

**MINUTES OF THE 97<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
HELD ON 07<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2010 AT 3:30 pm  
IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL**

1. The 97<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 07<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the Board's Conference hall.

The following members attended the meeting

1. Dr Simon N. de Sousa, Chairman, GSPCB
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest was represented by Dr G. T. Kumar, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Dept. of Forest
3. Shri S.T. Nadkarni, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Dept
4. Director of Mines and Geology was represented by Shri Hector Fernandes, Senior Technical Assistant, Dept. of Mines & Geology
5. Shri Gurunath Laad, Councillor, Margao Municipal Council
6. Shri Basilio Fernandes, Member Village Panchayat of Camurlim
7. Shri Caesar Menezes, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries
8. Shri Atul Naik, President, Goa State Industries Association
9. Shri Jose Manuel Noronha, General Manager (Projects) Agnel Technical Complex, Verna
10. Shri Srinet Kothwale, Member Secretary, GSPCB

Shri Sanjit Rodrigues, Director of Industries Trade and Commerce & Managing Director, Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation, Shri A. D. Naik, Managing Director, Goa Industrial Development Corporation 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 all the members present for the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the reconstituted Board.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 01**

Confirmation of the minutes of the 96<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board

The members confirmed the minutes of the 96<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, so as to enter the same in the minutes book.

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 02

a. Follow up action on the decision taken in the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 12/08/2009

Agenda No 2 (f)- The members perused the same. The Chairman informed the members that as decided by the Board, directions were issued to the Mormugao Port Trust. The Mormugao Port Trust has replied to the directions and also enclosed a copy of the Affidavit filed in the Hon'ble High Court in W.P No 08/2001. The Chairman further informed the members that, the Mormugao Port Trust has submitted a preliminary report on the feasibility study for coal handling at Berth No 11. The Chairman explained to the members that the preliminary report indicates that mechanisation of coal handling facility, which will be to a considerable extent dust free, can be established at berth No 11. The Chairman stated that Mormugao Port Trust had sought 8 weeks time to submit a detailed feasibility report.

The members decided to grant 8 weeks time to Mormugao Port Trust as requested by them for submission of detailed feasibility report for mechanisation of coal handling at Berth No 11.

b. Follow up action on the decision taken in the 96<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 09/02/2010

Agenda Item No 9- The members perused the same. The Chairman informed the members that as decided in the Board meeting, directions were issued to the mining companies to implement the three measures recommended by NEERI. As regards to the other two measures, request has been made to the Water Resources Department to undertake the study. The Chairman further informed the members that an Affidavit to this effect has been filed in the Hon High Court in W/P No 01/2008 and the Board would be conducting inspections of the mining units to verify the compliance to the directions issued by the Board.

The members perused and approved the same.

c. Revision in the Annual Budget

Agenda Item No 4- The members noted the revisions in the made in the Annual Budget for the financial year 2009-10.

d. Revision of consolidated pay for Contract staff

Agenda Item No 10- The members perused the proposed revision in consolidated monthly remuneration for the contract staff as per the pay in pay band, grade pay and dearness allowance which is in line with the implementation made by the

Dept of Science Technology and Environment for their contract staff. The Chairman informed the members during the meeting that since the staff are on contract basis they are entitled for one holiday in a week, whereas the Board is granting 2 holiday in a week, hence 4 days salary should be deducted from the consolidated amount paid per month. The members approved for revised consolidated pay as per Sixth Pay Commission and as per the letter no.7-55-2002/STE-DIR/Est/P-IX/190 dated 05/05/2010 of the Dept. of Science, Technology & Environment and as enclosed in the statement with the agenda item with deduction in salary for 4 days. The consolidated monthly remuneration for the Contract staff would now be Rs 8,500/- per month as against Rs.9,500/- per month for Data Entry Operator, LDC and Driver, whereas Rs.6,500/- per month as against 7500/- per month for Peon and Security Guard and Rs.15,500/- per month as against Rs.18,000/- per month for Scientific Assistants. The staff shall not be entitled for any other kind of monetary benefit of whatsoever kind. The said revision of the consolidated monthly remuneration shall be effective from June, 2010.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 03**

a. Setting up of seven new Air Quality Monitoring Stations (AQMS) in the mining areas under the National Air Monitoring Programme

The Chairman informed the members that the Central Pollution Control Board has approved seven new stations in the mining areas of Goa under the National Air Monitoring Programme and the locations are:

1. Curchorem near Railway yard
2. Usgao - Pale junction
3. Codli Tisk
4. Honda Junction
5. Bicholim
6. Amona
7. Assonora Junction

The Central Pollution Control Board would be financing the monitoring programme on 50%:50 % cost sharing basis. The Chairman further informed the members that tenders were called from laboratories recognised by the Ministry of Environment and Forest under the Environment ( Protection) Act for carrying out the monitoring for initial period of one year at the said locations as adequate manpower and equipments were not available with the Board. However response to the tender was poor and it was proposed to re-tender the work so as to start these stations after monsoon season.

The members expressed that there were several newspaper reports and complaints from the residents regarding dust pollution due to transportation of iron ore from the above cited areas. The members were of the opinion that once

the data regarding air quality was available with the Board, the Board should take stringent action against the defaulters and agencies responsible for the violations of Air Quality norms.

The member approved for outsourcing the work of Air monitoring at the above seven stations to laboratories recognised by the Ministry of Environment and Forest under Environment ( Protection ) Act by calling the tenders for a initial period of one year.

b. Setting up of Continuous Air Quality Monitoring Station (CQMS) at Mormugao and Curchorem.

The Chairman informed the members that the Board has sought 50%:50 % financial assistance from the Central Pollution Control Board for setting up CQMS at the two locations considering the Court matters and the complaints received by the Board from the area. The Chairman informed the members that the estimated cost for the CQMS is about Rs. 80 lakhs. The members granted administrative approval for setting up of Continuous Air Quality monitoring Station at Mormugao and Curchorem and decided that detailed proposal with actual financial implications should be placed before the Board once the detailed proposal is worked out.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 04**

a. Environment Impact Assessment Studies

The Chairman informed the members that the Board in its 84<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31/12/2007 had decided to carry out EIA studies at Pilerne Industrial Estate, Verna Industrial Estate and Kundaim Industrial Estate. The Chairman informed the members that tenders were invited for EIA study at Pilerne and the same is in progress. However work of EIA study for Kundaim and Verna has yet not been taken up. The Chairman informed that it is proposed to undertake the above works by call of tenders from the Laboratories recognised by the Ministry of Environment and Forest under the Environment (Protection) Act.

The members approved the proposal for carrying out EIA studies for Kundaim and Verna Industrial Estates through Laboratories recognised by the Ministry of Environment and Forest under the Environment (Protection) Act, by call of tenders.

The members also approved for call of proposals for carrying out comprehensive EIA study for mines operating in Sanguem Taluka through reputed laboratories of Council of Scientific, Industrial Research such as National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur, Central Mining Research Institute, Dhanbad, Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad and other similar Institutes.

The members decided that the proposals so received should be placed before the Board for taking further decision in the matter.

b. Classification of Rivers

The Chairman informed the members that the Central Pollution Control Board had earlier carried out classification of river Zuari and Mandovi in the early 1980's. The Chairman further informed the members that as per Section 17 sub section (g) of the Water Act, State Pollution Control Board are empowered to lay down or modify the effluent standards for sewage and trade effluents and for quality of receiving waters resulting from discharge of effluents and to Classify Waters of the State. The Chairman informed the members that M/s Syngenta and M/s Merck are discharging their treated effluents into the river Mandovi. The classification of water is based on the Designated Best Use. The Chairman informed the members that in the first phase it is proposed to reclassify the Rivers Mandovi and Zuari and classify the River Sal and entrust the work for the same to National Institute of Oceanography

Shri S.T.Nadkarni, Chief Engineer Water Resources Department and Shri Jose Manuel Noronha, Gen Manager ( Projects) Agnel Technical Complex were of the opinion that this is an exhaustive work and would require a long period of time.

The members decided that the Board should seek detailed proposal from National Institute of Oceanography for reclassification of the river Mandovi and Zuari and classification of River Sal including the financial implications and place the same before the Board for further decision in the matter. It was also decided to take the views of Water Resource Department at the first instance and the study should be carried out in phase wise manner.

c. Identification and study of water quality in perennial springs in Goa

The Chairman informed the members that it is proposed to undertake the study of water quality in perennial springs in Goa through National Institute of Oceanography. Shri S. T. Nadkarni, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, informed that the Water Resources Department would be undertaking this work.

Since the Water Resources Department was undertaking the work, the members decided to drop the proposal to avoid duplicity of studies.

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 05

### a. Adoption of the Audit Report for financial year 2003-2004

The members perused the Audit Report for the financial year 2003-2004 submitted by Govt appointed auditor M/s Harite and Associates and thereafter passed the following resolution unanimously:

“RESOLVED THAT Receipts and Payments, Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance sheet together with notes thereon for the financial year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2004 be and are hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Chairman, the Member Secretary, the Accounts cum Administrative Officer and Accountant are hereby authorised to sign the Audited Annual Accounts of the Goa State Pollution Control Board jointly.”

### b. Revision of Statutory Auditors Fees

The Chairman informed the members that the Director General (Commercial) Comptroller & Auditor General of India, New Delhi vide letter No 03/CAV/41-94 dated 19/01/2010 has requested the Goa State Pollution Control Board to review/ revise the audit fees appropriately, considering the volume of work, category and professional staff deployed for the job, efforts, man hours required to carry out the audit, rise in cost of audits etc.

The Chairman informed the members that presently the Statutory Auditors appointed by the Government are paid @ Rs 10,000/- plus service tax. The present Auditors have also requested for enhancement in the Audit fees in view of the quantum of work involved.

The Chairman informed the members that considering the quantum of work of audit, expert opinion of the Chartered Accountant staff deployed by the Chartered Accountant, man hours required to carry out the audit etc. it is proposed to pay a fee of Rs 30,000/- plus service tax (if any) to the Auditor with effect from year 2003 -2004 per audit report.

The members approved the payment of Rs 30,000/ plus Service (if any) to the Auditor with effect from year 2003 -2004 per audit report and decided to send the proposal to the Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Govt. of Goa for its approval.

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 06

To discuss and decide on the representation received from Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association

The Chairman informed the members that various applications for Consent to Operate and Renewal of Consent to Operate from Mining Companies are pending with Goa State Pollution Control Board for want of document from the applicant units such as permission of Chief Wild Life Warden, Forest Clearance or both. The Chairman further informed that the details of the applications pending with the Board are enclosed with the Agenda notes. He further informed the members that the Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association has represented to the Board vide letter dated 18/01/2010 stating that the Goa State Pollution Control Board should not insist on Forest Clearance or permission from Chief Wild Life Warden as the concerned authority competent authority has power to take action as per the provisions of the respective acts.

Shri S.Sridhar, Executive Director, Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association gave a Power Point presentation before the Board members giving the chronology of events in Writ Petition no. 460 of 2004 at length and informed the members that the Hon Supreme Court is yet to decide in the matter. Shri S.Sridhar further informed the members that the Standing Committee on Wildlife allowed mining companies to work in already broken up areas on 13/12/2008. Shri S. Sridhar clarified that only the State of Haryana has notified the buffer zone in Wild Life Sanctuary till date and the further clarified that the Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest has filed an Affidavit in the Hon High Court in W.P No 722/2008 clarifying that mining lease having forest and non forest areas, the mining activity can continue in non forest area till the ore in the said area has exhausted. He further clarified that the Hon High Court has also permitted mining company to continue operations in the non forest areas in the W.P. No 722/2008.

The Chairman and Member Secretary informed the members present that earlier Consent was granted to mining companies and were also renewed without insisting on clearance from Chief Wild Life Warden or under the Forest Conservation Act even though it was specified in the Environmental Clearance that the E.C was subject to obtaining permission from Chief Wild Life Warden or permission under Forest Conservation Act.

Shri S. T. Nadkarni , Chief Engineer enquired as to when did the Board decide to seek the permission from the Chief Wild Life Warden or the clearance under Forest Conservation Act from mining Companies for Renewal applications. The Chairman and Member Secretary informed the members that after the reconstitution of the new Board, they have been seeking the permissions as specified in the Environmental Clearance under Forest Conservation Act or permissions from Chief Wild Life Warden while processing applications for

Consent to Establish, Consent to Operate or Renewal of Consent to Operate. The members were of the opinion that the Board can seek all the permissions before deciding on the applications for Consent. The Chairman and Member Secretary also informed the members that the Board has to decide on the applications within 120 days of receipt of applications.

The members decided to seek written opinion from the Department of Mines and Geology and Forest Department whether the Board could consider the pending applications for Renewal of Consent without insisting on permissions from the Chief Wild Life Warden and or under the Forest Conservation Act and, if required, hold a special meeting of the Board to decide on the issue on receipt of the clarification from the Department of Mines and Geology and Forest Department.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 07**

Implementation of ISO: 9001 Standards for Goa State Pollution Control Board

The Member Secretary informed the members that the Dept. of Art and Culture has successfully implemented the ISO:9001 and some other State Departments and Corporation are in the process of implementing ISO:9001. Shri Atul Naik informed that ISO is a continuous intense process and would require the co-operation of the staff. The expenditure for implementation would also be recurring cost to the Board.

The Member Secretary informed that there are limited processes involved in the operations of the Board and it would improve performance, lead to proper management of resources and better management control in the Board.

The members perused the proposal and approved for implementation of ISO in the Board and for appointment of Consultant by call of quotations from Govt. approved Consultants for an estimated initial amount of Rs 1,80,000 (Rupees One lakh eighty thousand only).

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 08**

To discuss and decide on the representation received from the Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries

The Chairman informed the members that the GCCI vide letter dated 19/04/2010 has represented to the Board that the applications for Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate (New) for expansion of existing Industries should be decided with the recommendation of Technical Advisory Committee only and need not be placed before the Board as the Board only meets once in 3 months.



The members observed that on average the application would be decided in 45 days and applications for Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate (New) from Large Scale Enterprise and Medium Scale Enterprises in Red and Orange categories should be placed before the Board for decision.

The members decided that the applications of Large Scale Enterprise and Medium Scale Enterprises for Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate (New) in Red and Orange Category should be placed before the Board for decision and those in green category should be decided by the Chairman.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 09**

To discuss and decide on the application of M/s Pentair Water India Private Limited, Verna Industrial Estate, for Consent to Establish (Expansion of the unit)

The Member Secretary explained to the members that the unit has sought for expansion in capacity of production for existing products i.e Composite Pressure Vessels etc and for manufacture of new products i.e Pumps and Water treatment systems. The Member Secretary further informed the members that the unit would require additional 8 cu.m / day of water for the proposed expansion and HPCC has granted approval for the same.

Shri S.T.Nadkarni, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department stated that there is a water shortage in Verna Industrial Estate and the Water Resources Department would not grant any further permissions for tube wells in the area.

The members approved to grant Consent to Establish to M/s Pentair Water India Private Ltd for their proposed expansion subject to the condition that the unit should make an alternate arrangement to meet its additional water requirement.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

To discuss and decide on the application of M/s Automobile Corporation of Goa Ltd., Bhuipal Sattari Goa for Consent to Establish (Expansion of the unit)

The Member Secretary explained to the members that the unit has sought for expansion in capacity of production for building bus bodies and the unit had been granted HPCC approval. The Members Secretary informed the members that considering the quantum of domestic sewage to be generated the unit would require to establish a Sewage Treatment Plant.

The members approved to grant Consent to Establish to M/s Automobile Corporation of Goa Ltd., Bhuipal, Sattari Goa for their proposed expansion subject to the condition that the unit should establish Sewage Treatment Plant for treatment of domestic sewage.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

To discuss and decide on the application of M/s Birla Furukawa Fibre Optics Ltd., Verna Ind. Est. for Consent to Establish

The Member Secretary explained to the members that the unit has submitted application for Consent to Establish for manufacture of Optical Fibre Cables and the total water requirement for the project would be 30 cum/ day.

Shri S.T.Nadkarni, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department stated that there is a Water shortage in Verna Industrial Estate and the Water Resources Department would not grant any further permissions for tube wells in the area.

The members approved to grant Consent to Establish to M/s Birla Furukawa Fibre Optics Ltd., Verna Indl. Estate, subject to the condition that the unit should make alternate arrangements to meet its water requirement.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

To discuss and decide on the expansion proposal of the Mormugao Port Trust

The Dy. Chief Engineer of the Mormugao Port Trust ( MPT) made a power point presentation before the members specifying the proposed expansion plans of Mormugao Port Trust including the various stages of implementation of the same. The proposed projects include the following:-

1. Construction of additional break water
2. Construction and development of Iron ore terminal at Berth No 8
3. Development of coal handling terminal at Berth No 7
4. Cruise cum Container berth terminal / berths for Indian Coast guards, NIO ships , Foreign Navy vessels etc
5. Construction of new berth at berth No 4 for offshore supply and logistics for serving offshore energy exploration.
6. Construction of fishing jetty.

The members perused the presentation and were of the opinion that since Mormugao Port Trust will be carrying out major expansion which would require obtaining Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, the MPT should carry out comprehensive EIA Study considering the impact of Sea erosion etc. for all the expansion projects and should also undertake public consultation. The members decided to authorise the Chairman and the Member Secretary to convey the views of the Board to the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, State Government as well as the Mormugao Port Trust

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

To discuss and decide on the application of M/s Damodar Mangalji & Co. Ltd. (Marasodo Iron Ore Mine Surla), for Consent to operate under the Air and Water Acts

Shri Piyush Panchal and Shri D'Souza, representatives of Damodar Mangalji, made a power point presentation before the Board depicting the areas of operation of mine, the area for dumping and the area for plantation, regarding the application for Consent to Operate (New). They further stated that the mining company would comply with the conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearance granted by Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt of India.

Dr G.T. Kumar, Dy Conservator of Forest, sought to know the distance of the mine from Wild Life Sanctuary. Shri Piyush Panchal stated that the mine lease boundary is 8 kms from the Wild Life Sanctuary.

The members deliberated at length and observed that the proposal is for Consent to Operate (New) and decided to defer the application until the Mining Policy is approved by the State Government. The members further decided to communicate the decision of the Board to the applicant.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

Implementation of Rain water harvesting and Ground water re-charge measures in Verna Industrial Estate

The Chairman informed the members that the Voice of Villagers, Verna have petitioned before the State Government regarding depletion of ground water due to excessive drawal of ground water by the Industries operating in Verna Industrial Estate through the tube wells and have also demanded for implementation of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures.

The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Dept, Shri S.T. Nadkarni informed the members that Water Resources Dept had carried out detailed study and had come to the conclusion that the springs in the area have dried up due to excessive drawal of ground water by Industries through tube wells in Verna Industrial Estate. Shri Nadkarni further informed the members that Water Resources Dept has prepared estimates for Rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures and submitted the same to the Goa Industrial Development Corporation for implementation.

Considering the need for implementation of measures the members authorised the Chairman to place an amount of Rs 15 lakhs at the disposal of the implementing agency for carrying out Rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures in Verna Industrial Estate.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

Proposal for extending mobile facilities to the staff of the Board, under the Close User Group Connection Scheme

The Chairman informed the members that the staff of the Board are continuously on field duty along with Drivers and have to communicate with the Office in case of difficulties, clarifications / break down of vehicles encountered during inspection. The Chairman informed that proposals were sought from Service Providers for providing Closed User Group connections to all the staff of the Board including contract staff and deputation staff and the monthly expenditure would be about Rs. 8,344/- per month as against the present expenditure of Rs.7500/ month. The Chairman also informed that Dual SIM Mobile Handsets were proposed to be provided to the staff which would be a one time expenditure. The Chairman further informed that the Board is presently having some mobile handsets (single SIM) and the same may be disposed off under the buyback offer.

The members approved the proposal for providing Closed User Group mobile connections to all the staff of the Board including Deputation and Contract staff and also for providing Dual Sim Mobile Hand sets by call of quotations under the buyback offer.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16**

a. Files cleared by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board during its meetings held from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2010 to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010-05-10.

The members perused the enclosed database where in the list of applications cleared in the TAC meetings during its meeting held from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2010 to 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 and approved the same

b. Files pending for clearance by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Board

The members perused the enclosed database where in the list of applications pending with the Board and noted the same.

**TABLE ITEM NO. 01**

To consider and adopt the report on "Strengthening of the Goa State Pollution Control Board" and the recommendation of Committee thereof:-

The Chairman informed the members that the Central Pollution Control Board has provided financial assistance for execution of various schemes identified which involves preparation of various study reports including

preparation of report on **“Strengthening of the Goa State Pollution Control Board”**. The Chairman further informed the members that the work of preparation of the report was awarded to M/s UPL Environmental Engineers Ltd. and the agency has submitted a draft report. The Chairman explained that the report has taken into consideration the various acts and rules implemented by the Board, the quantum of work involved and recommended for increase in manpower and infrastructure of the Board.

The Chairman further stated that as decided by the Board in its 95<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, a Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Director of Industries Trade and Commerce with representative of Director of Municipal Administration, Dept. of Panchayats, Directorate of Health Services, Dept. of Information and Technology, State Informatics Officer (NIC), President of Association of Private Nursing Homes, President Indian Medical Association, representative of Goa Small Industries Association and Mrs Patricia Pinto as members for assessing the reports. The Chairman informed the members that the report on **“Strengthening of the Goa State Pollution Control Board”** was perused by the Committee, and the Committee has submitted its report alongwith various recommendations.

The members perused the report on **“Strengthening of the Goa State Pollution Control Board”** and report of assessment submitted by the Committee appointed by the Board and thereafter passed the following resolution unanimously:-

“RESOLVED THAT the Report on **“Strengthening of the Goa State Pollution Control Board”** and the assessment report submitted by the Committee of the Board be approved, adopted and implemented in detail.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Member Secretary is hereby authorised to forward the report on **“Strengthening of the Goa State Pollution Control Board”** and report of assessment submitted by the Committee appointed by the Board to the Central Pollution Control Board and the Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Govt. of Goa for approval.”

The members further decided that the said report and recommendations of the Committee should be implemented in toto by obtaining the approval of the Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Government of Goa, wherever required.

**TABLE ITEM NO. 02**

Implementation of uniform validity of Consent under the Water & Air Acts and Authorisation under the Hazardous Waste Rules

The Chairman informed the members that the Water Act was implemented in the State in 1988 and the Air Act in 1991, due to which the validity dates for Consent under Water Act and Air Acts are different.

The Chairman further informed the members that as decided by the Board in 95<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, N.I.C Gujarat, was customising the Xtended Green Node ( XGN) software to the requirement of the Board for online processing of applications for Consent to Establish, Consent to Operate and Renewal of Consent to Operate under Water and Air Act as well as authorisation under the Hazardous Waste Rules. The Chairman stated that the XGN software supported issue of Common Consent and Authorisation ( CCA) under the Water and Air Act, and authorisation under the Hazardous Waste Rules as recommended by the Central Pollution Control Board.

The Chairman stressed the need to bring uniformity in validity of Consent under the Water Act and Air Act and Authorisation under the Hazardous Waste Rules for better management of records and ensuring compliance to the Acts and Rules and also as recommended by the Central Pollution Control Board.

The members perused and passed a resolution as follows:-

“Resolved that proportional fees for differential period of the validity should be charged by the Board to bring uniformity in the validity of Consent under the Water and Air Act and Authorisation under the Hazardous Waste Rules.

Resolved further that the Member Secretary is authorised to issue Common Consent and Authorisation (CCA) under the Water & Air Acts and Hazardous Waste Rules, as supported by XGN Software.”

The members thereafter decided to refer the proposal to the Department of Science, Technology & Environment for modifications of the same.

**TABLE ITEM NO. 03**

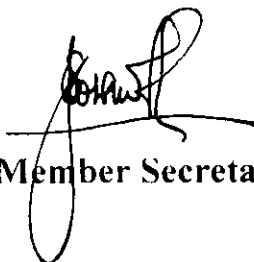
Report on inspection of Hotels, Restaurants, Eateries, Colva Creek, Open spaces, Storm water drains in Colva - Goa

The Chairman informed the members that the officials of the Board had conducted a detailed inspection of Hotels, Restaurants, Eateries, Colva Creek, Open spaces, storm water drains in Colva on receipt of complaint from the Colva Consumer and Civic Forum. The Chairman informed that the report reveals

discharge of untreated sewage / kitchen waste water into the Colva Creek, storm water drains and fields by Hotels, Restaurants and. Eateries, dumping of solid waste into the open spaces including land belonging to the Department of Tourism and highlight the prevailing unhygienic condition in the area. The report has also revealed that many hotels are operating in violation of Consent conditions or have failed to obtain Consent of the Board. The Chairman stressed the need for the Board to take urgent action in the matter to stop the discharge and ensure proper treatment of waste water and solid waste.

The members perused the report and decided to :-

1. Issue Show Cause Notices to the Hotels that are discharging waste water outside their premises without treatment / for not obtaining the Consent of the Board / for not establishing Sewage Treatment Plant (including submission of Bank guarantee of one lakh with validity period of 3 months) / non operation of the Sewage Treatment Plants.
  2. Forward the inspection report to the Department of Tourism, Directorate of Health Services and Food and Drug Administration to take necessary action in the matter.
  3. To direct the Village Panchayat of Colva to carry out house to house collection of segregated Solid waste in compliance to the provision of the Rural Garbage Disposal Scheme, 2005 as amended in 2007 to stop the pollution of Colva Creek.
  4. Recommend to the State Government / Public Works Department to implement a common sewerage scheme in the area for proper treatment and disposal of sewage and sullage water.
- IV. As there was no other agenda item / business to transact, the meeting ended with Vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
Member Secretary

  
Chairman