

MINUTES OF THE 63rd MEETING OF THE
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
HELD ON 20/12/2004 AT 3.30 p.m.
IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL

I. The 63rd meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held in the Conference hall of the Goa State Pollution Control Board on 20/12/2004 at 3.30 pm.

The following members attended the meeting :-

1. Dr. L.U. Joshi, Chairman
2. Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director, STE
3. Dr. Arvind Salelkar, Director, Health Services
4. Shri S.S. Prabhudessai, Chief Inspector, Factories & Boilers
5. Shri P.K. Nambiar, Principal Chief Engineer, P.W.D
6. Mrs. Kamilini Paiguinkar, Chairperson, Margao Mun. Council
7. Shri Pramod Shetye, Managing Director, G.T.D.C
8. Shri Tulio De Souza, Architect
9. Shri Atul Pai Kane, Rep. Goa Small Scale Industries Assocn.
10. Shri A.K. Vazirani - Member Secretary

Shri Sandeep Jacques, Managing Director, Goa Industrial Dev. Corpn and Shri J.B. Bhingui, Director, Mines, expressed their inability to attend the meeting.

Mr. Ashok Naik, Mayor, Corpn. of the City of Panaji, Ms. Kunda Chodankar, Vice President Zilla Parishad, North, Ms. Zinia Dias do Rosario, Zilla Parishad Member, North and Ms. Nilima Naik, Zilla Parishad Member and Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry did not attend the meeting

Shri Keshav Kamat, President, Goa Small Scale Industries Association was present as a Special Invitee.

The Chairman welcomed the members for the 63rd Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 62nd MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

As recorded in the Agenda notes, the members noted that the minutes of the 62nd meeting, duly approved are entered in the Minutes Book.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

a. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2004-2005

The Chairman stated that the Accounts from 1999 onwards were not presented to the Board. He therefore requested the Board to obtain the services of the experienced Chartered Accountant, Shri C.Y. Ramani who continued to put the records in proper shape and will be able to complete the same in few months time. Chairman requested Shri C.Y. Ramani to give the details.

Chartered Accountant Shri C.Y. Ramani retained for accounting services informed the Board of the work carried out for the financial period upto 30th November, 2004. He has submitted the monthly cash flow statements and Income Statements for the period. Further, he informed that the Reconciliation Statements pertaining to Fixed Deposits have already been submitted to the Board office, and that the accounts are ready for Auditing.

b. TO DISCUSS POINTS ARISING FROM AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1999-2000

Chartered Accountant, Shri C.Y. Ramani informed the Board that most of the points raised in the Auditors Report have been sorted out. He requested for Board's guidance /approval for settling the refund due from Shri H.R. Kulkarni, the former Member Secretary of the Board and the applicability and collection of the Provident fund of the staff of the Board.

The members as well as the Chartered Accountant were of the opinion that the prevailing mode of depositing the amount collected through the salaries of the staff of the Board is not as per the Rules pending registration with Provident Fund authorities.

Chairman suggested that this matter be discussed at length in the next Board meeting

The members also desired to know whether the previous accounts of the Board were settled as regards to deposit of certain money which was accounted as prior period income. It was discussed and decided to obtain clarifications from the previous Accountants of the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3
PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR THE BOARD OFFICE

The Chairman informed about the necessity of purchase of another vehicle to carry out large number of inspections of the factories. The members perused the item and agreed for purchase of a new vehicle for the office – Qualis make. It was also proposed that the said vehicle be purchased under the DG & S rate contract, for which Director STE offered to provide the necessary assistance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4
CREATION OF A POST OF DRIVER

The Chairman informed the members that this new vehicle requires a driver. The members were explained that the Board is presently having only one Driver and that it is unable to cope up with the assigned work. The Board agreed for creation of one post of Driver in the pay scale of Rs. 3050-55-3950-80-4590. It was proposed to presently engage one Driver for the new vehicle on contract basis on a consolidated salary of Rs. 4500/- per month and then fill up the post when approved by the Govt.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5
UPGRADATION OF THE MOBILE LABORATORY VAN

Chairman informed the members that the mobile laboratory van which is in use is presently ill equipped and the same has to be equipped with more instruments so that the analysis could be conducted on the spot. The vehicle should also be repaired and modernized so that it can be sent to various places to check the pollution in the area. The members agreed for equipping the said mobile laboratory van and its repair.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6
EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON ADVERTISEMENTS

The Chairman informed the Board Members about the expenditure incurred due to advertisements. The members perused the item and approved the expenditure amounting to Rs. 34,868/- incurred on advertisements.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

GRANTING OF OVERTIME ALLOWANCES TO THE STAFF OF THE BOARD

The Chairman informed the Board Members that the Board has very little staff Members and they have to work after office hours. It is therefore essential to give overtime to the staff as per rules. The members perused the item and approved that the staff be paid overtime allowances for the services done beyond office hours in order to overcome the workload due to shortage of staff.

It was also suggested that the total annual expenditure should be worked out.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR PLASTIC MANUFACTURING UNITS

The Chairman welcomed Shri Keshav Kamat, President of GSIA and requested him to address the Board members regarding the fees to be charged for plastic manufacturers. The members perused the letter of Shri Keshav Kamat, President Goa Small Industries Association requesting for registration of the plastic manufacturing units after the issue of Notification.

After deliberations, the members agreed to charge fees from the date of Notification i.e 17th June, 2003 and not for the prior period since, already one and half year has elapsed of the five year period.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THE STEEL UNITS ON EXPIRY OF THE TIME LIMIT

The Chairman asked the officials of the Steel units to inform the members about the progress made by their respective units to stop pollution. The members took note of the fact that the units namely M/s Kundil Alloys Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Mohit Steel Industries Pvt. Ltd., Kundaim Indl. Estate were to complete the installation of the air pollution

control system as per the time limit given to them i.e 30th November, 2004, and it appears that they were not fully successful in implementation of the procedures to be adopted.

However, the representatives of these units did not agree to what was informed in the Board and stated that the Board members should inspect these units before taking any drastic action.

It was felt that since a Sub-Committee of the Board has to be constituted in the meeting, this Committee will in future give appropriate advise on closure /opening of any of the units.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

WITHDRAWAL OF NOC ISSUED TO M/s MARMAGOA SPONGE IRON PVT. LTD., BY VILLAGE PANCHAYAT CURTORIM

The members perused and noted that the Village Panchayat Curtorim has withdrawn its No Objection for setting up of a sponge iron plant at Curtorim.

The members were also informed that M/s Marmagoa Sponge Iron Pvt. Ltd. had vide their letter dated 11/12/2004 informed that they plan to shift their activities to Sanguem Industrial Estate.

The members were of the opinion that the Company should apply afresh for the Consent to Establish (NOC) of the Board in the prescribed format. The same shall be scrutinized once the application is received in the Board office.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

a. **ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST:**

1. **M/s Shirdi Steel Re-rollers Pvt. Ltd.**

The members were informed that M/s Shirdi Steel Re-rollers Pvt. Ltd. has now paid the balance fees and no action is required to be taken.

2. **M/s Styrofoam Cups and Containers**

The members were informed that the unit had failed to apply for Consent to Operate under the Air Act and for renewal of Consent to Operate under the Water Act, inspite of the show cause notice issued to the unit.

3. M/s Esteem Industries

The members were informed of the pollution caused due to M/s Esteem industries due to their failure to provide treatment meeting the consent conditions , so also the unit has failed to apply for Consent to Operate under the Air Act of the Board inspite of the show cause notice issued to them.

4. Complaints against Shri Jose Pedro Saldanha - Cansaulim

The members noted the noise pollution caused by the said sawmill cum carpentry workshop in a residential area. It was also informed that the unit is operating without the consent of the Board.

5. M/s Ambey Metallic Pvt. Ltd.

The members perused the item. The representative of the unit was asked to attend the meeting to comment on the said discharge of blackish water into the nullah, for which the Company Director could not give a convincing reply. After deliberations, the members were of the opinion that the unit should be issued directions to stop discharging such blackish water.

6. M/s Kamat Holiday Homes

The Members were informed that M/s Kamat Holiday Homes have now agreed to submit the applications for Consent to Operate under Water & Air Acts. After deliberations the members were of the opinion that the same should be considered in case of non compliance within a week.

7. M/s Siolim Saw Mill

The members noted the noise pollution caused by the said saw mill situated in a residential area. It was also informed that the saw mill is being operated without the Air consent of the Board

8. M/s Highland Beach Resort - Candolim

The members noted the noise pollution caused due to the operation of the diesel generator set. The members were informed that the hotel has now applied for Consent to Operate under Water & Air Act of this Board. The members were of the opinion that the Consent should not be issued unless the Noise levels are found to be within the permissible limits.

9. M/s Goa Sponge & Power Ltd., Sanguem

The members perused this item and noted that the unit has installed the air pollution control devices and the same is not working

satisfactorily, and the Consents should be kept in abeyance until Air Pollution Control devices are giving satisfactory results.

It was decided that action should be taken against these units after discussing and carrying out inspections if required by the Sub-Committee constituted by the Board.

b. CONSTITUTING A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman informed the members since, closure directions are to be issued to the defaulting units, the units will come back to the Board after complying to the conditions issued by the Board. In such cases, Chairman desired to constitute a Sub-Committee comprising of the following nine members by delegating the powers for issue of closure directions and revival of the closure directions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution), Act, 1974. It was also informed that it will constitute as a regular meeting of the Board, but only with nine members. Five members shall form the quorum for a meeting of the Committee.

1.	Dr. L.U. Joshi	Chairman
2.	Dr. N.P. S. Varde, Director, STE	Member
3.	Shri Nitin Kunkolienkar, President, GCCI	Member
4.	Dr. Arvind Salelkar, Director, Health Services	Member
5.	Shri Pramod Shetye, Managing Director, GTDC	Member
6.	Shri Tulio De Souza, Architect	Member
7.	Shri Atul Pai Kane, Goa Small Ind. Assocn.	Member
8.	Shri S.S. Prabhudessai, Chief Inspector F & B	Member
9.	Shri A.K. Vazirani	Member Secretary

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

APPLICATIONS CLEARED BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD - STATUS REPORT FROM 22/09/04 TO 07/12/05

The members perused the enclosure to the item wherein the status report of the applications cleared by the Technical Committee of the Board were cleared.

TABLE ITEM NO. 1

**STRENGTHENING OF INFRASTRUCTURE OF GOA STATE
POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

The members perused the item and agreed for taking on contract basis one post each of Junior Research Fellow, Data Entry Operator and Field Assistant, on a grant sanctioned by the Ministry of Env. & Forests, New Delhi. Chairman informed the Members of the Board that Ministry of Environment & Forest New Delhi agreed to give financial assistance to GSPCB for purchase of Computer and its accessories, photocopier etc. and three Staff members with a condition that after two years the expenses on the staff salaries will have to be borne by the Board.

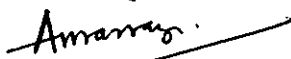
TABLE ITEM NO. 2

CREATION OF TWO POSTS OF SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANTS

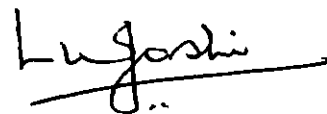
Chairman informed the members that as the Board is in the process of acquiring the additional floor for the Board laboratory and upgrading its laboratory, two post of Scientific Assistants need to be created for carrying out the analysis work.

The Board agreed for creation of two posts of Scientific Assistants in the pay scale of Rs. 5500-175-9000. It is proposed to presently engage two Scientific Assistants on contract basis and fill up the posts on regular basis when approved by the Govt.

II. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(A.K. Vazirani)
Member Secretary



(Dr. L.U. Joshi)
Chairman