

**MINUTES OF THE 95th MEETING OF THE
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER, 2009 AT 3.30 PM IN THE
BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL.**

1. The 95th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 11th November, 2009 in the Board's Conference hall.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Simon N. de Sousa, Chairman
2. Dr. Shashi Kumar, Chief Conservator, Dept. of Forests,
3. Shri S.T. Nadkarni, Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept.,
4. Shri Sanjit Rodrigues, Director, Industries, Trade & Commerce and Managing Director, Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation
5. Shri Gurunath Laad, Councillor, Margao Municipal Council
6. Shri Basilio Fernandes, Member, Village Panchayat Camurlim
7. Shri Ramkrishna Kerkar, Member, Village Panchayat Candolim
8. Shri Atul Naik, President, Goa Small Industries Association,
9. Shri A. V. Palekar, Managing Director, Goa Industrial Development Corporation.
10. Shri Srinet Kothwale Member Secretary

Shri Arvind Lolyenkar, Director, Directorate of Mines and Geology, Shri Caesar Menezes, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries and Shri Jose Noronha expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to prior engagements. Hence, leave of absence is granted to them.

II. At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members for the 2nd meeting of the re-constituted Board.

III. **Agenda Item no. 01**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 94th Meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

The members approved the minutes of the 94th meeting of the Board held on 12th August, 2009, so as to enter the same in the Minutes Book.

Agenda Item no. 02

a. Follow up action on the decision taken at the 94th meeting of the Board.

Agenda item no. 2 (a), (b), (c) – The Chairman of the Sub-Committee constituted by the Board in its 94th meeting, Shri Sanjit Rodrigues, Director of Industries, Trade and Commerce presented the report before the Members. He stated that the Sub-Committee had four meetings to consider the categorization of Industries/Enterprises, validity of Consents, Combined form and the fee structure. The members of the Sub-Committee deliberated at length considering all aspects including the representation made by the Industries / Enterprises to finalize the report. He listed out the Recommendations and conclusion made in the report before the members.

Shri Atul Naik, President of Goa State Industries Association, Member of the Board and Member of the Sub-committee thanked the Chairman for solving the long pending demands of the association in respect of combined form for Consent and Authorization, fee structure, validity of Consent and Categorization of Industries/ Enterprises. He also expressed his pleasure for being nominated as one of the Member of the Sub-Committee. He stated that most of the suggestions of the Association have been incorporated in the Report.

He further expressed his desire that on approval of the said report by the Board members, the same be notified at an early date.

The members accepted the report submitted by the Sub-Committee and proposed to forward the same to the Government for issue of a Notification.

Agenda item no. 2 (f) - The Chairman informed the members that pursuant to the decision taken by the Board in its last meeting, directions were issued to Mormugao Port Trust to implement the short and long term measures suggested by National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) Nagpur. He further informed that as per the directions issued, Mormugao Port Trust (MPT) was to submit an action plan for complying the suggestions made in the NEERI report.

MPT has submitted a reply to the directions and the same was placed before the members. The representative of MPT was also called for the meeting to present the reply before the members of the Board.

Shri Silveira, Dy. Chief Engineer, MPT stated that construction of closed shed and mechanization of handling of coal / coke at berth nos. 10 and 11 is economically and technically not viable. In addition he informed that berth no. 10 and 11 are also utilized to handle other bulk cargoes. He emphasized that the coal and coke cargo is covered with tarpaulins and regular spraying of water during cargo handling is being carried out. He further stated that operations at berth no. 7 will be fully mechanized and cargo will be transported in covered railway wagons by 2012. However, MPT has decided to appoint a Consultant for undertaking mechanized coal and coke handling and construction of closed sheds at berth nos. 10 and 11. MPT will take a further decision on receipt of the Report of the Consultant. He also stated that MPT is exploring the possibility of transporting the domestic coal and coke by barges and informed that M/s Sesa Industries Ltd. is presently transporting coal by barges. The official further stated till date MPT has not been able to identify a barge landing point for coal and coke for the domestic users..

The members perused the presentation and decided to conduct a site visit of the Mormugao Port Trust in the last week of November. They also decided to carry out ambient air quality monitoring at the locations where NEERI had carried out monitoring for a period of four weeks to ascertain the effects on the ambient air quality pursuant to installation of additional length of wind shields / screens of 100 metres length.

Agenda item no. 6 – The proposal of M/s Syngenta India Ltd. for installing a Reverse Osmosis Plant had been discussed earlier at the 94th meeting and the same was deferred due to want of presentation by the industry in respect to their project.

It was noted during the meeting, by the members that the proposal was discussed and a presentation was made before the State's High Powered Coordination Committee on Industries in its last meeting and the same was approved. The members decided to issue Consent to Establish to M/s Syngenta India Ltd. for installing a Reverse Osmosis Plant.

Agenda item no. 2(d), 2(e) (g) 3, 8, Table nos. 5, 7 – The members noted the same.

Table item no. 4 – The Chief Conservator of Forests informed that they had issued a letter stating that approval of the Govt. should be taken before forwarding of the Report to the Regional Office, of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangalore.

The said suggestion was agreed by the Board and it was decided that henceforth Government approval would be taken on the same.

Agenda Item no. 3

Revised Estimate for the year 2009-2010 and Budget Estimate for the year 2010-2011.

The members perused and approved the Revised Estimate for the year 2009-2010 and Budget Estimate for the year 2010-2011.

Agenda Item no. 4

Implementation of software for processing of applications for Consent under the Air and Water Acts and Authorization under the Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules

Chairman informed the members that the National Informatics Centre (NIC) Gujarat has developed an Xtended Green Node (XGN) software for processing applications for Consents under the Water and Air Acts and Authorization under the hazardous waste Management Rules and the said software consists of many modules. The said software is being presently implemented by the Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal Pollution Control Boards. The customization of the software will have to be done as per the requirements of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

The members were also informed that officials of NIC, Gujarat in collaboration with NIC, Goa were invited by the Board to give a presentation to the staff of the Board and another presentation was also made to the Representatives of Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Goa State Industries Association, Goa mineral Ore Exporters Association, Goa Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association and the Technical Advisory Committee Members of the Board.

Chairman informed the members that the implementation of the software in the Goa State Pollution Control Board will bring in e-governance and will benefit the industries in Goa as there will be on-line processing of the applications, its inspections, issue of Consents, Authorizations etc.

The attention of the members was also drawn to letter no. DIT/NIC/Goa/GSPCB/2009/560 dated 10th November, 2009 of the State Informatics Officer, NIC, Goa forwarding therewith the approximate expenditure of Rs. 10,40,000/- towards implementing the said software in the Goa State Pollution Control Board. This amount also includes purchase of Computers - 4 nos., printers - 2 nos. and UPS - 2 nos.

The members perused and approved the proposal for implementing the Xtended Green Node software by the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

Agenda Item no. 5

Preparation of reports regarding 'Assessment of Pollution from Specific Sources' under the programmes identified by Central Pollution Control Board.

The members perused the item. The Director of Industries, Trade and Commerce suggested that the reports should be further examined in order to draw recommendations, in addition to the present status and should also draw some guidelines, so that the same could be forwarded to the Government for implementation.

After deliberations the members approved the reports and authorized the Chairman to constitute a Sub-committee for each of the Reports prepared, representing one Technical / Scientific person in the relevant field as its member. The report of the Sub-Committee be placed at the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item no. 6

Creation of three posts of Lower Division Clerk (L.D.C)

The Chairman informed the members that the Board is presently functioning with only two L.D.C's. Due to the absence of L.D.C in the Technical / Accounts / Legal sections the respective sections have to carry out the day to day typing work and maintaining of the records using the existing Technical / Scientific staff.

The members perused and approved for creation of three posts of Lower Division Clerks based on the recruitment rules notified for the Board.

The members decided to forward the proposal to the Department of Science, Technology & Environment for obtaining necessary approval from the Government.

Agenda Item no. 7

Payment of honorarium to the Collector/ Additional Collectors, - Chairman of the Public Hearing Committees.

Chairman informed the members that the Board is required to conduct Environmental Public hearing as per the projects listed in Schedule I of the Notification issued in 1994 and subsequently modified on 14/09/2006. As per the Notification the Panel comprises the District Collector or his representative (Chairman) and Member Secretary of the Board or his representative as a Member.

The Board charges a fee of Rs. 5.00 lakhs from each of the project proponent for conducting the hearing to meet the expenditure incurred towards issue of advertisements i.e in the local and National dailies, videography, fees of the hall for conducting the hearing, photocopying, postage, stationery etc.

Since the Board is charging a fee for conduct of the hearings, it was proposed to pay an honorarium of Rs. 2,000/- per hearing to the Collector or his representative for conducting the hearing. The members rejected the proposal as Collectors / Additional Collectors being officials are not entitled for receiving payment of honorarium for attending Govt. duties.

The members suggested that the balance amount after deducting the expenditure of the Public Hearing could be utilized for purchase of instruments / equipments for the Board laboratory.

Agenda Item no. 8

Extension of Extraordinary leave of Shri Lourenco De Souza, Peon

The members perused the item and approved for granting extension of extraordinary leave without pay and allowances to Shri Lourenco de Souza,

Peon of the Board, for a further period of two years i.e from 15/03/2010 to 14/03/2012.

The members further resolved that in future the Administrative matters which are governed by the Government Circulars / Notifications etc. need not be placed before the Board and the same should be decided by the Chairman.

Agenda Item no. 9

Extension of the contract period of Shri Anil Parab, Security guard of the Board (on contract)

The members perused the item and decided to extend the contract period of Shri Anil Parab, Security Guard of the Board for a further period of one year with one day break in service after every six months on a consolidated salary of Rs. 4250/- per month with effect from 10/12/2009.

Agenda Item no. 10

a. Files cleared by the Technical Advisory Committee during its meetings held from 3rd August, 2009 to 19th October, 2009.

The members approved the list of applications cleared in the Technical Advisory Committee during its meetings held from 03/08/2009 to 19/10/2009.

b. List of applications cleared in respect of Green Category Industries by the Board officials from 11/09/09 to 30/10/09

The members approved the item wherein the list of applications cleared the Board officials from 11/09/2009 to 30/10/2009.

The members suggested that while submitting the list of applications cleared, the list of products and the category the industry belongs to should also be mentioned.

Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept. reminded the Chairman that Shri A.S. Salelkar, Superintendent Engineer, Circle I, Water Resource Dept. be nominated as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee.

Chairman informed the member that the same is under consideration.

Table Item no. 01

Application for Consent to Establish a Ship building and Shipyard project of M/s Pinky Shipyard Pvt. Ltd. at Survey no. 153/1, Village Chicalim.

Chairman informed the members that M/s Pinky Shipyard Ltd. has submitted an application for ship building and shipyard project at survey no. 153/1 in the year 2008.

Chairman further informed that during his tenure as Consultant for the Goa State Pollution Control Board he had inspected the unit along with the Scientist and Junior Environmental Engineer of the Board. The inspection revealed that the EIA report had not considered the water body 'Sapal' having sluice gates which is a major portion of the area proposed to be occupied by M/s Pinky Shipyard Ltd. The unit was directed by the Board to make a supplementary study for benthic communities and also directed to clarify the effect on the common oysters, window pane oysters and clams in the 'Sapal' due to the proposed re-clamation of the area with the dredged material. A clarification was also sought on the dredging activity as the same is not permitted under the Goa Coastal Zone Management Rules.

The project proponent was asked to make a presentation before the Board members, however the representative of the unit only dealt on the subject of setting up of a training facility at the proposed location.

A copy of the supplementary study was circulated to the members.

The members on scrutiny of the proposal pointed out that the project proponent has not submitted the following documents:

1. E.M.- Part I registration from the Industries Department
2. Copy of the Project report

The members further desired that a copy of the Environment Impact Assessment Report be made available to them well in advance.

After deliberations the members decided to carry out a site visit in the last week of November, 2009 during the inspection of Mormugao Port Trust.

Table Item no. 02

The members perused the item and decided to exclude Guest houses / Lodging / Boarding houses having 10 or less rooms as categorized under 'D' category by the Department of Tourism, from obtaining Consent to Establish / Operate of the Board by stipulating guidelines like maintenance of soak pit/ septic tank for discharge of waste water.

Table item no. 03

Parity in the consolidated pay of the contract staff of the Board.

a. The Chairman informed the members that there are presently five Scientific Assistants working on contract basis. Two of the Scientific Assistants are being paid a consolidated salary of Rs. 9000/- and the remaining three are being paid Rs. 8500/- and Rs. 8000/- respectively. There is a need to bring parity in the pay scales of the Scientific Assistants as they perform the same duties.

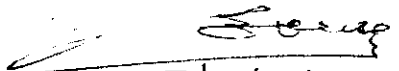
The members approved the proposal for bringing parity in the consolidated pay of the Scientific Assistants of the Board to Rs. 9000/- per month (on contract basis), so as to avoid any anomaly.

b. The Chairman informed the members that there are presently two Data Entry Operators and one Lower Division Clerk working on contract basis. One Data Entry Operator is being paid Rs. 6000/- while the other Data Entry Operator and the Lower Division Clerk is being paid a consolidated salary of Rs. 4500/- and Rs. 5500/- respectively. There is a need for bringing parity in the pay scales of the Data Entry Operator and the Lower Division Clerk as the Recruitment Rules and duties performed by them are same.

The members approved for parity in the consolidated pay of the Data Entry Operators / Lower Division Clerk of the Board to Rs. 6000/- per month (on contract basis) so as to avoid any anomaly.

IV. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


(Shri Srinet Kothwale)
Member Secretary


27/11/09
(Dr. Simon N. de Sousa)
Chairman