assumed while preparing the project. It was also mentioned that due to various reasons, the programme of implementation of the Project required rescheduling and it is now anticipated to be completed during 1985-86 instead of 1983-84 as envisaged while finalising the Project. The Secretary, Urban Development desired that a detailed note may be prepared on this point for discussion with the World Bank Team during its ensuing visit.

3.5 The P.A. & C.A.O. mentioned that though there is a provision of Rs. 27 crores in State Plan and Budget of current year for Grant-in-aid and Loan for financing expenditure on the Project and though the Board's Central Office has already released to the Project Organisation Rs. 9.00 crores for expenditure from the Board Fund, the Govt. has not made available adequate funds. The Secretary, Urban Development agreed to look into the matter and see if required funds could be released early.

3.6 While the C.E.(Project) was explaining the progress and programme of construction of various important components of the Project, the M.S. suggested that Members of the Board may visit the important sites to facilitate better assessment.

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of the work in progress. It was tentatively decided to arrange such visit on 26th of December, 1981.

ITEM NO. 10 : Budget of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board for 1981-82.

4.0. While presenting the Board's Budget 1981-82 for consideration and approval of the Board, the F.A. & C.A.O. explained that since the functions of ENE Organisation were transferred to the Board in the midst. of the Financial Year 1979-80, Board's Budget for the year was not prepared. The Budget for subsequent year 1980-81 also could not be prepared as there was no supporting organisation available to the then F.A. & C.A.O. to do the work. Thus, the Budget of 1981-82 is the first Budget of the Board now put up for its consideration and approval. He further clarified that figures of Actuals of 1979-80 incorporated in the proposals for comparison are for the entire financial year 1979-80.

4.1 Scrutiny of the provisions proposed for 1981-82 was then taken up with reference to each item. Wherever substantial increase were noticed with reference to the Actuals of 1979-80 and Revised estimates of 1980-81, the same were explained individually.

4.2 Substantial increase in the provision for printing and stationery was explained as due to the fact that these articles are no more available on free supply from the Govt. Directorate of Printing and Stationery. The members however cautioned that the expdr. on this item needs to be closely watched. The Member Secretary intimated that the Govt. has now accepted the Board's proposal for supply of articles on payment basis and this would ensure control over expdr. The Secretary, Urban Development however suggested that in order to emphasise

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that economy has to be observed in this expenditure, the provision may be reduced from Rs. 19.47 lakhs to Rs. 15.00 lakhs. It was decided to effect this reduction in the provisions for ENE Circles proportionately.

4.3 Members desired to know the reasons for substantial increase in expenditure on Operation, Repairs and Maintenance of Board's water works from Rs. 440 lakhs in 1979-80 to Rs. 753.17 lakhs in 1980-81. The F.A. & C.A.O. mentioned the reasons itemwise.

4.4 O.S.D., F.D. enquired whether provision of Rs. 782.35 lakhs would be adequate for 1981-82 in view of Revised Estimates of Rs. 753.17 lakhs for 1980-81. The F.A. & C.A.O. indicated that the requirement for 1981-82 would be reviewed in the course of eight monthly review and additional provision would be proposed, as may be found necessary.

4.5 The members expressed considerable anxiety about the adequacy of the current level of tariffs charged by the Board for water supply from Board's water works, particularly in the context of continuous increase in prices of material and oil and frequent increase in Electricity Rates resorted to by the M.S.E.B. The Member Secretary assured that necessary data is being collected and proposal for review of water tariffs would be submitted to the Board during its next or subsequent meeting. The Secretary, Urban Development opined that this review has to be taken at quicker intervals since it would be difficult to implement revised rates, if they include considerable backlog.

4.6 The Secretary, Urban Development enquired about the methodology adopted for framing of the Board's Budget as well as the work of periodical reconciliation of Accounts. The F.A. & C.A.O. explained that unlike the system followed

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Member Secretary

by Govt. Departments, Divisional staff is not required to come to Central Office for monthly and quarterly reconciliation of accounts with Central Office. The Accounts are finalised each month at the level of the circle and compiled accounts of each circle are sent to Central Office. He further explained that Budget Estimates for 1981-82 have been framed after obtaining details and proposals from Circle and Divisional Offices in prescribed forms. The Secretary, Urban Development suggested that the system of budgeting is likely to improve considerably if the Budget Proposals are discussed with each circle one after another. The F.A. & C.A.O. informed that this would be done while framing Budget Estimates for the next financial year 1982-83 and the Member Secretary added that the Central Office has already planned meetings between the Officers of Finance and Accounts Wing of Central Office with the Circles at their head quarters.

4.7 The Budget Estimates for 1981-82 (both Revenue and Capital) were then approved by the Board with reduction of provision for expenditure on Printing and Stationery as noted in paragraph 4.2 above and following resolution was passed :-

RESOLUTION

" Resolved that the Board approves the Budget Estimates for 1981-82, both for Revenue and Capital Sections as presented to it, with reduction in provision for Printing and Stationery from Rs. 19.47 lakhs to Rs. 15.00 lakhs".

4.8. It was decided that the next 23rd Meeting of the Board be held on the 8th December, 1981 at 10.30 A.M. for consideration and adoption of the Board's Accounts for year 1980-81 and the subsequent 24th Meeting of the Board be held on the 22nd December 1981.

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

Chair.

CHAIRMAN

Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Board

BOMBAY.

Member Secretary

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