

Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board, held on the 27th April, 1982 in the Chamber of the Chairman, at 19th Floor, New Administrative Building.

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| 1. Smt. Vasudha Deshmukh | Chairman |
| 2. Shri N.M. Deosthale,
Secy. R.D.D. | Member |
| 3. Shri W. D. Bhide,
M.S., M.W.S.S.B. | Member-Secretary |
| 4. Smt. N. Satyanarayana,
Dy. Secy., U.D. & P.H.D. | Member |
| 5. Shri D.M. Khanolkar,
Dy. Secy., F.D. | Member |
| 6. Shri Y.G. Deobhakta,
Dy. Secy., P.D. | Member |
| 7. Shri B.V. Rotkar,
C.E. (Urban) | Invitee |
| 8. Shri D.K. Gupte,
F.A. & C.A.O. | Invitee |

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Item No.1:- Confirmation of the Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Board, held on the 23rd February, 1982.

1. The Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Board, held on the 23rd February, 1982 were confirmed.

Item No. 2:- Action taken:-

2. Actions taken or being taken, as mentioned against each actionable point, were reviewed by the Member Secretary, with reference to the detailed statement accompanying the Agenda Note. Deputy Secretary, U.D. enquired with reference to Sr.No.33 (ii) as to why approval of Government was sought to the draft agreement for taking over water supply system of Bhandara Municipal Council. It was clarified that since as per section 20 of the M.W.S.S. Board Act, 1976 the Board can take over water supply service

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of any local body with previous approval of State Government and since the Draft Agreement contained the terms and conditions of take over, attracting relevant clauses of section 20, approval of Government to the Draft Agreement was considered necessary.

3. As regards continuance of audit of the Board by the C.A.G., it was decided to send a copy of Board's letter to the Deputy Secretary, Finance Department for expediting action (Sr.No.40)

. Item No. 3:- Review of progress of works under the Board during the year 1981-82.

4. Member Secretary generally described the progress of plan schemes during 1981-82 with reference to the statements accompanying Agenda Note. On the suggestion from Member Secretary, it was agreed to review the progress of plan works in the same forms in which the details were prepared for the Agenda Notes, with suitable modifications/amplifications to list out names of schemes completed.

Item No.4:- Preliminary project report on Water Supply and Sanitation to two A-B (Amravati and Badnera) towns and two N-N villages (Nandgaon Peth and Nerpinglai) in Amravati district, Maharashtra, India.

5. Member Secretary explained the necessity and salient features of the project and requested Members to indicate their views or seek clarifications on the proposals. He then clarified that the water rates contemplated in the project would not

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be materially different from the water rates of the Board for existing Board schemes likely to be charged the respective years, since the water rates of Board water works would undergo periodic revision to take into account increasing price level. The Deputy Secretary, Planning Department, observed that when the proposal is sent to Government, the Government would have to consider its impact on plan resources and mentioned that the Board would have to take into account the requirements of the Project while framing its proposals for the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90).

6. Thereafter, the proposal was approved and the following Resolution was passed :-

RESOLUTION : "Resolved that the preliminary project report for water supply and sanitation to two A-B (Amravati-Badnera) towns and two N+N (Nandgaon peth-Nerpinglai) villages in Amravati District is approved, The board further requests Government of Maharashtra to approve the same and recommend it to G.O.I. for its inclusion in the World Bank Assisted Projects. It further requests GOM to make appropriate provisions in the VIth and VIIth five year plan to meet the cost of this project as indicated in the project report and to provide additional funds in the VIth plan as requested."

Item No. 5:- Augmentation to Matheran Water Supply Scheme, District Raigad.

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

"Resolved that the scheme for augmentation of Matheran Water Supply estimated to cost Rs. 135.52 lakhs for which 90% G.I.A. is sanctioned by Government, is treated as the Board Scheme and the 10% P.C. (i.e. Rs. 13.552 lakhs)

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required for implementing the scheme be provided by the board from its open market borrowings. It is further resolved that the gap between the grant-in-aid allocation and the likely 90% expenditure on the scheme during the current and the subsequent years may be met out of cash flow of the board from year to year till completion of the project".

Item 6:- Deputation of Shri S.K. Tasgaonkar,
Chief Engineer (Project), Maharashtra
Water Supply and Sewerage Project,
Bombay to 14th International Congress
Of I. W. S. A. Seminar for the developing
countries, Zurich.

8. The Secretary, Rural Development Department opined that since the subject for presentation of proper for the Board to depute Chief Engineer (Rural) for the seminar, instead of Chief Engineer (Project). The Member Secretary mentioned that Shri Tasgaonkar has been invited by the IWSA for delivering the lecture on the said subject and hence his request for deputation came up for agenda item. The Board after prolonged discussions decided that, The Board was agreeable to sponsor the candidature of either the Member Secretary or the Chief Engineer (Rural) for the purpose of presenting a paper relating to "Rural Water Supply", if the Member Secretary of the Board so desired.

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Item No.7:- Fixation of Water tariff for water
Works falling in the project area

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

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"The Board hereby approves the following traiff,
for supply of water to the domestic and non
deomestic direct as well as bulk consumers effective
from 1st April, 1982 or at such a later date as
may be notified :

	Rate per 1000 litres in paise.
A) Bulk Supply	
1. Domestic	40
2. Non-domestic	50 (ordnance factory)
B) Direct supply	
1. Domestic supply	45
2. Non domestic supply	140

The Board also hereby approves the following
minimum charges based on the diameter of the connection
where no meters are fixed.

Diameter of THE Connection	<u>Flat rate per month</u>	
	Domestic	Nondomestic
15mm	Rs. 10	Rs. 30
20mm	Rs. 20	Rs. 60
25mm	Rs. 40	Rs. 120

Consumption above 25 mm dia would be on the
basis of meters only. These rates are not applicable
to unmetered standposts for which Superintending
Engineer would fix appropriate rates.

(a) The Board also approves the minimum rates to be
charged to the consumer whose connections have been
provided with meters and th-ough the meter are in
working condition no consumption has been recorded by it.

Diameter of the connection	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Direct</u>
	Domestic	Non Domestic
15 mm	Rs. 5.00	Rs. 10.00
20 mm	Rs. 10.00	Rs. 20.00
25 mm	Rs. 15.00	Rs. 30.00
30 mm	Rs. 30.00	Rs. 60.00
40 mm	Rs. 40.00	Rs. 80.00
50 mm	Rs. 50.00	Rs. 100.00
65 mm	Rs. 60.00	Rs. 120.00
80 mm	Rs. 70.00	Rs. 140.00

Item No. 8 :- Grant of special pay to Shri S.U. Kukareja, Higher Grade Stenographer.

10. The proposal was approved, in principle. It was however, decided that the Central Office should obtain opinion of the Legal Adviser as to whether the Board has powers to approve such proposal, and if so, to indicate relevant section of the Act. It was decided that the proposal may be submitted to the Board also after examination as to whether it would be more appropriate to sanction the amount in lump-sum as honoraria etc.

✓ Item No. 9 : Revised Estimates for 1981-82.

11. The Board noted the main features of the Revised Estimates as explained by the F.A. & C.A.O. and the following Resolution was passed :

"Board discussed the Revised Estimates for 1981-82 and approved the revised estimates of expenditure / receipts as follows :

Revenue Expenditure : Rs. 2313.57 lakhs (as detailed in statement I which should be amended to include the proposed cuts).

Revenue Receipts : Rs. 2412.38 lakhs (As detailed in Statement-II).

Capital Receipts : Rs. 8810.22 lakhs as shown in Statement III

Capital Expenditure : Rs. 9579.22 lakhs as shown in statement-III.

Item No. 10 : Budget Estimates for 1982-83.

12. The Budget Estimates of the Board for 1982-83 as proposed were explained by the F.A. & C.A.O. On enquiry by Dy.Secy., Urban Development about the percentage of establishment expenditure, it was clarified that the expenditure has been compared with estimated accruals from corresponding overhead percentage charges at Page 88 of the Agenda Note.

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Dy. Secretary, Planning Deptt. desired to know whether capital receipts ^{the} estimated in respect of plan schemes were according to State Plan Allocations for 1982-83 for the respective schemes. F.A. & C.A.O. clarified that the capital receipts in respect of Plan Schemes have been estimated as per the State Plan **Allocations** for 1982-83, as would be clear from the statement at page 95 of the Agenda Note. About the Provision for Suspense, it was mentioned that provisions for expenditure analogous to the Govt. Suspense have been proposed under the items Stock and Sundry Debtors. Member Secretary mentioned, as an instance, the provision required to be made for expenditure on Rural Schemes for the popular contributions not received. He requested the Secretary, R.D.D. to secure the P.C. with special efforts. M.S. also referred to the provisions made in R.D.D.'s budget for loan to village panchayats for P.C. and observed that timely action was not taken to obtain the loan and pay the P.C. to the Board. Secretary, Rural Development Deptt. assured that the financial problem faced by the Board due to nonreceipt of P.C. would be solved after constitution of the Rural Development Corporation.

13. After these discussions, the Board approved the Budget Estimates for 1982-83 and the following Resolution was passed :-

"Board discussed the Budget Estimates for 1982-83 and approved the expenditure/receipts as follows :-

1. Revenue expenditure - Rs. 2495.97 lakhs (as detailed in the statement No.1 which should be amended to include the cuts)

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2. Revenue receipt - Rs. 2718.44 lakhs (as shown in the Statement No. 2)
3. Capital Receipt - Rs. 9405.20 lakhs as shown in the Statement-III
4. Capital expenditure - Rs. 9817.99 lakhs as shown in the Statement No, III."

Item No. 11 : Delegation of powers to the Member Secretary of the Mah. Water Supply & Sewerage Board.

14. The proposal was approved with the following modifications :

- i. Member Secy. with the approval of Chairman, in respect of item No. 2 and 3 under the service rules.
- ii. Full powers in respect of Item No. 2, under M.P.W. Manual.
- iii. It is certified by the Legal Adviser that Board has powers in respect of item Nos 2 and 3 under the service rules.

15. Accordingly, following (modified) Resolution was passed:-

"Resolved that the Member Secretary exercise the following additional powers, both financial and administrative, to the extent and subject to the conditions as set out in the accompanying statement, in respect of the items mentioned therein. These powers should be exercised subject to the general provisions contained in the financial publications, other rules and regulations and/or orders in force and subject to the fulfilment of general conditions, prescribed under the relevant rules, regulations and/or orders issued from time to time and further to the following important conditions namely:-

1. That the sanctions to be accorded should conform to the prescribed standards and scale where such standards/scales are prescribed.
2. The funds should be available within the sanctioned budget grants, for the expenditure to be incurred and a certificate to that effect should be recorded in the orders issued.
3. The cases decided according to the powers so delegated should be put up to the Board for review by itself in the ensuing Board's meeting.

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Sr. No.	Rule No. Paragraph No.	Nature of power	Extent of power under the existing delegation.	Revised delegation of power.
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(A) Powers under Maharashtra Civil Services (Gen. conditions of services) Rules, 1981.

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| 1. | 9(14) (f) | Power to regularise the period of compulsory waiting as duty. | Upto a period of 15 days | Full powers. |
| 2. | 9(41) (b) | Power to grant personal pay in exceptional circumstances, on personal consideration other than those Rule 9(41) (a) | - | Full powers with the approval of the Chairman |
| 3. | 9(48) | Power to grant Spl. pay in consideration of-(a) the specially arduous nature of duties, work or responsibility. | - | Full powers with the approval of the Chairman |

(B) Powers under Maharashtra Public Works Manual

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| 1. | Note 1 below para 363. | Power to sanction estimates for supply of furniture to the newly created offices. | Rs.15,100/ for circle offices
Rs. 18,700/ for divisional office
Rs. 7,700/- for sub-divisional office. | Full powers |
| 2. | Rule 4 of the rules in section 2 of app. I to the MPW Manual | Power to sanction extension of time to pass the departmental exam. | - | Full Powers |

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Item No. 12 : Training the staff in the field of Commercial Accounting and Financial Management.

16. The Secretary, Rural Development Deptt. opined that the Administrative Staff College of State Government could do this work for the Board and it would be better to entrust the work to it, instead of M/s. Kirloskar Consultants. It was pointed out by Member Secretary and Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer that the work proposed to be entrusted to the consultants was not for actual training but for identifying the extent of the staff requiring the training and preparing detailed syllabus and broad training programme. The Secretary, Rural Development Deptt. stated that the staff College could handle this responsibility.

17. It was therefore decided to entrust the work to the Administrative Staff College and following (modified) Resolution was passed :-

"The Board directs that the work of preparation of training programme for J. Clerks of the Board, as outlined in the Agenda Note, be entrusted to the Administrative Staff College of State Government and approve the expenditure likely to be involved in entrusting the work to it."

Item No. 13 : Service Regulations for Mah. Water Supply and Sewerage Board - Travelling Allowance Regulations.

18. Member Secretary clarified that the draft regulations were generally as per the State Govt. Rules, with slight changes as found necy. by virtue of the organisation being an autonomous body. Dy. Secy. F.D. opined that the draft regulations needed examination in Finance Deptt. before they are finalised by the Board. The C.D. (Urban) pointed out that more facilities like accommodation in Govt. Rest Houses were no more available to the officers and the staff of the Board. Hence it is necy. that the draft regulations are brought into force immediately

after their approval by the Board. Modifications, if any, that would be necessary after their consideration and approval by Govt. could be brought into effect thereafter.

19. The above ^{proposal} was agreed to. The draft regulations were approved and the following ^{Resolution} was passed :-

"Resolved that the Travelling Allowance Regulation 1982 as framed by the Board Office is approved. This Regulation should now be sent to Govt. for approval as required under section 66 of the Mah. Water Supply & Sewerage Board Act. Pending Govt. approval to these T.A. Regulations, travelling allowance of the Board Staff may be paid as per these Regulations. Table Item No. I : Report of the Work Study Committee.

20. The latest position about finalisation of the report, as reported in the Agenda Note, was noted.

Table Item No. II : Application of loan from Municipal Council, Unred.

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

" RESOLVED that the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board hereby sanctions the loan of Rs. 1.50 lakhs at 10% interest for laying additional distribution system in the Unred Town.

The loan amount and interest shall be repayable within a period of 5 years from the date of receipt of loan by the Municipal Council, Unred by annual installments.

The work shall be implemented by Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board at usual contingencies charges.

The amount of loan shall be deemed to have been paid to the Municipal Council after the regular agreement is executed and The amount of the loan will be treated as deposit received from the Municipal Council for ^{execution} of the work.

Item No. III : Purchase of residential flat for providing residential accommodation to the Chairman.

22. During extensive discussion on the subject, various alternatives of securing accommodation through the State Govt. were considered. The Member Secy. referred to the correspondence entered into with different State Govt. authorities at various levels, requesting for an accommodation. Since nothing tangible resulted from these efforts, purchase of a flat by the Board was the only inevitable alternative left to the Board as a last resort.

23. Secretary, R.D.D. mentioned that the Urban Development Deptt. is the Administrative Deptt. responsible for the functioning of the Board. Since all efforts made to secure Residential Accommodation for the Chairman through State Govt. have not borne results, it would be appropriate to officially apprise the Govt. in Urban Development Deptt. and to seek its clearance to the proposal to the effect that the Govt. in U.D. has no objection to the purchasing of a flat by the Board for providing residential accommodation for its Chairman.

24. It was thereafter decided to approve the proposal and take necessary action for purchase of flat after getting no objection certificate from The Govt. in Urban Development Deptt. Following (modified) resolution was therefore passed:-

"Resolved that the Board approves in principle, the proposal for purchase on lease-cum-purchase option or out right purchase of a residential flat by the Board at the cost of about Rs. 9.00 lakhs (Rs.Nine lakhs only) with 2 percent brokerage charges in Walkeshwar area or a suitable area in South Bombay admeasuring about 850 square feet after consultation with the legal Adviser. The Board hereby authorises the Member-Secretary to enter into an agreement for lease-cum-purchase

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for outright purchase of the said flat after completing the necessary legal formalities. The Board further resolved to provide the said flat rent free as residential accommodation to the Chairman, in accordance with the terms and conditions of her appointment as prescribed by Government in Govt. Resolution Urban Development and Public Health Deptt. No. ~~458~~ 1079/(1989)/2268/(TF)/UD-16 dated the 7th July 1981. The Board further resolves that necessary action for purchase of flat may be taken after getting clearance of the Govt. in Urban Development Deptt. to the effect that it has no objection to the purchasing of a flat by the Board for providing residential accommodation for its Chairman."

Table Item No. IV - Annual ^{rt} ~~ca~~ ^{ing} of material for the year 1981-82 for Amravati Division.

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

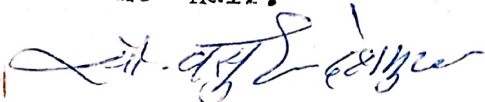
"Resolved that the offer of Shri Mohd. Issa for Rs. 158692.24 at 59.61% above the cost put to tender is to be accepted."

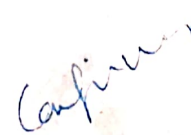
Table Item No. V : Augmentation of Dhusawal Water Supply Scheme Stage - I - Part - II - Construction of 12 mld. capacity - Acceptance of the tender for the

26. As the Members needed time to consider the proposal in details, it was decided to authorise a committee of three Members of the Board, i.e. Dy. Secy. U.D./ Dy. Secy. F.D. and Dy. Secy. P.D. to consider and decide on the proposal after discussion with the Chief Engineer (Urban), on the 5th May 1982.

27. It was tentatively decided to hold the next 27th Meeting of the Board on the 3rd June, 1982.

28. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


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