

**MINUTES OF THE 107th MEETING (SPECIAL MEETING) OF THE
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY,
2013 AT 12.00 NOON IN THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE HALL**

The 107th meeting (Special meeting) of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 15th February, 2013 at 12.00 noon in the Conference hall of the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

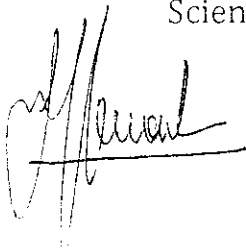
The following members attended the meeting:

1. Mr. Jose Manuel Noronha, Chairman, Goa State Pollution Control Board.
2. Dr. Vasudev Deshpabhu, Chairperson, Pernem Municipal Council.
3. Ms. Fatima Pereira, Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Velsao.
4. Dr. Marconi Correira, Medical Practitioner, Cansaulim.
5. Dr. Pramod Sawant, Vice Chairperson, Goa State Infrastructure Dev. Corpn.
6. Mr. Levinson Martins, Member Secretary, Goa State Pollution Control Board.

In addition the following attended:

1. Assistant Conservator of Forest, CMS, Forest Dept., represented Mr. Richard D'Souza, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.
2. Assistant Director Industries, Trade & Commerce represented Mr. F.O. Hashmi, Director, Dte. of Industries, Trade & Commerce.
3. Mr. Ravindra R. Yaragatti, Superintending Engineer, CPO, Water Resource Dept. represented Mr. S. T. Nadkarni, Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept.
4. Mr. Parag M. Nagareshkar, Assistant Director of Mines represented Mr. Prasanna Acharya, Director, Dte. of Mines and Geology.
5. Deputy Director of Tourism represented Mr. Nikhil Dessai, Director, Dept. of Tourism.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members present for the 107th meeting (Special meeting) of the Goa State Pollution Control Board and stated that the meeting was called subsequent to the decision taken by the Board at its 106th meeting held on 11th February, 2013. The Chairman further stated that the meeting was called to discuss the issue regarding the selection and appointment of employees in the Board office to the post of Scientific Assistant, Senior Laboratory Assistant and Junior Laboratory



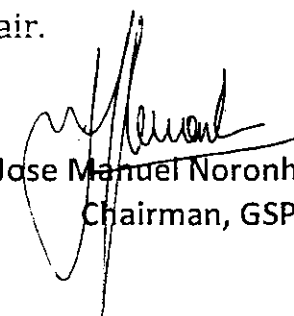
Assistant. The Chairman further stated that the Board was in receipt of a complaint from Ms. Sahayadri S. Sinari, alleging irregularities in the aforesaid process of selection and appointment. He further stated that Ms. Sinari has also preferred a Writ Petition before the Hon. High Court of Bombay at Goa, in this regard. He further stated that the Ld. Advocate A N S Nadkarni, appearing on behalf of the Board in the said matter, has submitted to the Hon. High Court, that the Board would inquire into the said complaint and would initiate necessary action in this regard if necessary.

The Chairman further informed the members that the Board had appointed Shri D.M. Borkar, Retd. Joint Secretary (Personnel) Government of Goa, as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the allegations leveled by Ms. Sahayadri Sinari, and to submit a detailed Report in this regard to the Chairman. Subsequently the Board also appointed Prof. Jaime Afonso, B.E. (Met) M.M.S., as an expert to assist the Inquiry Officer to ascertain whether the documents/ certificates of experience and qualifications submitted by the candidates for the post of Scientific Assistant, Senior Laboratory Assistant and Junior Laboratory Assistant are relevant to the tasks and duties to be performed at the Goa State Pollution Control Board.

The Chairman placed before the members, the said Report of the Inquiry Officer which he said was a detailed and exhaustive assessment of the process of selection and appointment carried out by the Board in respect of the aforesaid posts. He also stated that the Inquiry Officer had submitted his findings and conclusions in this regard.

The members deliberated at length the issue of appointments made in the Board as reported by the Inquiry Officer and resolved that ' the Chairman discuss the report of the Inquiry Officer in detail with the Counsel of the Board, Ld. Advocate, A. N. S. Nadkarni. Further resolved that Chairman is authorized to decide on the present matter taking into account the views and advice given by the Counsel of the Board, Ld. Advocate A. N. S. Nadkarni. '

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Jose Manuel Noronha)
Chairman, GSPCB