

**MINUTES OF THE 50th MEETING OF THE
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
HELD ON 17th MAY, 2002 AT 4.30 PM IN THE CHAMBER
OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY/CHAIRMAN, GSPCB,
SECRETARIAT, PANAJI.**

I. The 50th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Chamber of the Chief Secretary/Chairman, Secretariat, Panaji on 17th May, 2002 at 4.30 pm..

The following members were present for the meeting:

1.	Shri Baleshwar Rai, Chief Secretary	Chairman
2.	Shri P.P. Borkar, C.E, P.W.D	Member
3.	Mrs. Kunda S. Chodankar, Vice President, Zilla Parishad, North	Member
4.	Mrs. Zinia S. Dias, Member, Zilla Parishad North	Member
5.	Adv. Dileshwar M. Naik	Member
6.	Ms. Nilima A. Naik, Member Zilla Parishad	Member
7.	Shri S.S. Prabhudessai, Chief Inspector Factories & Boilers	Member
8.	Dr. A.V. Salelkar, Director, Health Services	Member
9.	Shri P.K. Shetye, M.D, G. T. D . C.	Member
10.	Shri K.B. Surjuse, M.D. G. I. D. C.	Member
11.	Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director S.T.E	Member
12.	Shri A.A. Parulekar	Member Secretary

The following members did not attend the meeting:

1. Shri J.B. Singh, Director of Industries and Mines
2. Shri Ashok Naik, Chairperson, Panjim Municipal Council
3. Mrs. Kamalini R. Paigainkar, Chairperson, Mormugao Municipal Council
4. Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry
5. Shri Sudin Naik, President, Goa Small Industries Association

Some members have deputed their representatives to attend the meeting. It was made clear to the persons so deputed that as per the

notification constituting the Board, appointment of all the members is by name and not by designation. As such, every member has to attend the meeting in person and no member is entitled to depute his representative.

As a courtesy, the following three persons so deputed by the members were allowed to be present at the meeting as invitees

1. Shri Atul Pai Kane from Goa Small Industries Association
2. Shri D.N. Kamble - from Dte. of Industries and Mines
3. Shri G.K. Hedge - from Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry

II. While welcoming the new members, Chairman informed that, as the present meeting is the first meeting after re-constitution of the Board, the agenda items are mainly informative. He further informed that copies of the bare Acts will be supplied to all the members in due course of time. He urged the members to study the Acts in detail and give valuable input for effective functioning of the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF THE 49th MEETING OF THE GSPCB

1) FURNISHING OF THE PREMISES ACQUIRED BY THE BOARD

The Board took note of the fact that the decision pertaining to appointment of an internal decorator and inviting tenders for furnishing the newly acquired premises, taken at the previous meeting has been kept in abeyance.

Members observed that PWD, which has furnished various Government buildings, will be in a position to give benefit of their experience, in preparation of the design and specifications of the furnishing work. After deliberations, it was decided that an Advisory Committee comprising of the concerned Executive Engineer, Architect and Assistant Accounts Officer from Accounts cadre, be formed by Member Secretary, in consultation with Chief Engineer, PWD. The Advisory Committee will give necessary assistance in preparation of design specifications and tender documents of the furnishing work. If need arises, service of the consultant appointed by PWD be taken. The Member Secretary will invite sealed tenders based on the tender documents so prepared, with approval of Chairman. The tenders received in response shall be scrutinized in the Board office in consultation with the Advisory Committee and shall be placed before the Board for final decision.

5) PROPOSAL FOR GETTING ON DEPUTATION AN OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY TO GUIDE THE BOARD SCIENTIST IN SETTING UP A BOARD LABORATORY

Member Secretary explained that setting up the Board laboratory would be easier if he could get an experienced Officer on deputation as an OSD, for assisting the Board Scientist in setting up the laboratory. He further explained that he has identified such persons in PWD and DHS. However Director of Health Services and Chief Engineer, PWD expressed their inability to depute their experienced Scientific Officers due to exigencies of work.

Chairman opined that instead of taking any person on deputation for working on full time basis with the Board office, a competent and experienced person could be appointed as a Consultant, who could be paid some agreed sum as a honorarium.

After deliberations, it was decided that Member Secretary shall identify a suitable person who could be appointed as a Consultant to give necessary guidance to the Board Scientist in setting up the Board laboratory. It was further decided that even a Scientific person from private sector having experience in operation of environmental analytical laboratory could be considered on merit for appointment as a Consultant.

The Board authorized Chairman to approve the terms and conditions of appointment of such Consultant and authorized Member Secretary to enter into a contract with the Consultant so appointed with the approval of the Chairman.

6. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOR REGULARIZATION OF THE PERSONS WORKING IN THE BOARD OFFICE ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS SINCE 1998.

It was decided at the 49th meeting that the detailed information about the persons working in the Board office on contract basis since the tenure of the then Chairman, Dr. Carmo Pegado be submitted to the Government for examination by the concerned Department. Since the Board was under re-constitution, the out-going Chairman had advised to place the same before the re-constituted Board before submitting to the Government.

Member Secretary explained the members of the events in chronological order pertaining to engaging the 12 persons on contractual

basis for implementing the High Court directions for taking over operation of the four ambient air quality monitoring stations at Zuarinagar.

Chairman opined that, at the first instance it would be advisable to enter into a written contact with the concerned persons, making it clear that their services were hired for implementing the High Court directions pertaining to carrying-out the monitoring work.

It was expressed by the members that the further course of action in this matter should be finalized after giving due consideration to the relevant rules and regulations.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AT THE BOARD MEETING

Chairman requested the members to be conversant with the procedures to be followed at the Board meetings as prescribed under the Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1988.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD AS PER THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1974 AND THE AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1981.

Member Secretary briefed the members about the functions of the Board under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

While discussing the provisions of the Re-cycled Plastic Manufacture & Usage Rules, 1999, Chairman informed the members that it has been decided to make the State free from plastic waste in the near future. As a first step in that direction, the State Government has issued a Notification banning production and use of carry bags less than 40 micron thickness.

While discussing the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998, Chairman directed Member Secretary to prepare a factual report on bio-medical waste handling and disposal system of Goa Medical College Hospital. After perusal of the same, he will call a meeting of the concerned officers to expedite the process of setting up a common facility for disposal of bio-medical waste generated at the Goa Medical College Hospital as well as the private Nursing Homes within the State.

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III. With the permission of the Chair, the issue of giving relief to SSI units from Consent fees came before the Board for discussions.

After deliberations, the Board decided that other than proposing any change in consent fee tariff, relief for SSI units shall be given by extending validity of their consent to operate to five years. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that, in amendment of the prevailing practice, all the consents to operate under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, issued after 17/05/02, to the industrial units registered with the Directorate of Industries and Mines under the category of 'Small Scale Industries,' shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of issue. **Resolved further** that for all other category of industries, validity period of the consents to operate shall continue to be two years only, as per the prevailing practice.

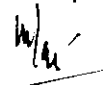
IV. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Prepared by:



A.A. Parulekar
Member Secretary

Approved by:



Baleshwar Rai, C.S, Goa
Chairman