

**MINUTES OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2011 AT 3:30 pm  
IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL**

1. The 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 in the Board's Conference hall.

The following members attended the meeting

1. Dr Simon N. de Sousa, Chairman, GSPCB
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests was represented by Shri Cedric D'Souza, Deputy Conservator of Forests (Monitoring and Evaluation), Panaji.
3. Chief Engineer, Water Resources Dept.
4. Director of Industries, Trade and Commerce and Managing Director, Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation
4. Director of Mines and Geology was represented by Shri R. Shetgaonkar, Assistant Geologist, Dept. of Mines & Geology
5. Shri Caesar Menezes, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries
6. Shri Shekhar Sardessai, President, Goa State Industries Association
7. Shri Saifullah B. Khan, Councillor, Mormugao Municipal Council
8. Shri Basilio Fernandes, Member, Village Panchayat, Camurlim
9. Shri Ramkrishna Kerkar, Member, Village Panchayat, Candolim
10. Shri Srinet Kothwale, Member Secretary, GSPCB

II. At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members present for the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board. He stated that this meeting as per schedule was to be held in the last week of January, but could not be held due to the Assembly session, as most of the Heads of the Departments, who are Members of the Board were busy with the Assembly questions. ~~The Chairman asked the excuse of the members for holding the meeting after the scheduled date.~~

*The said delay was condoned by the members.*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 01**

Confirmation of the minutes of the 99<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board held on 28/10/2010

The members confirmed the minutes of the 99<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 28/10/2010, so as to enter the same in the minutes book.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 02**

### **a. Follow up action on the decision taken at the 99<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 28/10/2010**

The members perused the item wherein they noted the various directions issued to MPT by the Board and the present activities being carried out by MPT without obtaining the required approval from the Goa State Pollution Control Board, Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority, Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

The members were also informed that the Chief Secretary had called a meeting on 08/02/2011 with the concerned Govt. officials and officials of MPT, wherein MPT was required to send a Special Officer to GSPCB in order to sort out all issues raised by GSPCB during the course of the said meeting so as to enable GSPCB to assist the MPT in completion of all documentation / formalities required by GSPCB for granting clearances to the various projects undertaken by MPT. However, no officer of MPT has approached the GSPCB on 18/02/2011, and even till date.

It was also informed to the members that the Board has been conducting ambient air quality monitoring at Vasco da Gama from the month of December and the report for the month of December indicated that at most of the locations the values of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> are exceeding the prescribed limits, only on few occasions they are within limits. In this regard the members decided to issue necessary directions to MPT.

Chairman further informed the members that during the recent inspection of MPT by the Board officials, it was noticed that MPT is carrying out construction activities without obtaining the required permissions of the Board, in spite of the various directions issued by the Board. The members then decided that the officials of the Board should conduct a fresh site inspection to ascertain whether construction activities are still being carried out at the Port in violation of directions issued by the Board and accordingly file an F.I.R in this regard.

Chairman also brought to the notice of the members that he has received a communication from the Director of Industries Trade and Commerce, as regards to the allegations made against him by the then Chairman of the MPT, wherein the Director, Industries, Trade and Commerce has been accused of influencing the Board in connivance with the State Government, to stall the projects of MPT.

The Director, Industries, Trade and Commerce stated that he has expressed his views in the Board meeting as a Member of the Board in the capacity of the Director of Industries, Trade and Commerce and the industry in general, and

the views expressed by him are the views of the Department he is representing and not his personal views.

The members took a serious note of the allegations made against the Director, of Industries Trade and Commerce and decided that Legal advice be obtained from the Counsel of the Board, for serving a legal notice on the former Chairman of MPT. It was also decided to forward a copy of the said legal notice to his Appointing Cadre.

Agenda item no. 3 and 4 and 5 – The members noted the same.

Agenda item no. 6 – The members were informed that M/s Sunrise Electromelt Ltd. vide their letter dated 21/02/2011 have informed the Board their inability to make a presentation before the Board members as their Consultant is out of Station and have requested that their matter be taken up during the subsequent meeting.

### **Agenda Item no. 3**

Application of M/s Berger Becker Coatings Pvt. Ltd. – Plot no. 114, Pilerne Industrial Estate, Pilerne, Bardez Goa, for issue of Consent to Establish in respect of its expansion proposal for installation of additional D.G set, solvent distillation equipment and Sewage Treatment Plant.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC approval has not been obtained by M/s Berger Becker Coatings Pvt. Ltd.. However the Director of Industries Trade and Commerce informed the members that HPCC has not received any application from M/s Berger Becker Coatings Pvt Ltd. Shri Ramkrishna Kerkar stated that the Board is conducting EIA in Pilerne Industrial Estate and a new project of solvent distillation should not be considered at this stage. The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept. stated that no permissions will be given by his department for construction of bore wells, as the water table in the Industrial Estate has already been depleted and that the company should make its own arrangements for the water supply.

The members suggested that the unit should be directed to submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with the designs, to the Goa State Pollution Control Board / Directorate of Industries, Trade and Commerce, to forward the same to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny.

The members approved the proposal of M/s Berger Becker Coatings Pvt. Ltd. – Plot no. 114, Pilerne Industrial Estate, Pilerne, Bardez Goa, for issue of Consent to Establish in respect of its expansion proposal for installation of additional D.G set, and Sewage Treatment Plant subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures, **however, the**

members decided that the application for installation of solvent distillation unit should be granted only upon the <sup>receipt of</sup> ~~unit obtaining~~ HPCC clearance and approval of the EIA Report for Pilerne Industrial Estate.

**Agenda Item no. 4**

Application of M/s Siemens Limited – Plot no. C-21, C-23, C-25 and C-26, Phase I-A, Verna Industrial Estate, for issue of Consent to Establish (expansion).

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Siemens Limited in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept. stated that no permissions will be given by his department for construction of bore wells, as the water table in the Industrial Estate has already been depleted and that the company should make its own arrangements for the source of water supply.

The members suggested that the unit submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Goa State Pollution Control Board / Directorate of Industries, Trade and Commerce, to forward the same to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny.

The members approved the proposal of M/s Siemens Limited – Plot no. C-21, C-23, C-25 and C-26, Phase I-A, Verna Industrial Estate, for issue of Consent to Establish (expansion) subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures .

**Agenda Item no. 5**

Application of M/s Nestle India Limited – Survey nos. 3/4, 1,7, 11, 12, 13, 34 & 136/1, Maulinguem, Bicholim, Goa, for Consent to Establish, for expansion in the production capacities of noodles

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**Agenda Item no. 6**

Application of M/s Glenmark Generics Ltd. (Unit – II), Plot no. S-7, Colvale Industrial Estate, Colvale, Bardez Goa. for issue of Consent to Establish (expansion) in their manufacturing capacities of its pharmaceutical products.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Glenmark Generics Ltd. (Unit – II), in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been already depleted. The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept. stated that no permissions will be given by his department for construction of bore wells, as the water table in the Industrial Estate has already depleted and that the company should make its own arrangements for the source of water supply.

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**Agenda Item no. 7**

Application of M/s Cipla Limited – Plot no. 147/4, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna Salcete Goa, for Consent to Establish for the manufacture of bio-chemical Pharmaceutical formulations

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Cipla Ltd., in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit,

so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept. stated that no permissions will be given by his department for construction of bore wells, as the water table in the Industrial Estate has already been depleted and that the company should make its own arrangements for the source of water supply.

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The members approved the proposal of M/s Cipla Limited – Plot no. 147/4, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna Salcete Goa, for Consent to Establish for the manufacture of bio-chemical Pharmaceutical formulations subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures .

**Agenda Item No. 8**

Application of M/s Teracom Limited – Plot no. 250A and 250B, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa, for Consent to Establish for the expansion activities.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Teracom Limited, in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept. stated that no permissions will be given by his department for construction of bore wells, as the water table in the Industrial Estate has already been depleted and that the company should make its own arrangements for the source of water supply.

The members suggested that the unit submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Goa State Pollution Control Board / Directorate of Industries, Trade and Commerce, to forward the same to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny.

The members approved the proposal of M/s Teracom Limited – Plot no. 250A and 250B, Kundaim Industrial Estate, Kundaim Goa, for Consent to Establish for the expansion activities subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures .

**Agenda Item no. 9**

Application of M/s Tulip Diagnostics (P) Ltd., Utility Plot no. VIII-B, Phase – III-B, Verna Industrial Estate, Verna, Salcete Goa, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act for the expansion of the unit for manufacture of Diagnostic reagents and kits (cultures and micro-organism)

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**Agenda Item No. 10**

Application of M/s Goa Shipyard Ltd., Vasco, for Consent to Establish – upgradation / expansion and modernization in the existing ship building and ship repairs activities.

The members perused the item wherein M/s Goa Shipyard Ltd intends to modernise the ship building and ship repairs activities. Since the unit falls in the category of large scale enterprise, the members were of the opinion that the unit should first obtain approval from the State High Powered Coordination Committee, and only thereafter Consent to Establish to be granted.

**Agenda Item no. 11**

Application of M/s John Distilleries Ltd., Plot no. M-21, M-21A, Cuncolim Industrial Estate, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion) for the manufacture of Malt spirit.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s John Distilleries Ltd., in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept. stated that no permissions will be given by his department for construction of bore wells, as the water table in the Industrial Estate has already been depleted and that the company should make its own arrangements for the source of water supply.

The members suggested that the unit submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Goa State Pollution Control Board / Directorate of Industries, Trade and Commerce, to forward the same to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny.

The members approved the proposal M/s John Distilleries Ltd., Plot no. M-21, M-21A, Cuncolim Industrial Estate, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act (expansion) for the manufacture of Malt spirit, on the condition that the unit shall not use coal as fuel but instead should use saw dust as fuel and subject to the implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures .

**Agenda Item no. 12**

Application of M/s Unichem Laboratories Limited, Plot no. L-17 & 18, Pilerne Industrial Estate, for issue of Consent to Establish (NOC) for expansion of the unit for manufacture of pharmaceutical formulations, R & D facilities and enhancement in the manufacturing capacity.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Unichem Laboratories., in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept. stated that no permissions will be given by his department for construction of bore wells, as the water table in the Industrial Estate has already been depleted and that the company should make its own arrangements for the source of water supply.

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The members approved the proposal M/s Unichem Laboratories Limited, Plot no. L-17 & 18, Pilerne Industrial Estate, for issue of Consent to Establish



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**Agenda Item no. 13**

Revised Estimate for the year 2010-2011 and Budget Estimate for the year 2011-2012

The members perused and approved the Revised Estimate for the financial year 2010-2011 and Budget Estimate for the year 2011-2012, prepared in Form VI and VII, so as to forward the same to the State Government.

**Agenda Item no. 14**

Status Report of the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 and the Plastic ( Manufacture, Usage and Storage) Rules, 2000

The Chairman informed the member that the Sub Committee of the Board headed by the Director of Industries Trade and Commerce has conducted 5 meetings with the stake holders and approved the reports on Status Report of the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 and the Plastic ( Manufacture, Usage and Storage) Rules, 2000 submitted by M/s Padmaja Aerobiologicals Pvt. Ltd after suggesting adequate modifications, recommendations. The Chairman appreciated the efforts made by the Director of Industries Trade and Commerce and the members of the Sub Committee in scrutinizing the above reports.

The members perused the minutes of the Sub Committee and the recommendations made by the Sub Committee and approved the reports OF Status Report of the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 and the Plastic ( Manufacture, Usage and Storage) Rules, 2000 prepared M/s Padmaja Aerobiologicals Pvt. Ltd., so as to forward the same to the Central Pollution Control Board and recommend the same to the State Government for implementation.

**Agenda Item no.15**

Submission of Water Cess Returns under the Water (Cess) Act, 1977

Chairman informed the members that as per section 5 of the Water (Cess) Act, 1977, every person carrying out an industry is liable to pay the Water Cess under section 3 of the Water (Cess) Act, to the prescribed Officer or Authority. Rule 4 of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Rules, 1978, every consumer shall furnish returns on or before 5<sup>th</sup> of every

calendar month to the Assessing Authority in Form – I showing the quantity of water consumed in the previous month.

The amount of monthly assessment of Water Cess is meager, sometimes ranging from (Rs. 5/- to Rs. 400/- per month in most of the cases), a Water Cess Assessment order is prepared on yearly basis and forwarded to the industries.

As GSPCB has implemented the XGN software for on-line processing of applications for Consent and Authorizations, the members decided that the Board accepts yearly submission of Water Cess returns and prepare yearly Water Cess Orders, so as to reduce the correspondence and simplify the procedure. The Chairman informed the members that the Central Pollution Control Board has sought the opinion of all the Boards regarding filing yearly returns in lieu of the present system of filing monthly returns and assessment.

The members decided to communicate to the Central Pollution Control Board that the Industries should be asked to furnish yearly Water Cess Returns in Form – I (compilation of monthly Water Cess Returns in Form – I) on or before 5<sup>th</sup> April, for the preceding financial year and also issue yearly assessment orders. The members approved accepting the Water Cess returns online.

**Agenda item no. 16**

Applications of Mines for Renewal of Consent to Operate under the Air Act and the Water Act pending with the Board for submission of clearance from the Chief Wild Life Warden and clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act.

Chairman informed the members that there are total 105 mines who are granted Consent to Operate by the Board under the Air Act and the Water Act, and <sup>at present</sup> 41 such cases are pending for Renewal under the Air Act and Water Act. On scrutiny of the applications it was noticed that some mines do not possess the required documents. The same have been classified as under:

- a. Mines which had obtained CWW permission, however, the validity has expired and valid approvals have not been submitted .
- b. Mines which have submitted applications for CWW approval but have not been granted the same by the Forest Dept.
- c. Mines that have submitted applications for clearance under the FCA, as specified in the E.C but have not been granted clearance by the Forest Dept.

It was also informed to the members that the Board had issued show cause notices and personal hearings have been conducted in respect of such mines. The Chairman further informed the members that during the hearing the mining

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companies have represented that the Board issues Consent under the Water Act and Air Act and should continue to issues Consent subject to obtaining all necessary permissions prescribed under the Law and Acts in force. The Mining Companies have also represented that they should be allowed to operate in the non forest area of the lease in view of the orders passed by the Hon High Court in W.P. No 722 of 2008 and 136 of 2008. <sup>taken straight from</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>in the</sup> members pursued the legal opinion ~~given~~ by the board's Counsel Adv. ANS Nalakar.

The members expressed that the official representing the Forest Department should express the view of the Forest Department. Shri Cedric D'Souza, Deputy Conservator of Forests (Monitoring and Evaluation), Panaji representing the Forest Department clarified that there is no bar on issuing of Chief Wild Life Permission for the mines operating at a distance of 1 kms to 10 kms from the Wild Life Sanctuary and hence the Forest Department has started issuing such permission to the mining leases on case to case basis after verifying all the details and evaluating the impacts on wild life. The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Monitoring and Evaluation), Panaji, further clarified that in case of mining leases comprising partly of private land and partly of forest areas and who have not obtained clearance under the Forest Conservation Act, <sup>such mines</sup> could be allowed to operate only in the non forest areas provided they maintain a buffer of 7.5 meters from the Forest land in view of the orders passed by the Hon High Court in W.P. No 722 of 2008 and 136 of 2008. He further stated that the mining units should clearly demarcate the forest area and non forest areas, if any in their lease.

The members were of the opinion that stringent measures should be adopted while deciding applications for Consents to the Mining units and a regulatory mechanism should be devised to monitor the conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearance issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forest , Govt of India and the Consent issued by the Board. Shri Nadkarni, Chief Engineer , WRD stated that most of the reject dumps are close to the nallahs and rivers and hence complete violation of the Irrigation Act. Further, the Chief Engineer, WRD also expressed his reservations on mining activities being carried out close to the Selaulim Reservoir. He further stated that mining activities are being carried out much below the water table and in some cases even below the Mean Sea Level thereby depleting the ground water in the wells in the surrounding areas. The members after detailed deliberation suggested that real time ambient air quality monitoring should be carried out in the mining areas to monitor the pollution levels. The members thereafter decided that a special meeting should be called with the Representatives from the Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association, Goa Mining Association, Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Goa State Industries Association, Director, Dept. of Science, Technology and Environment and members of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board to deliberate on the issue of installing of on-line ambient air quality monitoring stations in the mining areas and funding for the installation and maintenance of the same.

After detailed deliberations and taking note of the fact that the Forest Department had commenced processing the applications from the mining companies, as informed by the officials of the Forest Department during the meeting, the members decided as follows:

- i. To issue renewal of Consent to Operate to those mines who have submitted permission from the Chief Wild Life Warden.
- ii. To give sixty days time to the other mining units to submit the requisite permissions from the Chief Wild Life warden and Forest Conservation Act.
- iii. In case the requisite permission are not submitted to the Board within 60 days, their applications for Renewal of Consent to Operate to be rejected.
- iv. In cases where the mining leases comprise partly of forest land and partly of private land / non forest land, to forward such cases to the Forest Department to seek clarification whether the activity / mining pit is located in the forest land or in non forest areas and on receipt of the comments from the Forest Department process the applications accordingly, in view of the order of the Hon. High Court in W.P. no. 722 of 2007 and W.P. no. 136 of 2008. The Forest Department should forward their comments within 60 days to enable the Board to process the applications.
- v. The members also decided not to grant any fresh Consent to Establish / Operate for new mines / expansion of the mines till the new Mineral Policy of the State is not finalized by the State Government. And in case such applications are received by the Board, the same to be summarily rejected.

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**Agenda Item no. 17**

Application of M/s Panduranga Timblo Industries (Borga Iron ore mine), T.C. no. 29/1952 and 34/1950), Rivona Village, Sanguem Taluka, for Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act.

The members deliberated and observed that the proposal is for Consent to Operate (New) and decided to defer the application until the State Mineral Policy is approved by the State Government. The members further decided to communicate the decision of the Board to the applicant.

**Agenda Item no. 18**

EIA report of Pilerne Industrial Estate region

Chairman informed the members that office was receiving numerous complaints from the Saipem Village Anti Pollution Front regarding the waste water discharge and the emissions generated from the industries operating in the Pilerne Industrial Estate. The Front had sought for study to assess the

contamination of the ground water resources in the neighbouring villages. The said complaints and demands were placed at the 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 31/12/2007 and it was decided to conduct an EIA study for the Pilerne Industrial Estate, by call of tenders from the laboratories recognized by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India. Accordingly tenders were invited from the laboratories recognized by the MoEF and the lowest quotation of M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers Pvt. Ltd., Panaji, was accepted and the said laboratory was issued a work order to conduct a EIA study of Pilerne Industrial Estate and the areas around it.

M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers Pvt., Panaji has now conducted the study and submitted the report. The report was placed before the TAC of the Board, wherein some changes were suggested by the TAC members.

Shri Ramkrishna Kerkar, Member of the Board and Member of the Saipem Village Anti Pollution Front informed the Board that M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers Pvt., Panaji is a Consultant for the unit of M/s Berger Berker Coatings, Pilerne Industrial Estate and the report submitted by M/s Sadekar will be in favour of the Industry and as such the Saipem Village Anti Pollution Front will not accept the findings of the report. Shri Ramchandra Kerkar stressed that the EIA report should be carried out through reputed institutions and laboratories of the Government.

After deliberations the members opined that M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers has committed a breach of trust and the members have requested to investigate and if need be terminate the contract with M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineer immediately after issuing a show cause notice and hearing them. The members also decided that in case M/s Sadekar Environ Engineers have committed a breach of trust the matter should be brought to notice of Ministry of Environment and Forests to de-panel him as a laboratory recognized by the Ministry of Env. and Forests, Govt. of India. The members decided that in case it is confirmed that M/s Sadekar Enviro Engineers has committed a breach of trust, the EIA work for Pilerne Industrial Estate should be retendered.

**Agenda Item no. 19**

Annual Report of the Board for the year 2009-2010

The members perused and approved the draft of the Annual Report of the Board for the year 2009-2010, so as to place the same before the State Legislative Assembly.

**Agenda Item no. 20**

Re-structuring of staffing pattern of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

Chairman informed the members that the present staff strength of GSPCB is only 56 nos. which includes deputation staff, contract staff and regular staff, which is very less and insufficient compared to the functioning and role of SPCB is concerned, taking into account the no. of Industries/Enterprises, Mines, Hotels, Local bodies, Bio-medical facilities, etc.

The members sought to know from the Chairman the present income of the Board through fees and fixed deposits and the mode of funding the salaries of the new staff. The Chairman informed the members that presently the Board earns an interest of approximately Rs. 2 Crores on the fixed deposits and also generates fund through fees. Further Chairman clarified that the salaries of present staff are about 1.2 Crores which are met through the interest on fixed deposits. The Chairman then stated that the salaries of the proposed new staff could be met through the interest on fixed deposits.

The members approved creation of 52 additional posts as suggested in the restructuring pattern along with the agenda item and also approved the recruitment rules for the staff with changes in the qualifying years for promotion to maintain consistency and to re-modify the Recruitment rules in line with the State Government guidelines and earlier Recruitment Rules approved and notified. The members also authorized Chairman to submit a proposal to the Government <sup>for approval notification</sup> in consultation with the Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment. ~~Further the members decided to forward the proposal to the Govt. for approval.~~

**Agenda Item no. 21**

a. Files cleared by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board during its meetings held from 16/08/2010 to 14/02/2011.

The members perused the enclosed database where in the list of applications cleared in the TAC meetings during its meetings held from 16/08/2010 to 14/02/2011, and approved the same

b. Files cleared with the approval of the Chairman (Green category files )

The members perused the enclosed database wherein the list of files were cleared with the approval of the Chairman (Green category files) from 11/08/2010 to 15/02/2011, and approved the same

**Table Item No. 1**

Application of M/s Nestle India Limited, Survey nos. 294/1, 2, 3 & 4 and 297/0, Usgao, Ponda Goa, for issue of Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act for expansion of the unit for enhancement in the manufacturing capacities of waffles and wafers, chocolates and confectionery products.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Nestle India Limited, in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept. stated that no permissions will be given by his department for construction of bore wells, as the water table in the Industrial Estate has already been depleted and that the company should make its own arrangements for the source of water supply.

The members suggested that the unit submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Goa State Pollution Control Board / Directorate of Industries, Trade and Commerce, to forward the same to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny.

The members approved the proposal of M/s Nestle India Limited, Survey nos. 294/1, 2, 3 & 4 and 297/0, Usgao, Ponda Goa, for issue of Consent to Operate under the Water Act and the Air Act for expansion of the unit for enhancement in the manufacturing capacities of waffles and wafers, chocolates and confectionery products subject to the implementation of Rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures.

**Table Item No.2**

Application of M/s Glenmark Generics Ltd. (Unit – II), Plot no. S-7, Colvale Industrial Estate, Colvale, Bardez Goa. for issue of Consent to Operate under the Water and Air Act (expansion) in their manufacturing capacities of its pharmaceutical products.

The Chairman informed the members that the HPCC has cleared the proposal of M/s Glenmark Generics Ltd. (Unit. II), in principle. The HPCC has cleared the above proposal in its meetings, but with a condition that the unit shall make provisions for rain water harvesting and re-charging of wells, within their unit, so as to recharge the ground water aquifer, which has been depleted. The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept. stated that no permissions will be given by his department for construction of bore wells, as the water table in the Industrial Estate has already been depleted and that the company should make its own arrangements for the source of water supply.

The members suggested that the unit submit their plans for rain water harvesting and re-charge of wells along with designs to the Goa State Pollution Control Board / Directorate of Industries, Trade and Commerce, to forward the same to the Water Resource Department for scrutiny.

The members approved the proposal of M/s Glenmark Generics Ltd. (Unit – II), Plot no. S-7, Colvale Industrial Estate, Colvale, Bardez Goa. for issue of Consent to Operate under the Water and Air Act (expansion) in their manufacturing capacities of its pharmaceutical products subject to the implementation of Rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures.

**Table Item No. 3**

To discuss and decide on the adoption of Audit of the Board by circulation

Chairman informed the members that the Govt. has appointed a single Auditor for auditing the accounts of the Board for carrying out five audits i.e from the years 2006-2007 to 2010-2011.

Further, as there is a back log of the accounts to be audited and that the Board meetings are convened after a gap of around three months or more, to avoid further delay, it was proposed to circulate the audited statement of each financial year (as and when it is put up by the auditors to this office) at their respective Office / residential addresses of the respective members so as to get individual approval by circulation, and once all the five audits are completed, simultaneously place them before the next Board meeting for obtaining concurrence.

The members approved the same.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.