

Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board, held on the 18th September, 1982, in the Chamber of the Chairman, at 19th Floor, New Administrative Building.

PRESENT

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| 1. | Smt. Vasudha Deshmukh, | .. | Chairman, |
| 2. | Shri L.C. Gupta,
Secretary, Urban Development
Department. | .. | Member, |
| 3. | Shri W.D. Bhide,
Member-Secretary,
Maharashtra Water Supply
and Sewerage Board. | .. | Member-Secy, |
| 4. | Shri H.M. Dahibhate,
Deputy Secretary,
Rural Development Department. | .. | Member, |
| 5. | Shri D.M. Khanorkar,
Deputy Secretary,
Finance Department. | .. | Member, |
| 6. | Shri G.G. Kodlekere,
Deputy Secretary,
Planning Department. | .. | Member, |
| 7. | Shri S.K. Tasgaonkar,
Chief Engineer (Project). | .. | Invitee, |
| 8. | Shri P.V. Bhutkar,
Chief Engineer (Rural). | .. | Invitee, |
| 9. | Shri S.D. Pradhan,
Chief Engineer (Urban). | .. | Invitee, |
| 10. | Shri D.K. Gupte,
Financial Adviser
and Chief Accounts Officer. | .. | Invitee, |

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Item No.1 - Confirmation of the Minutes of the 27th Meeting of the M.W.S.S. Board, held on the 10th June, 1982.

1. The minutes of the 27th meeting of the Board, held on the 10th June 1982 were confirmed.

Item No.2 - Actions taken.

2. Review of actions taken/being taken on the actionable points as per the minutes of the earlier meetings of the Board was noted.

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Item No.3 - Appointment of Shri C.J. Malkani as Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer on contract.

3. The proposal is approved with the following modifications :-

- i) House Rent Allowance would be paid at Rs.400/- per month as admissible to State Govt. Officers instead of Rs.500 per month as proposed, and the honorarium may be paid at Rs.1600/- per month instead of Rs.1500/- per month as proposed.
- ii) It would not be possible to provide a chauffeur driven car at the expense of the Board. This condition was perhaps put by him presumably because he would have to commute from his residence to New Bombay. He should be informed that if he so desired, the possibility of keeping his headquarters in South Bombay would be considered by the Board.
- iii) Appointment may be made for one year, in the first instance.

4. In view of above, following modified Resolution was passed:-

"Resolved that Shri C.J. Malkani, a Sr. I.A. & A.S. Officer, now working as Member, Finance, Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board, be appointed on contract for a period of one year, in the first instance, from 1.10.1982 or from the actual date of taking over as Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer of the Board on terms and conditions detailed in the Annexure of the Agenda Note with following modified terms and conditions:-

- (1) He will be paid an honorarium of Rs.1600 per month
- (2) He will be entitled to house rent allowance of Rs.400 per month.
- (3) Efforts would be made to locate his office in South Bombay, if found administratively feasible. The Board further

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authorises the Member Secretary to sign the contract on behalf the Board and issue his appointment order".

Item No.4:-Borrowing facilities on Term Deposit.

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

" Resolved that an amount upto Rs.3.00 crores may be borrowed as overdraft from the theState Bank of India, B&R, Bombay as and when necessary against the Board's term deposit of Rs.4.00 crores."

Item No.5:-Rectification of leakage in Reservoirs No.1 and 2 of Pune Cantonment Water Works-guniting of-

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

" RESOLVED THAT the proposal of carrying out guniting to the pure water reservoirs No.I & II in Pune Cantonment Water Works at an estimated cost Rs.5.72 lakhs gross with 21% E.T.P. charges is approved administratively. The expenditure towards this cost should be met out of depreciation fund.

Member-Secretary is authorised to meet the expenditure from depreciation fund."

Item No.6 :- Accident to Jeep No.MTJ-7191-Payment of compensation-post facto sanction for filing an appeal in the High Court.

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

" Resolved that the action taken by the Member-Secretary to file an appeal against the common judgement given by Motor Accident Claims Tribunal ordering to pay the compensation to the parties amounting to Rs.30,308 is hereby approved and consequently post facto sanction is hereby accorded for the incidental expenditure incurred for filing an appeal in the High Court and as well for incurring the future expenses in this respect."

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Item No.7: Constitution of the Committees for scrutiny of proposals for grant of two advance increments and merit certificates.

8. The Secy. U.D. suggested that suitable officers of State Govt. may also be made members of the committee. The proposal was approved with this suggestion and following (modified) Resolution was passed :-

" Resolved that the proposal for constitution of the two committees as per paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Agenda Note is approved subject to condition that suitable officers of State Government may be made members of the committees".

Item No.10:-Revision of Water rates in respect of Hill Stations Water Works.

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

" Resolved that the minimum charges in respect of Hill Station (domestic and non-domestic) supplies be fixed as indicated in para 1.00 below. Similarly connections where no meters are fixed, recovery ^{at} rates be made as indicated in para 2.00 below:-

1.00 MINIMUM CHARGES PER MONTH FOR METERED CONNECTIONS

<u>Size of Connections.</u>	<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Non-domestic</u>
	<u>Rs.</u>	<u>Rs.</u>
15 mm	6/-	9/-
20 mm	12/-	18/-
25 mm	24/-	36/-
32 mm	36/-	54/-
40 mm	48/-	72/-
50 mm	60/-	90/-
65 mm	72/-	108/-
80 mm	84/-	126/-

2.00 FLAT RATE PER MONTH WHERE NO METERS ARE FIXED.

<u>Size of connection</u>	<u>Domestic</u> Rs.	<u>Non-domestic</u> Rs.
15 mm	20/-	45/-
20 mm	40/-	90/-
25 mm	80/-	180/-

Ex-post-facto sanction is also accorded to the application of these rates with effect from 1st July, 1982"

Item No. 11:- Review of Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes.

10. The progress reported was noted and similar progress report for Urban Schemes was agreed to be put up during the next meeting of the Board.

Item No. 12:- Recruitment of personnel in the Accounts Branch.

11. As suggested by the Secretary, U.D. it was decided that the proposal should be discussed by Board Officers with the Secretary, U.D. The item would be placed before the Board again with modifications, if any, as a result of those discussions.

Item No. 13:- Kolhapur Water Supply Scheme-Improvements to Distribution System-Replacement of Old Leaking G.I. Pipes.

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

"Resolved that Administrative Approval is accorded to the estimates for the replacement of 5100 metres of G.I. Pipe lines of dia 40 mm and 50 mm by new, 80 mm diameter G.I. pipe lines in Zone No. I of 'A' Ward of Kolhapur City Distribution, costing Rs. 15.27 ^{lacks}/gross. The expenditure on the work should be met out of depreciation fund."

Item No. 14:- A) Staffing pattern for Ambarnath Water Works and Creation of posts on Temporary Establishment,

B) Conversion of daily rated and work charged establishment into converted regular temporary and converted regular permanent establishment as per Kalsikar Settlement.

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Item No. 15:- A) Staffing pattern for Ulhasnagar Water Works and Creation of posts on Temporary Establishment.

B) Conversion of daily rated and work charged Establishment into converted regular permanent establishment as per Kelkar settlement.

13. The Member Secretary explained the proposal. The Secretary, U.D. however emphasised that in view of large number of persons already employed on daily rated and work charged establishment in the whole organisation, it is necy. first to critically examine the requirements of staff for each water work as indicated in the agenda item. The M.S. mentioned that it was proposed to review the requirements of all the remaining water works on the lines of the detailed examination made while finalising proposals of two water works mentioned in the Agenda items. The Secy., U.D. maintained that it was necy. to examine the proposals for two water works in the first instance. As suggested by M.S., therefore, it was decided that three Members of the Board, namely Secretary U.D., Deputy Secretary Finance Department and Deputy Secretary Planning Department would visit these water works and examine the requirements of these two water works. In the light of opinion of these three Members formed after this visit, the proposal would be considered by the Board in its next meeting.

14. As regards the directives of the Govt. for not appointing any persons hereafter on work-charged and daily rated establishment without prior sanction of Govt, the M.S. referred to the difficulties involved and the powers already delegated to field officers as per the M.P.W. Manual. The Secy, U.D. opined that as per section 8(i) of the M.W.S.S. Board Act, 1976, the Board can appoint

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persons only against posts sanctioned by Govt. and since this applied to work-charged and daily rated posts also, the directive needs to be implemented and if neecy., the relevant provisions in the M.P.W. Manual should be amended or deemed to be amended so far as the Board is concerned.

Item No. 17:-Financial assistance in the event of death of Board employees.

15. The M.S. and the F.A. & C.A.O., explained the necessity of the proposal, in brief. The Secy, U.D. observed that the proposal involved additional financial burden on the Board as compared to the scheme brought into force for State Government employees. The M.S. pointed out that the Board had earlier resolved that all benefits to be made available in future by the State Government to its employees would be extended by the Board to its employees. As the Board could not recover contributions from its employees due to legal constraints (unlike State Govt.), the only alternative left to the Board for respecting its assurance to the employees was to give financial assistance in the form of Ex-Gratia payment equal to that provided by State Govt., in case of death of the employees during service. The F.A. & C.A.O. mentioned that the State Scheme could not be extended to the Board and similar question was understood to have arisen in case of employees of Zilla Parishads/Village Panchayats and the matter was presumably under consideration of Govt. The Secy, U.D. therefore proposed that a suitable reference be made to Urban Dev. Deptt. for obtaining opinion of L. & J. Deptt. of the State Govt. with a view to consider whether it was legally feasible to extend the benefits of the State scheme to employees of the Board. It was ~~xxxxxx~~ decided to take further actions, based on this suggestion.

Item No. 18: - Revision of percentage over-head charges.

16. The proposal was discussed in the light of the directives of State Govt. to reduce the percentage over-head charges to 13.50, the financial position indicated by the Accounts of the Board for the year 1981-82 and the Supplementary Note circulated on the item w.r. to the direction of State Govt.

17. The Secy, U.D. observed that it was neccy. to reduce the over-head charges not only in the light of surplus charges earned during 1981-82 but also to attract local bodies to continue to entrust execution of their water supply, sewerage and other development schemes to the Board.

18. The M.S. and F.A. & C.A.O. referred to the supplementary note and mentioned ~~that~~ ^{that} cost of estb. would increase during 1982-83 due to D.A. rise and if the charges were drastically reduced from 21 percent to 13.50 percent, there would be deficit. The Secy., U.D. opined that if the cost of establishment increased due to D.A. rise, there would be corresponding inflationary increase in the rupee value of work turned-over and any way, the organisation must be able to carry larger work-load to meet the increasing cost of establishment, which should basically pay for itself.

19. The M.S. opined that provision is required to be allocated in over-head charges at least for financing expdr. on construction of office building and residential accomodation. The Secy, U.D. said that this is capital expdr. The M.S. pointed out that Board had no other sources of income and as such the resources for construction of buildings have to be found from earnings of over-heads. The Secy, U.D. observed that such expdr. can be incurred initially from the surplus already earned.

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20. The M.S. further mentioned that the proposed 13.50% E.T.P. charges would not cover provision for pensionary charges required to be set aside for payment of pension to the employees of the Board. The Secretary, U.D. desired to know why provision for pensionary liabilities was required to be made. As the Board is an autonomous organisation and not a Deptt. of Govt., it should not bind itself to pensionary liabilities but should prefer contributory provident fund scheme. The F.A. & C.A.O. informed that a scheme for contributory provident fund was proposed for approval of the Board, compulsory for new board recruits and optional for Govt. servants transferred to the Board. The proposal was however not favoured by the then Secy, U.D. It was decided to revise the proposal and make early reference to Government.

21. As regards the Govt. employees transferred to the Board, it was clarified that the State Govt. would meet the pensionary liabilities of service rendered upto 30-10-79 and for providing pensionary benefits to the employees for service rendered in the Board with effect from 1-11-79, provisions have to be made by the Board. The Secy, U.D. mentioned that there was no provision for pensionary charges in the percentage E.T.P. charges ~~levied~~^{levied} by ENE organisation, when it was a part of Govt. Deptt. The pensionary liabilities in respect of Govt. employees of ENE were therefore being met by Govt. from its own general resources and not from E.T.P. earnings. The Govt. should therefore continue to meet the liability even in respect of services rendered in the Board by the Govt. employees with effect from 1-11-79 and Board should not be expected to meet the same. As proposed by the Secy. U.D., therefore, it was decided to request Govt. to meet these liabilities and following Resolution was then passed:-

" Resolved that the State Govt. be requested to meet the entire pensionary liabilities for Govt. employees transferred to the Board, including the liability in respect of service rendered by them in the Board with effect from 1-11-79. If this liability is passed on to the Board, the Board would have no alternative but to charge the expdr. to the works of local bodies carried out by it by way of percentage over-head charges. Since it is not desirable to burden the local bodies in respect of Govt. liabilities, the pensionary liabilities may be discharged by Govt. It was further resolved that overhead charges should be charged at 13.50% with effect from the 1st October, 1982."

Item No. 19-Accounts of the M.W.S.S. Board for the year 1981-82.

22. The F.A. & C.A.O. explained the main features of the accounts and provided information as requested by the Members. The increasing amounts of dues from local bodies were discussed at length and various measures to check and reduce the arrears were considered. The Secy. U.D., requested M.S. to provide a detailed note about dues of P.C. and M.&R from village Panchayats and Zilla Parishads for discussions with Secy, R.D.D. ~~Thereafter~~ ~~the Accounts of the Board~~ for the financial year 1981-82 were adopted by the Board and the following Resolution was passed:-

"Resolved that the accounts for the year ended on 31st March 1982, be adopted. Also resolved that a sum of Rs.80.08 lakhs be appropriated towards pension fund. Resolved that appropriation of Rs.37.58 lakhs be made for sinking fund. Further Resolved that the accounts for the year 1981-82 be authenticated by the Chairman and the Member-Secretary, on behalf of the Board"

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Table Item No. I - Representation of Pani Puravatha-Drainage Kanyar Sangh, Pune.

23. As one of the points raised by the Sangh related to purchases of material, it was decided to discuss the entire representation after the relevant details of the value of material purchased during 1981-82 and during 1982-83 upto September 1982 are ascertained.

Table Item No. II. Creation of a post of Public Relations Officer in Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

24. As advised by the Secretary, Urban Development, it was decided that the proposal may be first discussed by M.S. with Secretary, Urban Development before its consideration by the Board.

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

Item No. 9 :- Medical Benefit Rules for Board Employees.

Item No. 16 :- Appointment of Legal Adviser.

25. The above-mentioned three items could not be discussed for want of time and, therefore, it was decided to consider them in the next meeting of the Board.

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

P. D. Patel
CHAIRMAN

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Member Secretary

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