

**MINUTES OF THE 54<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING OF THE GOA STATE  
POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 25/07/2003 AT 3.00  
P.M. IN THE BOARDS CONFERENCE HALL**

1. The 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Conference hall of the Goa State Pollution Control Board on 25/07/2003 at 3.00 pm.

The following members attended the meeting :-

1. Dr. L.U. Joshi - Chairman
2. Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director, S.T.E
3. Shri P.P. Borkar, Principal Chief Engineer, P.W.D
4. Dr. Arvind Salelkar, Director, Health Services
5. Shri S.S. Prabhudessai, Chief Inspector, Factories and Boilers
6. Shri Ashok Naik, Chairperson, Panjim Municipal Council
7. Mrs. Kamilini Paiguinkar, Chairperson, Margao Municipal Council
8. Mrs. Zinia Dias do Rosario, Zilla Parishad Member
9. Ms. Kunda Chodankar, Vice President Zilla Parishad, North
10. Shri Tulio de Souza, Architect
11. Shri Pramod Shetye, Managing Director, Goa Tourism Dev. Corpn.
12. Shri Sandeep Jacques, Managing Director, Goa Industrial Dev. Corpn.
13. Shri Suryanarayan Chary - Member Secretary

Shri R. Mihir Vardhan, Director, Mines, expressed his inability to attend the meeting. Shri Atul Pai Kane, Rep. Goa Small Ind. Association expressed his inability to attend the meeting and instead deputed Shri Keshav Kamai, President, Goa Small Ind. Association. Ms. Nilima Naik, Zilla Parishad Member and Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry did not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members of the re-constituted Goa State Pollution Control Board for the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 53<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE  
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

The minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board duly approved by the Board were entered in the Minutes Book.

AGENDA ITEM No. 2

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE 53<sup>rd</sup> BOARD MEETING (SPECIAL MEETING)**

Chairman requested Shri Ashok Naik, Chairperson of Panjim Municipal Corporation to give the details of the progress of the work with regards to the sanitary toilets to be constructed at Miramar, Caranzalem and Aivao. Chairperson, P.M.C. said that the selection of site and revision of design are under process and the final proposal will be submitted to the Board office, prior to the commencement of the work. Chairman informed the Board that it will not be proper for the Goa State Pollution Control Board to finance such activities, as other Municipal authorities would also seek similar type of funding

As it is decided that excess revenue of the Board should be used for the up-gradation of Board laboratory including purchase of equipments as well as man-power recruitment, the Board will not be able to finance such activities in future. However, some members felt that financing of such activities should be limited to one or two toilets in place of three as indicated in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting. The members decided that, the three toilets at Miramar, Caranzalem and Aivao should be financed to the extent of Rs. 7,29,000/- and any excess expenditure will have to be borne by P.M.C. The Board will release this amount depending upon the progress of work in the case of the above three toilets.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 :-

**HIRING OF THE SERVICES OF A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FOR ACCOUNTING AND RELATED ASSIGNMENTS.**

(A) Chairman brought to the notice of the members that the Board requires the services of a Chartered Accountant for assisting and helping in finalizing of the Board accounts, which are pending for auditing for the last 3 years i.e. 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003. Since the auditing is done as per the Companies Act, it is felt necessary to seek the assistance of a professional firm as Chartered Accountants to earlier associated Statutory Auditors.

Since Subhash B. Joshi & Associates are engaged in auditing and similar matters of the Board, it is felt necessary to retain their services, for a sum of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) per month.

The Board agreed the above proposal for updating of accounts, and records for the purpose of statutory auditors, preparing statements of receipts, and payment of accounts, income and expenditure account and balance sheet. Liaisoning with the auditors, advising as regards to maintaining of fixed assets register, to feed accounts data maintained on day to day basis on computers and generated desired records in order to meet audit requirement, to advise as regards to any other matter which may arise in the course of this assigned scope of work.

B. Chairman informed the members about the CPF benefits entitled to the Board employees and the observations made by the Statutory Auditors, who audited the Board accounts for the year 1997-98 (auditing done on 04/01/02). In light of these observations, Subhash B. Joshi and Associates, Chartered Accountants were approached to finalise the accounts in the prescribed proforma, of the Board employees which are pending right from the date of creation of the Board i.e. 1988-89.

After deliberations, the Board decided to avail the services of Subhash B. Joshi and Associates, Chartered Accountants for:

- a. Maintaining the individual and Board contribution of each month, calculation of bonus and annual interest credits and preparation of annual accounts slip.
- b. Training of the Board officials in respect of maintaining the CPF accounts
- c. Quarterly verification of the accounts maintained by the staff.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 :-

PURCHASE OF NEW VEHICLE FOR THE BOARD OFFICE :-

A. Chairman informed the Board that the Mahindra jeep No.GA-01-A-4456 was sold by public auction. Subsequently, no purchase of a new vehicle was made for replacing the same.

Further, Chairman emphasized the need for replacement of the vehicle. The Board agreed for purchase of a new vehicle.

B. Chairman also informed the Board, the requirement of a driver for the said vehicle, initially on contract basis for a period of one year, and to be regularised later if found suitable.

The Board agreed for the same.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5

**PURCHASE OF NEW FURNITURE AND AUCTIONING OF THE EXISTING STEEL FURNITURE.**

Chairman informed the Board that some vacancies in the Board office are to be filled and also the recruitment of Scientific staff for the analysis of the samples, it is necessary to have furniture such as tables, chairs etc.

Chairman also informed the Board that the existing furniture provided for the staff was purchased during 1988 has become very old and most of it is in a very bad shape. It is therefore to be auctioned. The Board has agreed for auction of the old furniture and purchase of the new furniture required for the Board office.

The Board has authorised the Chairman for such purchases as and when required.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

**(A) CREATION AND ABOLITION OF POSTS.**

Chairman informed that as per the Goa Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1988 - Rule 19 - i.e. Creation and abolition of posts - The Board can create such posts as it considers necessary for the efficient performance of its functions, make appointments to such posts and may abolish any post so created: Provided that (1) for the creation of posts, the maximum of scale of which is above Rs. 1,500/- (one thousand five hundred) per month, the Board shall obtain prior sanction of the Govt.

Further, Chairman brought to the notice of the Board that the said rules were published on 23/09/1988 and it needs to be enhanced to the scale of Rs. 4500/- from the existing 1,500/- due to revision of pay scales.

The Board has agreed for the said amendment to enhance the scale to Rs. 4500/-.

**(B) PERMISSION OF THE BOARD FOR APPOINTMENT OF DRIVER CHAIRMAN'S VEHICLE .**

The Board was informed that a permanent vehicle is in the Board office for the Chairman. However, there is no driver for the said vehicle as previously Chairmen were bringing s used to bring their own Drivers from their respective Ministries. It is therefore now necessary that a Driver should be appointed initially on contract basis for a period of one year on a fixed amount of Rs. 4500/- per month and then to be regularised later on if found suitable.

The Board agreed the appointment of a Driver for the full-time Chairman.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

FILLING UP OF THE VACANT POSTS IN THE BOARD OFFICE.

Chairman informed the Board that a number of posts are lying vacant in the Board office which are to be regularised. In this connection, Chairman requested Director (STE) to appraise the Board in respect of the progress made in notifying in the Official Gazette, the recruitment rules for regularisation of the staff. Director (STE) informed the Board that he will do the needful in the coming week.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 :-

APPOINTING OF TWO OFFICERS - (SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANTS) ON SPECIAL DUTY FROM NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY/ DEPARTMENTS ON DEPUTATION.

A. Chairman informed the Board that the Board office must have a Scientist as Officer on Special Duty (O.S.D) at the earliest. In this connection, the Board office had requested Chief Engineer, PWD, Director of Health Services and Director of Food and Drugs, and Director, National Institute of Oceanography to depute a Scientist as Officer on Special Duty in the scale of Rs. 8000-275-13500. However, none of the above departments were able to depute a candidate for the said post on the said scale. After perusing with the Director, N.I.O, he has agreed to send one Scientist who desires an extra amount of Rs. 1000/- in the above scale to come on deputation. The Board agreed for the above proposal.

B. Chairman informed the Board that in order to assist the Officer on Special Duty and upgrade the Board laboratory, it is necessary to have two suitable Scientific Assistants, who are experienced in chemical analysis of Water and Air samples. A consolidated pay of Rs. 8000/- per month for a

period of 3 years on contract basis to be appointed and the same may be regularised if found suitable. N.I.O has agreed to send two Scientific Assistants who are well experienced in the analysis of water and air samples

The Board agreed for appointment of two Scientific Assistants.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 :-

**SHIFTING OF THE BANK ACCOUNT FROM ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE TO STATE BANK OF INDIA.**

Chairman informed the Board that part of the account of Union Bank of India has been shifted to Oriental Bank of Commerce as per the decision taken at the 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board (Agenda No. 9). Since the State Bank of India office is just in front of our Board office and as most of the Govt. departments are handling their accounts in State Bank of India, it is felt necessary that all our accounts including Fixed Deposit Receipts should be shifted to State Bank of India. The Board authorised Chairman to shift the account to STATE BANK OF INDIA.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

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

Chairman informed the Board that computerization of the Board activities should be done through National Informatics Centre, since National Informatics Centre is in a much better position to guide the Board office. National Informatics Centre had also prepared a software for Cess assessment to this office, free of cost and as such the Centre is conversant with the requirement of the Board office. The members expressed that quotations should be obtained from private organizations also. The Board agreed to obtain quotations from National Informatics Centre and other private organizations and authorised the Chairman to finalize computerization of the Board office.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

**UP-GRADATION OF THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT OF PANAJI CITY.**

Chairman requested Principal Chief Engineer, P.W.D., to outline the progress of work in connection with the execution of the construction of 12.5 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant at Tonca and laying of under water HDPE pipeline for the disposal of the treated effluent into Mandovi river and extension of sewer line around the city.

The Principal Chief Engineer informed the Board that the PWD has invited tenders for the execution of sewage treatment plant. Three offers were received by PWD and they are in the process of finalizing. The Principal Chief Engineer further said that they have submitted an action plan to the Hon. High Court.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

HANDING OF LEGAL FILES TO ADVOCATE GENERAL, AS PER LAW DEPARTMENTS CIRCULAR.

Chairman informed the Board that as per the Circular of Law department, all legal files should be handed over to Advocate General, for appearance in the matters before the Hon. High Court.

Chairman brought to the notice of the Board about the decision taken by the Board at the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 22/10/1999 as Table Item no. 1.

The Board stated that a panel of Advocates may be selected in consultation with Advocate General regarding their appointments to deal with legal matters of the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF CHAIRMAN.

The Principal Chief Engineer, PWD, brought to the notice of the members that a full-time Chairman has been appointed for the first time and that his pay has to be fixed as per the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Rule No. 15.

The Board agreed to pay the full-time Chairman, a fixed salary based on the post of Director (Scientific), which he was holding in the Ministry of Science and Technology during his retirement and converted to the 5<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission for a period of 3 years from the date of joining i.e. 12/6/03 to 11/6/06, and his status will be maintained. This amount will be excluding the pension amount. He will also be entitled to draw TA / DA as

admissible to the status he enjoyed as Govt. Official and required to go out of the Headquarters on official duties and will also be entitled to all other benefits, perks, medical etc. The monthly fixed salary, TA/DA etc. of the Chairman will be debited from the funds of Goa State Pollution Control Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) rules, 1988.

Chairman informed the members, that the powers given to the Member Secretary under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1988, which were published in the Govt. of Goa Gazette dated 23/09/1988 were not amended for quiet sometime. After deliberations, the Board agreed for amendments to the following Rules:

Sub-rule 19 - The Member Secretary's power to sanction purchase of books and periodicals, subject to a monetary limit of Rs. 10,000/- per annum be enhanced to Rs. 25,000/- per annum.

Sub-rule 20- The powers of Member Secretary for purchase of office furniture and equipment be enhanced to Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 1,00,000/- as against Rs. 20,000/- and Rs. 50,000/- respectively.

Rule 22- The Board agreed to enhance the present limit of Rs. 4,000/- per month for engaging a Consulting Engineer to Rs. 10,000/- per month.

B. The Board has also agreed for defining the Total Estimated Investment (T.E.I) for N.O.C (Consent to Establish) and Gross Fixed Assets (G.F.A.) for Consent to Operate and its renewal as follows:

Total Estimated Investment (T.E.I) - shall comprise estimated cost of land, estimated cost of building and estimated cost of plant and machinery.

Gross Fixed Assets (G.F.A) - shall comprise of sum of cost of land plus cost of building plus cost of plant and machinery.

AGENDA ITEM NO.15 -

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman brought to the notice of the members, the contents of letter No.5-4-88-STE(Part)/938 dated 15/10/1999, of Director STE conveying the



approval of the Govt. for appointment of personal staff for Chairman, Goa State Pollution Control Board on contract basis on monthly consolidated salary, as per the terms and conditions contained therein.

Accordingly, the Board agreed to appoint one Personal Assistant to the Chairman initially on contract basis and to be regularized later on if found suitable.

TABLE ITEM NO. 1.

Chairman informed the Board that several Court cases are coming up and it is highly essential that a legal cell should be created in the Board office. Chairman informed that he had discussed with Chief Secretary, Govt. of Goa, in this connection and it was felt that such a cell is necessary for the Board. In this regard, it is felt that a Senior Law Officer should be appointed to head the legal cell to be created, initially on contract basis for a fixed amount of Rs. 15,000/- per month and to be regularised depending upon his performance.

The incumbent must be in a position to discuss all legal matters with Advocate General and appear and plead before the Hon. High Court and Lower Courts.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

*S. Chary*  
(Suryanarayan Chary)  
Member Secretary

*L. U. Joshi*  
29/7/2003  
(Dr. L.U. Joshi)  
Chairman

Panaji; 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2003.