

**MINUTES OF THE 152nd MEETING OF THE
GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
HELD ON 28th JUNE, 2022 AT 3.00 PM,
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE BOARD**

I. The 152nd meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board was held on 28th June, 2022 at 3.00 pm in the Conference hall of the Board.

The following members attended the meeting:

1.	Mr. Mahesh K. Patil, Chairman
2.	Director, Dte. of Industries, Trade & Commerce, was represented by Dy. Director
3.	Chief Engineer, Water Resource Dept. was represented by Assistant Surveyor of Works
4.	Smt. Jyoti Sardessai, Director, Dte. of Food and Drugs Administration,
5.	Shri Vivek Marathe, Chief Inspector, Inspectorate of Factories and Boilers,
6.	Directorate of Health Services, was represented by her Officer
7.	Shri Shawn Brian Martins, Panch Member, Village Panchayat Calangute,
8.	Smt. Unnati Sahastrabudhe, Panch Member, Village Panchayat Velguem,
9.	Shri Ashirwad T. Khorjuvenkar, Councillor, Mapusa Municipal Council,
10.	Shri Pradip K. Naik, Councillor, Curchorem – Cacora Municipal Council,
11.	Ms. Swati Salgaocar, Confederation of Indian Industries (Goa Chapter),
12.	Shri Ralph De Souza, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industries
13.	Shri Nilesh Shah, President, Travel and Tourism Association of Goa
14.	Mr. Harish Adconkar, Managing Director, Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation.
15.	Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Member Secretary

Shri Shubham Chodankar, Councillor, Corporation of the City of Panaji and Managing Director, Goa Waste Management Corporation did not attend the meeting.

II. At the outset the Member Secretary welcomed the Chairman and Members for the 152nd meeting of the Board. With the permission of the Chair, she made a presentation on the activities carried out by the Board during the last three months:


1. The Board carried four knowledge sharing initiatives wherein ten companies shared their technology in various fields. This workshop was attended by Board staff, concerned Govt. dept. and representatives from the industries.
2. The Board carried out camps at the request of Indian Medical Association to assist the medical fraternity in complying with the Bio-medical Waste registration.
3. The Board celebrated the World Environment Day, 2022 on the UNEP theme "only One Earth". In this context, celebrations were held from 2nd to 6th June, 2022. A quiz completion was organised on 2nd June, 2022, wherein industry representatives and Govt. departments participated, which received a good response. A total of 44 organisations participated. A poster drawing competition was organised on 3rd June, 2022, wherein children of staff participated, which was also well attended. The main celebration of Environment day was held on 6th June (5th June being Sunday), wherein a Seminar was organised for industry and Govt. representatives. Shri Nilesh Cabral, Hon. Minister for PWD and Environment was the Chief Guest. The key note speaker for the function was Dr. Ajay Deshpande, Adjunct Professor, Centre for Policy Studies, IIT Mumbai and former Expert Member, Hon. NGT on EPR guidelines, which was followed by a presentation by Dr. Vivek K. Scientist "D" Central Pollution Control Board, , Bengaluru, on single use plastic and Environment Protection Rules. The workshop received a tremendous response. Member Secretary also informed that the industries i.e M/s Deccan Fine Chemicals, supported the event in distribution of T-shirts, M/s Nestle India in distribution of hampers to the quiz completion and M/s Faber Castel in distribution of hampers and drawing material. The Boards Annual Report for the year 2021-22 was also released on the occasion.
4. The Board also inaugurated two electric vehicles at the hands of the Hon. Minister for Environment, commemorating the World Environment Day.

III. Thereafter, the following Agenda items were taken up for discussion and deliberation.

Agenda item no. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of the 150th meeting of the Goa State Pollution Control Board held on 30/12/2021.

The Member Secretary informed that the minutes of the 151st meeting of the Board held on 25/02/2022 were forwarded to all the members vide this office letter no. 4/151/22-PCB/Admn./20970 dated 07/03/2022. As no comments were received from any members, the minutes of the meeting were confirmed, so as to enter the same in the Minutes Book.



Agenda item no. 02

Follow up action on the decision taken by the Board at its 151st meeting held on 25/02/2022.

Agenda item no. 06 – Noise Action Plan – Members noted that clarifications are sought from the Dept. of Environment & Climate Change with respect to the Notification issued in Series II no. 42 dated 13/01/2022.

Table item no. 1 – Appointment of Advocates for defending the interest of the Board in the Courts of Law – Member noted that letters have been forwarded to the concerned Advocates

Table item no. 2 – Amendments to the notified Goa Water and Goa Air – Rules, 2021 - Members noted that the amendments are forwarded to the Department of Environment and Climate Change.

Table item no. 3 – Members noted that Consent to Operate under Water and Air Acts for change in product mix has been issued to M/s Deccan Fine Chemicals (I) Pvt. Ltd.

Agenda item no. 03

Condemnation of office vehicles.

I. Member Secretary informed the members that following is the status of the vehicles in the Board

	Vehicle no	Model	Total mileage covered
1.	GA-07-E-5247	Scorpio	266643
2.	GA-07-K-6452	TUV	125459
3.	GA-07-K- 5248	Scorpio	246643
4.	GA-07-E- 5679	Sumo Gold	229693
5.	GA-07-E- 5680	Sumo Gold	263080
6.	GA-07-K -9490 (vehicle was purchased in 2008)	Tempo Traveler	25775 Milometer not working

She further informed that the vehicles at serial no. 1, 3, 4, 5 have covered more than 2 lakh kilometers and requires servicing and maintenance quite often, as these vehicles are used for monitoring and inspection for Consent management and require to cover long distances. As regards vehicle at serial no. 6, she informed that the vehicle has completed 15 years and requires to be condemned. It was proposed for condemnation of the vehicles listed at 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and purchase new vehicles, if available under buy back scheme.

Managing Director, GSIDC stated that the Board could avail the facility of hiring of the vehicles from private players after following the required procedures, instead of purchase of vehicles.

Chairman clarified that since the vehicles are required by the Board to carry out various functions such as Consent Management, complaints, Briefing the advocates, Attending Court matters, the Board is required to have its own vehicles to ease in carrying out the mandate entrusted to it.

After deliberations it was decided to condemn the vehicles listed at serial 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and dispose the same under buy back scheme for new vehicle. It was further decided to purchase the new vehicles as per the O.M no. 23/1/2012-Fin (R&C) dated 13/03/2020 issued by the Finance (Revenue Control) Dept. Govt. of Goa.

II. The members noted that the Board has auctioned two office vehicles i.e Mahindra Bolero and Mahindra Quanto, after obtaining upset value from the PWD.

III. Member Secretary informed the Board that the Board has purchased two Tata Nexon Vehicles (Electric) from Tata Motors.

IV. Member Secretary informed the members that the office has one two Wheeler (Dio) purchased in the year 2009, for office use and the said vehicle has since completed 37726 kms and not in working condition. She further informed that the said vehicle was utilized for distribution of the office daak and other office related matters. She further informed that since the office is located at a distance from the city the same could be utilized for distribution of daak and other urgent works to be carried out in the vicinity.

After deliberations it was agreed to condemn the Dio vehicle of the Board under buy back scheme.

Agenda item no. 04

Payment of Sitting fees

Member Secretary informed the members that presently the non-official Board members and the members of the Technical Advisory Committee members are paid a consolidated sitting fee of Rs. 1000/- for each day of such meeting of the Board and / or the Technical advisory Committee (TAC), an additional fee of Rs. 1000/- per site inspection to those Members of the Board and of the TAC who are required to conduct site inspections, as per Notification dated 07/07/2011 of the Dept. of Environment.

She further informed that the above sitting fees are required to be enhanced as the same were notified in 2011. It was placed before the members as follows

1. Non official Board members to paid sitting fees of Rs. 5000/- per sitting. Site visit / inspection to be paid @ Rs. 5000/- per visit. The Board shall make arrangements for transport site visits/ attend meetings. In case the members utilize their personal vehicles / hire taxi, the same shall be reimbursed at Govt. approved rates. The sitting fees shall be made applicable retrospectively i.e from the re-constitution of the present Board.
2. Non Official Members of the Technical Advisory Committee shall be paid Rs. 5000/- per sitting. Site visit / inspection to be paid @ Rs. 5000/- per visit. The Board shall make arrangements for transport site visits/ attend meetings. In case the members utilize their personal vehicles / hire taxi, the same shall be reimbursed at Govt. approved rates.
3. The sitting fees to be made applicable retrospectively i.e from the re-constitution of the present Board/ Committee.
4. The Board conducts Environmental Audit of the Industries' for which extend members are nominated. The external members are paid a fee of Rs. 5000/- per visit and his travelling, if the member happens to be from outside the State.

Members deliberated on the sitting fees to the non-official members of the Board and members of the Technical Advisory Committee. Chairman informed the members that the non-official Technical Advisory Committee members are retired Heads of the Government depts. and since they have technical expertise, the Board may pay the enhanced fee.

Members also deliberated on payment of the siting fees to be paid retrospectively as the same is not administratively correct, since the decision is taken in the present meeting it should follow thereafter. Chairman clarified that the same has been proposed as the Board and the TAC is constituted recently, the same is done with effect from the re-constitution of the Board.

Members agreed for the revised fees as proposed.

Agenda item no. 05

Convening of the International Conference by the Board

Member Secretary informed the members that the Board proposes to hold an International Conference on 'Environment Sustainability Initiatives along with

Expo'. probably in the month of October – November, 2022, wherein eminent speakers will be invited, with arrangements for stalls for showcasing the pollution control equipment's, holding seminars, holding workshops to students etc.

Chairman informed the members that this Exposition will be a great learning experience to the students wherein the students will get an opportunity to learn on garbage segregation, disadvantages in the use of plastic and also understand the methodology in treating the solid waste. He further informed the members that a budget of Rs. 1 crore has been earmarked for the same.

Confederation of Indian Industries (Goa Chapter) and Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries volunteered to be partners for the said Conference.

Members noted and approved the same.

Agenda item no. 06

Hiring of Consultancy Services for NABL for Board Laboratory

Member Secretary informed the members that the Board Laboratory was accredited for ISO/IEC 17025:2005 under National Accreditation Board for Testing and the same could not be renewed due to non working of some major instruments due to shifting from the Panaji office to Saligao office.

She further informed that since the accreditation is lapsed, the Board is required to apply afresh under the revised standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017. In this regard proposals were invited from reputed NABL registered Auditors (4 nos.) through email. The quote of SPARK Analytics Hyderabad being the lowest at the rate of Rs. Rs. 3,06,800/- exclusive of travel and accommodation was awarded the work order.

Members deliberated and accorded ex post facto approval.

Agenda item no. 07

Ratification of the EPF contribution.

Member Secretary informed the members that the staff of the Board are registered with the Employees Provident Fund. She further informed that earlier Employees provident fund contribution (employees share) i.e EPS contribution @ 8.33% in Account no. 10 and EPF contribution in Account no. 01 @ 3.67%, total of Rs. 1800/- till October, 2016 was made incorrectly.

As regard the EPF Employer contribution from the month of November, 2016 onwards till January, 2022 was paid @ 12% on Basic + D.A (i.e 8.33% EPS

contribution in Account no. 10 and balance EPF contribution in Account no. 01 by deducting EPS – EPF employee contribution) made incorrectly instead of restricting the contribution to Rs. 1800 (i.e 12% of minimum wages. of Rs. 15,000/-).

She further informed that the said deductions were made without any approval and hence placed before the Board for ratification to the tune of Rs. 2,10,14,547/-.

To a pointed query by the members, Chairman informed that the said amount has been deposited in the account of the Board staff.

Members after deliberations accorded ex post facto approval.

Agenda item no. 08

Revised Budget Estimate for the year 2021-2022 and Budget Estimate for the year 2022-2023

Member Secretary informed the members that as per section 38 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 19074, Revised Budget Estimate for the year 2021-2022 and Budget Estimate for the year 2022-2023 prepared in Form VI and VII, prescribed in Rule 31 is prepared and placed before the members for perusal and approval.

Member Secretary explained the detail heads to which expenditure has been earmarked, stating that the Budget Estimate for the ear 2022-2023 has been prepared for Rs. 2225.05 lakhs and the receipts for 2022-2023 at Rs. 2397.42 lakhs.

Members perused and approved the Revised Budget Estimate for the year 2021-2022 and Budget Estimate for the year 2022-2023, so as to forward the same to the Dept. of Environment and Climate Change.

IV. With the permission of the Chair, the following Table items were taken up for discussion:

Table item no. 01

Representation from All Goa Association of Bakers – Bakery units of capacity 1MT/ day using wood fired ovens.

Member Secretary informed the members that bakery units with production of bakery products less than 1 MT/day and using wood fired ovens are traditional bakeries operating in residential areas, the high rise buildings /apartments obstruct the smoke emitted from the oven exhaust and the same

enters the residences causing nuisance /smoke pollution. Further it is not possible for the bakeries to raise the stack above. Further, there are no standards prescribed in the Environment Protection rules for the Bakeries with capacity of production less than 1MT/day.

She further informed that Central Pollution Control Board has categorized bakery units as under:

- a) Bakery units having less than 1MT/day production capacity using electric/gas ovens under Green category and
- b) Bakery units with greater than 1MT/day production capacity using wood fired ovens under Orange Category.

The Board in its 148th and 149th Board meeting approved Bakeries having less than 1MT/day production capacity using electric/gas ovens under Orange category.

Member Secretary also appraised the members that the Board had approved to direct all bakeries operating in the city with wood fired ovens to switch over to gas/ electric ovens over a period of one year and rest were be permitted to switch on to electric oven/ gas oven over a period of two years on case to case basis. With this decision of the Board, the Bakers Association have represented to the Board stating that bakeries were categorized as Orange category as per the calculated score and being traditional bakeries there is difficulty in submission of land ownership documents, value of structure etc., which are sought as per the notified Goa Water and Air Rules.

She further informed that a Court matter is pending before the Hon'ble NGT with regards to a bakery operating in city area and causing pollution. The bakery unit has requested the Board to permit installation of Air Pollution Control Devices (APCD) instead of change over to electric/gas ovens, as accordingly permission was granted, with the installation of APCD, there was reduction in PM emissions

After deliberations, it was decided that the Bakery units in the city limits may shift to electric oven or install APCD within a period of two years, whereas, the same shall not be applicable to traditional bakeries in rural areas.

Table item no. 02

Application for Consent to Establish of M/s. All India institute of Ayurveda 'AIIA Goa' located at Dhargal, Pernem-Goa.

Member Secretary informed the members that the Board was in receipt of an application for Consent to Establish under Water and Air Acts from All India

institute of Ayurveda 'AIIA Goa', Dhargal, Pernem or setting up (a) Hospital (G+3) with 250 beds), (b) Academy building (G+2) with 5 lecture halls each with 120 seating capacity, 1 conference hall with 50 seating and laboratory, (c) Cottages (GF) 5nos, (d) 1 Bungalow for the Director, (e) Residential building (G+2) -Type V, (f) Residential building (G+3)- Type IV, (g) Kitchen and dining (h) 2 Hostels (G+3) for undergraduate students, (i) 1 Hostel (G+3) for post graduate students, (j) Residential building (G+3) - Type III, (k) Residential building (G+3) - Type II, (l) Service stations, (m) Dietary Center and play field.

She further informed the members that the Consent to Establish has been granted after scrutiny of the application and the same is now placed before the Board for according ex post facto approval. Members noted and approved ex post facto.

Table item no. 03

Review of monitoring fees of Casino vessels, towards discharge of sewage.

Member Secretary informed the members that the Board supervises discharge of sewage from the casinos to night soil tankers as per the orders of the Hon. High Court. In this regard, the Board would charge the casino vessels an amount of Rs. 5000/- per trip, which would include cost of monitoring and supervision of the manpower. She further informed that the rates have been fixed in 2018 and have remained unchanged for the last four years. She further informed that considering that the manpower is required to be available on call, this amount is required to be enhanced.

Members were apprehensive with the hike in the rates, but the same was justified as the Board is required to station its manpower throughout the week /day and at call. After deliberations, it was decided to revise the rates prospectively as follows:

- a. Rs. 10,000/- per trip on working days.
- b. Rs. 12,000/- per trip on holidays and non-working days.

Table item no. 04


Rent to be paid by the Canteen Contractor

Member Secretary informed the members that Board had invited quotations for running of the canteen facilities in the Board office. Accordingly, 5 no. of quotes were received. The highest bidder being Shri Sateri Bhiramndani Kelbai Mahila Mandal, Sattari Goa (SSBKMM) was awarded the contract for running the canteen services and contract was signed accordingly, as per the contract the Self Help Group was deposit equivalent to two month's rent with the Board, with a monthly quoted rent of Rs. 8001/- per month. The Self Help Group


failed to pay the rent to the Board, accordingly reminders letters were sent however, no response is received. They then represented to the Board vide their letter dated 02/12/2021 and 11/02/2022 for reduction in the monthly rent as it was not affordable to make payment due to less business.

Members perused the agenda notes and noted that reduction / waiver of rent may not be advisable as the quote was submitted through a quotation. It was further decided to explore recovering the outstanding rent from the Self Help Group.

V. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(Dr. Shamila Monteiro)
Member Secretary



(Mahesh K. Patil)
Chairman