

**MINUTES OF THE 26th MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 24th MAY, 1996 AT 3.30PM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE NORTHERN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, MALA, PANAJI-GOA.**

- I. The 26th Meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Carmo Pegado on 24.5.96 at 3.30pm in the Conference hall of the Northern Planning & Development Authority, Mala, Panaji.

The following members were present for the meeting

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| 1. | Dr. Carmo Pegado   | Chairman         |
| 2. | Conservator of Forests<br>Represented by Dy. Conservator<br>of Forests | Member           |
| 3. | Director, S.T.E.   | Member           |
| 4. | Shri Andrew D'Souza  | Member           |
| 5. | Shri Vishwasrao Dessai   | Member           |
| 6. | Shri H.R. Kulkarni   | Member Secretary |

The following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting.

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| 1. | Secretary (Environment)   | Member |
| 2. | Director, Health Services | Member |
| 3. | General Manager, E.D.C    | Member |
| 4. | Managing Director GTDC    | Member |

The following members did not attend the meeting.

1.	Shri Shivanand Salgaocar	Member
2.	Shri Sanjay Gauns Dessai	Member
3.	Chief Engineer, P.W.D	Member
4.	Shri Rajendra S. Lawande	Member
5.	Shri Ashok Halarnkar	Member
6.	Shri Subhash Narvekar	Member
7.	Shri Rodney Rodrigues	Member
8.	Chief Engineer, Irrigation Dept.	Special Invitee

## II. AGENDA ITEM No. 1

### MINUTES OF THE 25TH MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON JANUARY 02, 1996.

The Members perused the minutes of the 25th Goa State Pollution Control Board Meeting and the same were confirmed so as to make the necessary entry in the Minutes Book.

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

### FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE 25TH MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD.

The Members perused the follow-up action and decision taken at the 25th Meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

### FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE 24TH MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD.

The Members perused the follow up action and decision taken at the 24th Meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

It was suggested to inspect the Beneficiation plants in the mining areas to go through the corrective remedial action taken by the mine owners.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 12/01/1996.

The Members perused the minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on 12/01/96.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 23/01/1996.

The members perused the minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on 23.01.1996.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 19/03/1996.

The members perused the minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on 19.03.1996.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 12/04/1996.

The members perused the minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on 12/04/1996.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.**

MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15/05/1996.

The Members perused the minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on 15/05/1996.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

OPENING OF THE POLLUTION AWARENESS AND ASSISTANCE CENTRE

The Members perused the item on Opening of the Pollution Awareness and Assistance Centre (PAAC)

Action is being taken to equip the PAAC with T.V, VCP etc to function it more effectively.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.**

SERVICE BENEFITS TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THIS BOARD

The Members perused the proposed service benefits to the employees of this Board. It was an unanimous decision to frame these benefits based on the pattern of Pollution Control Board's in the neighbouring States particularly of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board. Action is being taken accordingly to finalise the same and will be submitted to the Administration for approval.

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

### PROPOSED STAFF SET-UP.

The members perused the proposed staff set-up for the Board.

The Board has wide range of functions to perform. The priority areas are the polluting sources, ensuring quick disposal of applications for consent to establish/operate and for authorisation of hazardous waste disposal under the three relevant acts: monitoring source of pollution, and environmental quality, checking compliance to standards by polluters and taking legal action against the defaulters. It is seen that the measures taken by the Board are either not adequate or there is laxity in their implementation. With the increase in public awareness about environmental issues, expectations of the people from the Board are also increasing. To meet this challenge there is a need to reinforce the Board with Staff, infrastructure etc.

After deliberations, it was resolved to submit the proposal alongwith recruitment rules etc for creation of posts to the Govt. Of Goa.

III. With the permission of the Chair, two issues were taken for discussions.

I. **REVISED CONSENT FEE STRUCTURE UNDER THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION), ACT, 1974 AND AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1981**

At present, the Goa State Pollution Control Board charges a nominal fee of Rs. 50/- for Consent application form for permission to operate the industry under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution), Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, which is uniform for all the applicants. Besides, Consent fees under the respective Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution), Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 are charged based

on average consumption of water per day and capital investment involved in setting up of the industries, respectively.

The fees chargeable as Consent fees accordingly range from Rs. 250/- to Rs. 5,000/- as per Rule no. 10 of the Goa Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution), Rules 1989 and similarly Rs. 200/- to Rs. 6,400/- for Water consumption varying from 10 Kl per day to 10<sup>6</sup> Kl per day respectively under Rule no. 29 (2) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1988.

Taking into account the escalation in cost for effective enforcement of the Pollution Control Acts as well as the present need to make the Pollution Control Board financially independent, the Board took up the issue of adequate revision of the Consent fee structure. At the end of the detailed discussions, the Board members approved a modest but equitable hike in Consent fee as per the fee structure prepared by the Member Secretary in consultation with Director, S.T.E. This was prepared after examining and studying the consent fee structure followed in other State Boards who have already revised their fee structure to tide over cost escalation.

It was unanimously resolved to submit the said new Consent fee structure for the approval of the Government, so that the Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1988 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1989 are suitably amended.

2. **DELEGATION OF POWERS TO CHAIRMAN UNDER SECTION 33 (A) OF WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1974 AND 31 (A) OF AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1981.**

The Board members were apprised of the problems encountered by the Chairman in facing closure of the defaulting industries. Under Section 33 (A) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 as amended in 1988, the Board can issue directions to the departments namely, Water Supply and Electricity for disconnection of Water Electricity.

Goa State Pollution Control Board is required to delegate powers to the Chairman for smooth implementation of the Provisions of these Acts. It was unanimously resolved to delegate powers under Section 33 (A) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution), Act, 1974 and so also under Section 31 (A) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution Act, 1974 to the Chairman for effective implementation.

IV. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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