

MINUTES OF 17TH MEETING OF THE GOA STATE POLLUTION

CONTROL BOARD HELD ON 15-3-1993 AT 3.30 P.M. IN

THE CONFERENCE HALL, SECRETARIAT

- I. The 17th meeting of the Board was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Carmo Pegado on 15/3/93 at 3.30 p.m. in the Conference Hall of Secretariat, Panaji.

The following members were present at the meeting:-

1. Dr. Carmo Pegado,Chairman
2. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.Member
3. Director of Health ServicesMember
4. Scientist, S.T.E.Member
5. Shri Anil HobleMember
6. Shri Prakash SawantMember
7. Shri Rohidas NaikMember
8. Chief Officer, M.M.C.Member
9. Shri Anil CountoMember
10. Shri A.A. ParulekarMember Secretary

- II. The following members did not attend the meeting:-

1. Shri Suresh ParulekarVice-Chairman
2. Development CommissionerMember
3. Conservator of ForestsMember
4. Shri Xavier GraciasMember
5. Shri G.V.PrabhuMember
6. Managing Director, E.D.C.Member
7. Managing Director, G.T.D.C.Member

The Deputy General Manager of E.D.C. Shri A.V. Palekar and a deputy Conservator of Forests were deputed by Managing Director, E.D.C. and Conservator of Forests respectively for the meeting.

III. Item No.1:-

Confirmation of the minutes of 15th meeting of the Board:-

The minutes of 15th meeting of the Board were confirmed without any modification.

IV. Item No.2:-

Follow-up action on the decision taken at 15th Board Meeting:-

The Board perused the follow-up action taken on the decision of 15th Board meeting, and recorded the following suggestions:-

- (1) In view of persuing the consultancy assignments for design of a common sewage plant at Colva, proposed to be given to NEERI, Nagpur, the Board desired that the concerned Scientist from the Institute may be invited to Goa. The Board may bear the expenses for his visit whereas Managing Director Goa Tourism Development Corporation will arrange for his accommodation. The further course of action would be decided at the time of his visit in consultant with C.E. (P.W.D.) & Managing Director (G.T.D.C.).

(2) Scientist of S.T.E. department informed that the Govt. has already assigned the job of conducting arial survey of the area around Colva Seashore to NEERI. The details collected vide the arial survey would be useful for designing the sewerage system contemplated by the Board. It was decided that the information about the survey assignment shall be passed on to the Board Office by the S.T.E. department before visit of the Scientist from NEERI. The same shall be taken into the consideration during discussion with him.

(3) The postponed visit of the Technical Advisory Committee to Mayem and Carambolim lake shall be fixed at the earliest.

V. Item No.3:-

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee :-

The Board perused the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee which were placed before the Board for information.

VI. Item No.4:-

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee:-

The Board perused the minutes of the Fourth meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee which were placed before the Board for information.

VII. Item No.5:-

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee:-

The Board perused the minutes of the Fifth meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee which were placed before the Board for information.

While discussing the points noted by the Technical Advisory Committee after visit to the lake and water fall at Arvalem, the following decisions were taken.

- (1) The Wier constructed across the water fall may require to be demolished to allow free flow of water. The Chairman assured the members that he will take up the matters with the concerned department and Minister and verify as to whether the wier serve any useful purpose. In absence of any utility, demolition of the same would be initiated.
- (2) The Members noted that the concerned village Panchayat and Villagers ^{failed} to give necessary feed back to the Technical Advisory Committee in response to its request. It was suggested that the Chairman of Devasthan Committee may be contacted for obtaining the information about mining activities upstream of the water fall.

- (3) The Members opined that the matter of contamination of water bodies due to wash out from mining area should be primarily taken ^{up} by the mining department. The lease agreement signed by the mine owners and the mining department should be used as an effective tool to compel the mine owners to take up environmental protection measures. It was decided to convey these feelings to Director of Industries & Mines.

VIII. Item No.6:-

Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee:-

The Board perused the minutes of the Sixth meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee which were placed before the Board for information.

IX. Item No.7:-

Action to be taken on the direction given by Central Pollution Control Board:-

The Board perused the directions given by the Central Pollution Control Board ^{on 21-10-1982} under Clause (d) of Sub-Section 1 of Section of 18 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. After deliberation, the Board desired that clarification of the Central Pollution Control Board may be obtained on the following points relevant to the directions given.

(1) The Section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 does not recognize classification of any industry likely to discharge sewage or trade effluent, based on its capital investment. As such, the present direction issued by the Central Board contemplate amendment of the said section of the Act. The Board desired to know whether such amendment of a section of the parent act by exercising power vested vide another section of the same Act would be good in law and practice.

(2) The Board observed that some of the industries given in the list of 17 categories included in the direction are beyond the reach of small scale industrial sector. The following categories could be quoted to elaborate this point.

- (i) Fertilizer
- (ii) Thermal Power
- (iii) Oil Refinery
- (iv) Cement
- (v) Petrochemicals

The rationale behind including such categories in the list may require to be obtained from the Central Board.

- (3) Some of the categories such as Aluminium, Iron & Steel etc. require clarification as to whether the same include primary Metallurgical, secondary, mechanical or both.
- (4) Quite a large no. of well known highly polluting industries such as Caustic Soda manufacturing, electroplating etc. are proposed to be exempted from obtaining previous consent of the Board. The logic behind such omission may be required from the Central Board.

The Board appreciated intention of the Central Board to encourage the S.S.I. Units and opined that it will be more logical and practical for the Central Board and M.E.F. to prepare a list of Small Scale Industries which are not likely to make any discharge or emission, Such industries when identified will automatically remain outside the purview of the Pollution Control Legislation.

X. Item No.8:-

Constitution of Technical Advisory Committee:-

The Board perused the agenda item and noted inclusion of Shri A.V.Palekar in the Technical Advisory Committee in place of Shri V.S. Hede.

XI. Item No.9:-

Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Technical
Advisory Committee:-

The Board perused the minutes of the Seventh meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee which were placed before the Board for information.

XII. Item No.10/-

Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Technical Advisory
Committee:-

The Board perused the minutes of the Eighth meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee which were placed before the Board for information.

XIII. The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
