

**MINUTES OF THE 52<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE  
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, 2002 AT 12.30 NOON  
IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL, PANAJI GOA.**

I. The 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Board's Conference hall on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2002 at 12.30 noon.

The following members were present for the meeting:

1.	Shri Baleshwar Rai, Chief Secretary	Chairman
2.	Shri Pramod Shetye, Managing Director, GTDC	Member
3.	Shri S.S. Prabhudessai, Chief Inspector, Factories and Boilers	Member
4.	Dr. A.V. Salelkar, Director, Health Services	Member
5.	Ms. Zinia S. Dias, Member, North Goa Zilla Parishad	Member
6.	Mrs. Kunda Chodankar, Vice President, Zilla Parishad, North	Member
7.	Ad. Dileshwar Naik	Member
8.	Shri Ashok Naik, Chairperson, Panjim Municipal Council	Member
9.	Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director, STE	Member
10.	Ms. Nilima Naik, Member Zilla Parishad (S)	Member
11.	Shri P.P. Borkar, Chief Engineer, PWD	Member
12.	Shri A.A. Parulekar	Member Secretary

Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry has informed in advance his inability to attend the meeting. Mrs. Kamilini Paigankar, Chairperson, Margao Municipal Council did not attend the meeting.

II. The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF THE 51<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF  
THE BOARD**

The 51<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board was a special meeting to discuss the problem created by pollution of St. Inez nallah which was a subject matter of Writ Petition no. 30/2002. The minutes of the meeting were submitted to Hon. High Court vide an Affidavit filed by Member Secretary. The Board perused the Affidavit filed by Member Secretary and also the Interim Order issued by the Hon. High Court, wherein the situation comprehended by the Board about the sanitary conditions of the Panjim City was taken on record.

Chairman requested Chief Engineer PWD to give information about the progress made by his department in implementation of the project pertaining to environmental up-gradation of Panaji City.

Chief Engineer PWD informed the Board that his department has already invited tenders for execution of phase I of the environmental up-gradation project for Panaji City. He further informed that the main component of the project comprises of three parts viz. design and construction of 12.5 MLD sewage treatment plant at Tonca, renovation and re-modeling of the existing sewage treatment plant at Tonca and design and construction of tertiary treatment unit for conditioning of the treated effluent for gardening. The ancillary component of the project comprises of two parts viz. laying of the under water HDPE pipe line for disposal of treated effluent into Mandovi estuary and extension of sewer lines to Tambdi Mati, Patto colony and other left out areas of the city.

It was observed that, as per the interim order of the Hon. High Court, PWD will have to place before the Hon. High Court, their action plan and progress made in implementation of the project from time to time. The Board desired that, Chief Engineer PWD should furnish a copy of the same to the Board office for perusal of the Board.

Chairman informed the Board that Ministry of Env. & Forests, Govt. of India has already granted their approval to the project submitted by Water Resource Department for improvisation of the drainage capacity of both St. Inez and St. Cruz nallah. After execution of both the projects the sanitary situation of the city will remarkably improve. He further informed that the Govt. is likely to consider similar projects for other Municipal Councils in the near future.

The Board also perused the letters dated 16/9/02 and 3/10/02 of Chief Officer, Panjim Municipal Council giving the details of the action taken by the Council in compliance of the directions given by the Board

under section 33(A) of the water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. Chairperson Panjim Municipal Council further confirmed that his Council has already demolished 100 toilets found to be directly discharging raw sewage in the nallah and also cleared the floating material from the St. Inez nallah. The Board suggested that Panjim Municipal Council should take up a project for providing sanitary toilets like Sulabh Sauchalaya at various places in the city, especially at the touristic important locations like Miramar. Chairperson PMC assured that he will take an initiative to take up such projects at the earliest.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 & 3**

**AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1997-98, 1998-1999**

The Board perused the Auditors Report for the financial years 1997-98, 1998-99.

Member Secretary informed that the Statutory Auditors appointed by the State Govt. on the advice of Comptroller and Auditor General, Auditors for the financial year 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-2002 have already commenced their work. After submission of their report, all the back log of the auditing will be cleared.

The Board desired that a comprehensive report giving the action taken on various points raised by the Auditors may be placed before the Board at the next meeting.

Member Secretary drew the attention of the Board to the para raised by the Auditors stating that no specific provision for Income tax has been made in the Board accounts. He informed that no State Board and Central Board have so far been assessed for Income tax. He further informed that he has already written to Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Env., & Forests, Govt. of India requesting them to clarify as to whether Union Government has issued a specific notification exempting Pollution Control Boards of paying Income Tax. So far no reply has been received from them.

Chairman assured that he will write a D.O letter to Ministry of Env. & Forests, Govt. of India to get the required clarification on top priority.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**INFORMATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF THE GAS PIPE LINE PROJECT OF GAS TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMPANY LIMITED (GTIL)**

Member Secretary informed the Board about the modality followed for conducting Environmental Public Hearing for the gas line project of Gas Transportation and Infrastructure Company Limited. He further informed that all the points raised by the members of the public during the Hearing were audio recorded and transcript of the same has been already forwarded to Ministry of Env. & Forests, Govt. of India. The summary of the points raised at the Public Hearing in two the Districts, placed before the Board was perused by the members.

Chairman informed the Board that availability of natural gas after commissioning of the project will provide a number of valuable opportunities to the State Govt. The natural gas will be a clean fuel for production of power. The State Govt. will be in a position to produce sufficient electric power by putting a gas based power plant which will be an environment friendly option for production of electric power. He also informed that such availability of gas as a substitute for automobile fuel will also help in reducing atmospheric pollution. The project in the long run will benefit the State by accelerating its industrial development by providing the natural gas as a clean source of energy.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2003-2004**

The Board perused the Budget Estimate for the year 2003-04 prepared by the Board office.

Chairman suggested that from the surplus of income over expenditure, the Board may consider giving financial assistance to Panjim Municipal Council for implementing their project for providing Sulabh Sauchalaya in the various parts of the City. The financial assistance could be of 50% of the cost. The Board accepted the suggestion and requested Chairperson Panjim Municipal Council to submit a detailed Project to the Board office. The Board further decided that Member Secretary in consultation with Auditor will prepare and submit the proposal pertaining to the financial assistance to the Project to be submitted by PMC for consideration of the Board at the next meeting.



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

**CREATION OF POST OF OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY TO SET UP A BOARD LABORATORY**

The Board perused and approved the proposal of creation of a temporary post of Officer on Special Duty in the pay scale of Rs. 8000-275-13500, so that some experienced scientific officer could be taken on deputation to guide the scientific staff of the Board in setting up a high standard Board laboratory. The Board further decided that the temporary post should be initially created for one year only and after seeing the performance of the person taken on deputation, the proposal for further extension be placed before the Board for consideration.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**REPLACEMENT OF BOARD VEHICLE NO. GA-01-C-4727 (SUMO)**

The members perused the proposal placed before the Board pertaining to replacement of the Board vehicle no. GA-01-C-4727 (Tata Sumo), which has already covered 1.5 lakh kms and requires frequent maintenance. The Board authorized Member Secretary to explore the possibility of disposing the vehicle by auctioning by following the appropriate procedure, for replacement of the same.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**PROPOSAL OF COMPUTERIZATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OFFICE.**

The Board perused the proposal received from National Informatics Centre for developing a software for computerization of the activities of the Board office. Chairman informed the members that Govt. of Goa has appointed 'Infotech Corporation of Goa Limited' as a Nodal Agency to undertake computerization consultancy works for Government departments and autonomous bodies in the state. The Board advised Member Secretary to approach Infotech Corporation of Goa Limited to get their proposal and place the same before the Board for consideration.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**SHIFTING OF THE BANK ACCOUNT OF THE BOARD**

The Board approved the proposal of shifting the Bank Account from Union Bank of India to branch of Oriental Bank of Commerce, located in the same building, below the Board office and adopted the following resolution:

Resolved that a Current Account of the Board be opened at Oriental Bank of Commerce and all the banking business of the Board be shifted from Union Bank of India to Oriental Bank of Commerce in a phased manner in consultation with the Auditors of the Board.

Resolved further that the new Account of the Board in Oriental Bank of Commerce be operated on similar conditions on which the existing accounts of the Board in Union Bank of India is being operated.

III. Chairman Shri Baleshwar Rai informed the Board that, very soon he will be reporting to his new posting in the Central Government and the present meeting is his last meeting as a Chairman of the Board.

He gave a brief account of the various steps taken during his tenure by the State Government for improving environmental conditions in the State. He made a special mention of the notifications declaring plastic free zones. In such notified places, use of plastic packing material is totally prohibited to avoid littering of plastic waste. He also informed the Board that the major soft drink Companies using PEAT bottles have agreed to take back the used bottles, by paying some fixed amount. The bottles so collected will be crushed and granulated at the specially installed industrial units, one each in both the Districts of Goa. He appealed to the members representing the Municipal Councils, Zilla Parishads and Village Panchayats to co-operate with the State Govt. to make this project successful.

He also informed that Govt. has already taken up the projects of setting up two municipal garbage treatment plants in both the districts of Goa. The garbage will be composted at these centralized plants to produce manure. The manure so produced will be used by Forest, Agriculture and other Departments for their plantation. All the Municipal Councils and local bodies will be in a position to take benefit of this project by transporting their garbage for treatment in the plant in their District.


Chairman expressed sincere thanks for all the cooperation received from the Board members.

Chairperson, Panjim Municipal Council thanked Shri Baleshwar Rai Chairman and Chief Secretary on behalf of Citizens of Panaji for all the initiative he has taken for development of the State in general and Capital City in particular.


All the Board members expressed their appreciation and thanks for the leadership and support given by Shri Baleshwar Rai during his tenure as Chairman of the Board.

IV. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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06/11/02

Approved by:

  
(Baleshwar Rai, C.S)  
Chairman