

**MINUTES OF THE 59<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE GOA STATE  
POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 25/03/2004 AT 3.00 p.m.  
IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL**

I. The 59<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 25/03/2004 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. Dr. Arvind Salelkar, Director, Dte. of Health Services
4. Shri S.S. Prabhudessai, Chief Inspector, Factories and Boilers
5. Mrs. Kamilini Paiguinkar, Chairperson, Margao Mun. Council
6. Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry
7. Shri Ashok Naik, Chairperson, Panjim Municipal Corporation
8. Shri Tulio de Souza, Architect
9. Shri Pramod Shetye, Managing Director, Goa Tourism Dev. Corpn.
10. Shri Atul Pai Kane, Rep. of Goa Small Industries Association
11. Shri A.K. Vazirani - Member Secretary

Shri Sandeep Jacques, Managing Director, Industrial Dev. Corporation did not attend the meeting, instead he deputed Shri J.N. Chimulkar, General Manager (Engg.). Shri P.J. Kamat, Executive Engineer, Works Division II, Water Resource Dept. was a Special Invitee.

Shri J.B. Bhingui, Director, Mines, Ms. Zinia Dias do Rosario, Zilla Parishad Member, Ms. Nilima Naik, Zilla Parishad Member, Ms. Kunda Chodankar, Vice President Zilla Parishad (North), Shri P.P. Borkar, Principal Chief Engineer, Public Works Dept. did not attend the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 58<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF  
(SPECIAL MEETING) OF THE BOARD**

As recorded in the Agenda notes, the members noted that the minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting, duly approved are entered in the Minutes Book.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE 58<sup>TH</sup> MEETING (SPECIAL MEETING) OF THE BOARD.**

The members noted the action taken in regard to the previous meeting. As regards to Agenda Item no. 5 – Creation of one post of Scientist ‘C’. Director STE made a suggestion that Agenda Item no. 5 should have been read as ‘Recommendation for Creation of one post of Scientist ‘C’.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

**PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR THE BOARD LABORATORY**

Chairman informed the members that as the laboratory is made fully functional, two instruments are required to be purchased by the Board i.e. Gas Chromatograph and Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer and the area of present premises is not sufficient to meet the requirements.

Chairman also informed the members that M/s Dempo & Co. Pvt. Ltd. has an area of 311.86 m<sup>2</sup> on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the same building which is available @ Rs. 17,000 / m<sup>2</sup>.

The members were of the view that since Industrial Development Corporation is in the process of constructing a new building at Patta Plaza, the Board may purchase the same from I.D.C, as the cost will be much lower. However it was decided to invite quotations for the purpose and a Committee consisting of the following members was constituted by the Board to scrutinize the proposals received.

1. Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar
2. Shri Ashok Naik
3. Dr. N.P.S. Varde
4. Shri Tulio de Souza
5. Member Secretary, GSPCB

Chairman also informed the members that, during the Conference of Chairmen and Member Secretaries held at Delhi, that he brought to the notice of the members present that Cess amount which is reimbursed to the Board has remained unutilized for a long time, and that Ministry of Environment and

Forests (MoEF), Govt. of India should allow to use this amount for any purpose connected with Board activities, relating to its expansion projects etc. including expansion of the laboratory.

As regards to grants for purchase of new premises, Chairman informed during the meeting that the amount of Rs. 53,01,620/- will be spend from the Board funds and requested Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) / MoEF that the same may be refunded to the Board by the Ministry of Env. & Forests, Govt. of India.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**APPOINTMENT OF SHRI A.K. VAZIRANI, MEMBER SECRETARY OF GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD IN THE GRADE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER**

The Board agreed for change in grade of Shri A.K. Vazirani from the post of Assistant Environment Engineer to the post of Environmental Engineer, without drawing the deputation allowances, in the pay scale of Rs. 10000-325-15200 from the date of joining the GSPCB.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**PURCHASE OF SPECTROPHOTOMETER**

The Board approved the expenditure amounting to Rs. 2.6 lakhs incurred towards the purchase of Spectrophotometer for the Board laboratory, from M/s Toshvin Analytical Pvt. Ltd. by quotations.

It was also informed by a member that since purchase of such instruments attract excise duty, a comprehensive list be prepared of the instruments required to be purchased by the Board and the same be forwarded to the President of Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry, ( who is a member of the Board) who will in-turn arrange to get the instruments straight from the foreign companies. The members proposed that a blue print be prepared.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

**COMPUTERIZATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD AND NETWORKING.**

The members perused this item and after deliberations, it was decided that computerization and networking should be done as per the latest requirements, wherein the public will be in a position to access any information.

Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, Member, was requested to provide his expertise in the field to which he agreed upon. It was also decided to invite tenders for the said concept.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**CREATION OF THREE POSTS OF JUNIOR LABORATORY ASSISTANT**

The members were informed that the Board is carrying out ambient air quality monitoring at two places i.e. Panaji and Vasco under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme of CPCB, twice a week on a 24 hour basis.

It was also brought to the notice of the members that as the Board is receiving a lot of complaints from the people residing in the Port town of Vasco of the pollution caused due to handling of coal/coke at Mormugao Port, it was decided to have an additional National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring station installed in the vicinity of the Port area. Chairman also informed the Board that during the meeting of Chairmen/Member Secretaries held at New Delhi on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 that CPCB /MoEF agreed for setting up of a third station at Vasco, due to pollution caused by handling of coal/coke and that 100% funding for this activity was agreed upon. Chairman informed the members the need for creation of staff to man this station.

The Board agreed for creation of three posts of Junior Laboratory Assistant in the pay scale of Rs. 4000-100-6000.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1999-2000**

The members perused the Auditors Report for the financial year 1999-2000. After deliberations, the Board decided to form a Committee comprising of the following members and also to invite the previous Accountant/s, who have worked in the Board office to ascertain the facts mentioned in the said Report, and the said Report to be placed before the Board during its next meeting.

1. Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar
2. Shri Atul Pai Kane
3. Shri Atul Joshi, Chartered Accountant

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**FEEES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE ANALYSIS CONDUCTED IN THE BOARD LABORATORY**

The members perused the agenda item and its enclosure. It was decided to adopt the same rates as notified by CPCB. It was also decided to send the proposal to Govt. of Goa for issuing a notification, for the fees payable to the Board laboratory for analytical work.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

**EX-POST FACTO NOC TO MINING INDUSTRIES**

The members perused this item and agreed for issue of ex-post facto NOC to the mining companies.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

**DEPUTATION OF ENGINEER IN THE VACANT POST OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER IN THE BOARD OFFICE**

The members perused this item and agreed for taking on deputation from P.W.D a Junior Environmental Engineer in the pay scale of Rs. 5500-175-9000.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

**EXTENDING OF GRATUITY BENEFITS TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THIS BOARD THROUGH LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA.**

The members perused this item and unanimously approved for extending the gratuity benefits to the employees of this Board, through Life Insurance Corporation of India.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

**EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON ADVERTISEMENT**

The members perused this item and approved the expenditure amounting to Rs. 21,000/- incurred towards the cost of advertisements released in the local papers.

The members regretted of non-receipt of invitations for the Colloquium which was organized by the Board. It was highlighted that in future, the Board

members should be invited for any of such functions being convened by the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

**OBJECTIONS VOICED BY KUSHAWATI BACHAO ANDOLAN**

Representative of the Kushawati Bachao Andolan gave a presentation before the Board members of the pollution caused to the Kushawati river and the threat to their survival due to the mining activities of M/s Badruddin H. Mavani.

After deliberations, it was decided to constitute a fact finding team comprising of the following members to ascertain the facts, of the pollution caused due to the mining activities of M/s Badruddin H. Mavani and the report of the team be placed before the Board at its next meeting.

1. Shri Ashok Naik – Mayor, Corporation of City of Panaji
2. Shri J.B. Bhingui – Director, Mines
3. Shri Tulio De Souza - Architect
4. Shri P.J. Kamat, Executive Engineer, Works Division II, Water Resource Dept.
5. Shri A.K. Vazirani – Member Secretary, GSPCB

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

**APPLICATION OF M/s BADRUDDIN H. MAVANI, MARGAO, FOR PERMISSION TO DISCHARGE RAIN WATER IN KUSHAWATI RIVER FROM THE MINING PIT AT CAUREM, COLOMBO VILLAGE IN SANGUEM TALUKA. – APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CONSENT TO OPERATE.**

The applicant company, vide their letter dated 25/03/04 withdrew their request for renewal of consent to operate, as such this item was not taken up for discussions.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

**APPLICATION OF M/s SRITHIK ISPAT PVT. LTD. TO SET UP A SPONGE IRON PLANT**

The company representatives gave a brief description about their proposed project for setting up a sponge iron plant at Sanguem Industrial Estate. The officials informed the members that the charcoal which will be produced at

the plant will be sold to a company in Raipur, and the same will be transported by trucks which will be covered by tarpaulin and sealed. As regards fly ash, the representatives informed that it will be used for brick making. The brick making plant is proposed to be set up in the same factory premises. It was also informed that the Selaulim area will be free from pollution.

After deliberations, it was decided to issue N.O.C for setting up the sponge iron plant at Sanguem Industrial Estate, with a condition to add brick making unit as part of the proposed sponge iron plant. An undertaking from the company be taken for compliance of the proposed pollution control measures.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**

- A. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS RE-PROCESSOR / RE-CYCLER WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SOUND MANAGEMENT FACILITIES
- B. APPLICATION OF M/s SUNRISE ZINC LTD. CUNCOLIM INDL. ESTATE, FOR RENEWAL OF CONSENTS UNDER WATER AND AIR ACT.

The members noted that since the company has defaulted on previous occasions to treat the hazardous waste with environmentally sound management facilities upto the satisfaction of the Central Pollution Control Board norms, it was proposed to take an undertaking from the company, listing all its commitments. It was also suggested that the Technical Committee of the Board inspect the site and place its report before the Board for perusal and approval.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 18**

**HOUSE-KEEPING OF THE OFFICE PREMISES**

The members noted the contents and agreed for extension in the contract for house-keeping in view of the Code of Conduct which is in force.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 19**

**APPLICATIONS CLEARED BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD – STATUS REPORT FROM 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY, 2004 UPTO 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2003.**

The members perused the same.


### TABLE ITEM NO. 1

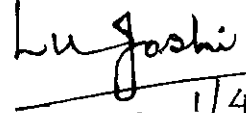
Chairman brought to the notice of the members that various companies submit undertakings for installing various measures / improvements in the pollution control systems and they fail to adhere to the said undertakings. In such circumstances, the Board finds it very difficult to act. It was suggested that in such cases the companies should be asked to submit an undertaking with 10% of equipment cost, in the form of Bank Guarantee which would be forfeited in the event of non-compliance of the undertaking. The Board members agreed for the same.

### TABLE ITEM NO. 2

Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar suggested that the Board should have a digital camera so that the members could have the pictures of the issues, which are discussed at the Board meetings. Chairman suggested that the Board should also have a LCD projector for viewing presentations made during the Board meetings. The members approved the proposal for purchase of a Digital camera and a LCD projector for the use of the Board.

III. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
1/4/04  
(A.K. Vazirani)  
Member Secretary

  
1/4/2004  
( Dr. L.U. Joshi )  
Chairman