

**MINUTES OF THE 24TH MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION
CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 10/10/1995 AT 3:30 PM IN THE LEGISLATURE
HALL OF THE SECRETARIAT, PANAJI.**

- I. The 24th Meeting of the Board was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Carmo Pegado on 10/10/1995 at 3:30 PM in the Legislature hall of the Secretariat, Panaji.

At the outset, the Chairman, GSPCB while extending the hearty welcome to Dr. Wilfred Mesquita, Hon. Minister for Environment and the newly constituted members of the 3rd GSPCB, highlighted the activities of the Board. While emphasising the need to conserve the natural resources of Goa State, the Chairman sought the co-operation and active participation of the members to protect the nature's gift for which Goa is famous.

With the package of incentives available for industrial growth the new industrial units both non-polluting and polluting is encouraging. Over 80,000 chemicals are already in use in various industries and on an average 500 new chemicals are synthesised every year. Extensive use of fertilizers and pesticides to raise food production has added new dimension to the waste treatment. Population growth and increased urbanisation has put a severe strain on natural resources.

With the limited facilities available at the disposal of GSPCB, the Board has discharged its responsibilities efficiently and effectively. For meeting the challenges ahead, there is an urgent need to strengthen the GSPCB with infrastructure facility viz. its own office building, well set up laboratory, adequate staff and other facilities.

The Chairman expressed gratitude to Dr. Wilfred Mesquita for having spared the valuable time inspite of his busy schedule for inaugurating the third re-constituted Board and sought the co-operation of the members for effective functioning of the Board.

The following members were present at the meeting:

1. Dr. Carmo Pegado - Chairman
2. Secretary (Environment) - Member
3. Chief Engineer, P.W.D. - Member
4. Conservator of Forests - Member
5. Director of Health Services - Member
6. General Manager, E.D.C. - Member
7. Shri. Shivanand V. Salgaonkar - Member
8. Shri. Rodney Rodrigues - Member
9. Shri. Rajendra S. Lawande - Member
10. Shri. Vishwasrao Dessai - Member
11. Shri. Sanjay Gauns Dessai - Member
12. Shri. Subhas G. Narvenkar - Member
13. Shri. Andrew R. D'Souza - Member
14. Director, S.T.E. - Member
15. Managing Director, E.D.C. - Member
16. Shri. H. R. Kulkarni - Member Secretary

II. The following members were not present for the meeting:

1. Shri. Ashok Halarnkar - Member
2. Managing Director, G.T.D.C. - Member

Shri A. A. Parulekar, ex-Member Secretary was also present as a special invitee.

III. AGENDA ITEM No.1

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOARD

The members pursued the important information about the Board, and members expressed their desire to have a copy of the Water (Prevention and Control of pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of pollution) Act, 1981 and Rule

copy with upto date amendments for their reference. It was agreed to furnish a copy of Acts and Rules to each member.

AGENDA ITEM No.2

THE PROCEDURE PRESCRIBED BY THE 23rd BOARD FOR ISSUING CLEARANCE TO INDUSTRIAL PROPOSALS

The procedure prescribed by the earlier Board for issuing NOC and consent was discussed in details. After due deliberations, members approved the following resolutions for clearance of industrial proposals.

RESOLUTION NO.1

Resolved that a Technical Advisory Committee comprising of the following members be constituted to go through the proposals for setting up of new industrial units.

1. Shri. Rajendra Lawande - Civil Engineer
2. Shri. A. V. Palekar - Managing Director,
E.D.C. and Chemical
Engineer
3. Dr. N.P.S. Varde - Scientist and Joint
Secretary, S.T.E.
4. Shri. H. R. Kulkarni - Member Secretary,
Goa State Pollution
Control Board.

Resolved that the newly constituted Technical Advisory Committee will henceforth go through all the proposals for setting up of industries and bifurcate them into two groups:

The first group industries with minimum pollution potential. Member Secretary after due scrutiny will put up the same to the Chairman for approval.

The second group of industries after due recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee will be put up through the Chairman to the next Board Meeting for deliberations and decisions.

It was also decided to give publicity to the proposals cleared by the Board for creating awareness in the minds of the public.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3

MINUTES OF THE 23RD BOARD MEETING FOR INFORMATION

The Board perused the Minutes of the 23rd Board Meeting and the same were confirmed to complete the procedural formalities so as to make necessary entries in the Minutes Book.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4

FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT 23RD BOARD MEETINGS:

- a. The issue of charging fees for issuing NOC for establishing new industries came up for discussion to augment the resources of the Board. It was decided to pursue the proposal already submitted to the Govt. for its decision.
- b. The Board members were of the unanimous view to limit breaking of old unusable barges of 750 light weight ton capacity at the places where the fabrication/ manufacture facility is available. The certificate issued by the Captain of Ports to determine the capacity of the barges is to be considered for classification of these barges, etc.
- c. Chief Engineer, P.W.D. explained the difficulty in treating the raw water due to water containing high amount of suspended solids brought in due to the mining activity upstream of Opa water works located in Ponda taluka and Salaulim water works located in Sanguem taluka. Even after treatment, the permissible limit of

Iron and Manganese are on higher side and the public have been complaining about its presence in the potable water supplied to them. After the deliberations, the Board authorised the Chairman to call for a meeting of mine owners located upstream of these two water works and try to find out ways and means to reduce the same.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5

MINUTES OF 39TH MEETING OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION OF THE BOARD.

The Board perused the Minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6

PROPOSAL FOR PERMANENT BOARD OFFICE OF ITS OWN:

The Chairman explained to the Board members the need to have its own office cum laboratory building. At present the Board office is functioning in an old and insecure building at Patto, Panaji. The area is not enough to accommodate the office building. The Govt. has accorded approval for its demolition. The Chairman explained to the members the plans for rebuilding the office cum laboratory at the same place. With certain modifications, the Board approved the proposed plan of the building for having office and a full fledged laboratory. The Chairman explained the need for allotting this space for the Board office and the proposal in this direction will be moved to the Govt. of Goa for releasing the same to this Board, being a Govt. property. The estimate for the same is under preparation and the same will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India for grants.

Secretary, Environment has promised to provide temporary office accommodation in the old G.M.C. complex at Campal.

RESOLUTION NO.2:

It is resolved to request the Govt. of Goa to permit to build Goa State Pollution Control Board office and laboratory building in the present premises, 243, Patto, Panaji-Goa.

It is unanimously resolved to construct an office and laboratory building for Pollution Control Board, so as to carry out its functions effectively as mentioned under the various Acts.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7

PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLE:

Chairman explained the need to have a good and reliable vehicle for carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to it by the Govt. of Goa, Central Pollution Control Board, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India. The vehicle would also assist in expeditious disposal of public complaints. The vehicle will also help in co-ordinating with the Quality Monitoring Programmes for which Scientist and Environmental Engineers are deputed to Goa from Central Pollution Control Board and Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India for undertaking such survey. The Board approved the procurement of the vehicle and the same will be included in the Budget estimate for the year 1995-96 for releasing the grants for the purpose.

RESOLUTION NO.3

Resolved that a vehicle be purchased for discharging expeditiously the responsibilities of the Board.

- IV. Some Board members desired to have the meeting at shorter intervals of 45 days or so, so as clearance for establishing industries are not delayed.
- V. The GSPCB placed on record appreciation to Shri. A. A. Parulekar for the services rendered to the Board since its inception.
- VI. The vote of thanks to the Hon'ble Minister for Environment and the Chairman.