

**MINUTES OF THE 46<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE  
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2001 AT 11.00 AM**

- I. The 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Chamber of the Chairman on 25th April, 2001 at 11.00 am.

**The following members attended the meeting:**

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| 1. | Mr. Arecio D'Souza  | Chairman         |
| 2. | Chairperson,<br>Mormugao Municipal Council  | Member           |
| 3. | Air Cmde. Mr. P.K. Pinto, as a<br>Representative of Goa Chamber of<br>Commerce & Industry | Member           |
| 4. | Mr. S. Sridhar, as a Representative<br>of Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Assoc.                | Member           |
| 5. | Director, S.T.E   | Member           |
| 6. | Director of Panchayats  | Member           |
| 7. | Director of Health Services   | Member           |
| 8. | Mr. A.A. Parulekar  | Member Secretary |

**The following members did not attend the meeting:**

1. Chief Engineer, Public Works Department
2. Director, Industries and Mines
3. Chairperson, Curchorem-Cacora Municipal Council
4. Managing Director, Goa Tourism Dev. Corpn.
5. Managing Director, Industrial Dev. Corpn.
6. Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Kundaim

II. **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 45<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF  
THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

As recorded in the agenda notes, the members noted that the minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting duly approved are entered in the Minutes Book.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

**FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF THE 45<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF GSPCB**

The Member Secretary briefed the members about the latest position of Public Interest Litigation against Meta Strips Limited pending in the Hon. High Court of Judicature at Mumbai at Panaji. He also informed that ~~Learned Advocate~~ General Shri Atmaram Nadkarni has agreed to appear in person for the Board in the said Writ, with Adv. Gaunekar as the Advocate on record.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

**PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE COMPLEX FOR THE BOARD AT PATTO, PANAJI-GOA.**

Members perused the agenda note wherein status of the proposed construction of office complex for the Board was recorded in brief. While presenting the agenda item, Member Secretary informed the members that an elaborate note giving all the relevant details about this long pending proposal was submitted to the Govt. with a request to provide an alternative premises to accommodate the Board Office during construction of the new building. However, as per the communication received from Director( STE), the request has been rejected by the Government. Vide the same communication, the Govt. has directed the Board to restrict the floor area of the proposed construction to 875 sq.mtrs. as against 1720 sq.mtrs. as per the earlier proposal and instructed the Board to approach PWD for the revised drawings.

In the course of the discussions, Member Secretary informed the Board that vide mutation intimation dated 31/1/97, name of the Board was proposed to be included as a co-occupant of the property under chalta no. 10 (Part), P.T sheet no. 46, in which the present premises accommodating the Board office has been located. This mutation was initiated as per the Govt. decision to transfer 720 sq. mtrs. from the said chalta no. 10 to Pollution Control Board for putting up a new structure by demolishing the existing building. However, actual sub-division of the said chalta number and demarcation of the 720 sq. mtrs. of the plot area to be transferred to the Board has not been carried out. Member Secretary further

informed that the actual area inside the compound wall around the present premises is approximately measured as 606 sq.mtrs.

The Board deliberated the proposal in light of the conditions imposed by the Govt. while conveying its approval. The members observed that getting a premises on hire, large enough to accommodate the Board office during the construction period which may prolong to 4 to 5 years, would be a difficult task. Also expenditure on rent of such accommodation would be quite substantial. Temporary accommodation, that too for such a long period of 4 to 5 years, will inevitably put constrain on the activities of the Board, which will attract criticism from various sectors.

At this stage, Member Secretary informed the members that as per the office records, it appears that the then Chief Minister, Dr. Wilfred D'Souza, who has laid the foundation stone for the proposed building, was himself of the opinion that the present premises should not be demolished. He had even indicated an alternative site for construction of the Board office which however could not be acquired.

After detailed deliberation, the Board resolved that possibility of getting a suitable accommodation on outright purchase basis should be examined before taking a final decision about constructing a new complex by demolishing the present structure. If suitable accommodation could be obtained on ready to occupy basis, planning should be made to shift and establish the Board office and laboratory as per the requirement. The Board also decided that such premises should necessarily be with a municipal occupancy certificate for commercial use and it should be located within the municipal limits of Panaji, preferably in the periphery of the town. The Board further decided that available floor area for such premises should not be more than 875 sq.mtrs. which is the limit fixed by the Govt.

The Board further resolved that Chairman shall take the revised proposal to the Govt., requesting for assistance of Senior Engineer and Architect from P.W.D. and an Officer from Finance or Accounts Department, to provide expert advice on selection of the premises and finalization of the cost. It was also decided that actual advertisement in the newspaper inviting offers from prospective sellers, should be issued after getting assurance from the Govt. that necessary assistance of the experts would be provided as proposed. The Board further decided that funds available with the Board as the

reserves and surplus shall only be used for the purchase and no external financing or loan shall be attempted.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**CONSENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED SINCE THE 45<sup>TH</sup>  
GSPCB MEETING**

The Board perused for acceptance the details of the applications for consents processed by the Technical Committee and Chairman at the committee meetings from 47<sup>th</sup> to 61<sup>st</sup> held between 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2001, as per the Agenda notes.

While discussing this item, it was observed that the plant installed by Komex India Ltd at Margao, for composting of municipal garbage has suspended its operation due to some financial difficulties. As a result, the Municipal Council has gone back to the original process of dumping the garbage at the site, which is periodically set on fire without any control. As per the Notification on 'Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000', it has become mandatory on the Municipal Councils to employ environment friendly options for disposal of garbage. The Board observed that the municipal authorities should put forth their best efforts to recommence the garbage composting plant to avoid environmental problems caused by uncontrolled dumping of the garbage.

III. The meeting ended after completion of the Agenda.

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A.A. Parulekar  
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Approved by:



Arcio D'Souza  
Chairman