

MAHARASHTRA WATER RESOURCES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Minutes of 07/2023 Authority Meeting
24th May, 2023 Time: 12:30 p.m.

The Chairperson **Dr. Sanjay Chahande** and the following Members attended the meeting:-

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| i. | Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni | Member (WRE) |
| ii. | CA. Shwetali Thakare | Member (Eco) |
| iii. | Dr. Sadhana Mahashabde | Member (Law) |

Other Officers:-

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| i. | Dr. Ramnath Sonawane | Secretary |
| ii. | Shri. Mallikarjun Dharne | Director |
| iii. | Shri. Rohan Sodal | Dy. Director |
| iv. | Smt. Anita Dethe | Accounts Officer |

The Secretary welcomed the Chairperson and all the members present in the meeting. The Chairperson after ascertaining the requisite quorum called the meeting to order to take up the following agenda items for discussion, deliberation and decisions.

ITEM No. 1

To confirm the minutes of previous 06/23 Meeting held on 10/05/2023.

The minutes of 06/23 Authority Meeting are confirmed.

ITEM No. 2

Govt. Resolution/Correspondence for Information or adoption;

Nil

ITEM No.3

Action Taken Report

The Authority has taken note of the ATR.

ITEM No. 4

To consider the Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority, Mumbai for FY 2020-2021.

The Secretary submitted that, Compliance of the Para's mentioned in draft Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority, Mumbai for FY 2020-2021 was submitted to the office of Comptroller and Auditor General with the approval of the Authority vide office letter No. MWRRA/SAR/2021-22/263 dated 17/04/2023.

The CAG has now communicated deficiencies noticed in the Annual Accounts for the year 2020-21 with Separate Audit Report through letter to the

management vide a letter no. SAR/MWRRA/2020-21/8 dated 18/05/2023 which is attached herewith as Annexure-A. This report needs to be adopted by the Authority and then forwarded to the Government in accordance with Section 19 (4) of MWRRA Act 2005 for laying it before the State Legislature. The Authority has gone through the Separate Audit Report and decided to adopt.

Resolution No. 171

It is resolved that, Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority, Mumbai for FY 2020-2021 is hereby adopted and the Secretary is directed to forward it to the Government in accordance with Section 19 (4) of MWRRA Act 2005 for laying it before the State Legislature.

ITEM No. 5

To consider the Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority, Mumbai for FY 2021-2022.

The Secretary submitted that, Compliance of the Para's mentioned in draft Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority, Mumbai for FY 2021-2022 was submitted to the office of Comptroller and Auditor General with the approval of the Authority vide office letter No. MWRRA/SAR/2021-22/264 dated 17/04/2023.

The CAG has now communicated deficiencies noticed in the Annual Accounts for the year 2021-22 with Separate Audit Report through letter to the management vide a letter no. SAR/MWRRA/2021-22/9 dated 18/05/2023 which is attached herewith as Annexure-B. This report needs to be adopted by the Authority and then forwarded to the Government in accordance with Section 19 (4) of MWRRA Act 2005 for laying it before the State Legislature. The Authority has gone through the Separate Audit Report and decided to adopt.

Resolution No. 172

It is resolved that, Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority, Mumbai for FY 2021-2022 is hereby adopted and the Secretary is directed to forward it to the Government in accordance with Section 19 (4) of MWRRA Act 2005 for laying it before the State Legislature.

ITEM No. 6

To consider and give clearance to Four High Level Barrages on Purna River in Hingoli and Parbhani Districts u/s 11(f) of MWRRA Act 2005 as proposed by ED, GMIDC.

The Secretary submitted that, a detailed office note has been circulated. The proposal received from the project proponents ED, GMIDC has been scrutinized in the light of provisions contained in Section 11(f) of the MWRRA

Act 2005 and the policy for clearance of Water Resource Projects. Hon' Members have offered their comments and Hon' Chairman has given his approval to submit the proposal for clearance in the Authority's meeting.

The Authority considered the proposal and decided to give clearance to Four High Level Barrages on Purna River in Hingoli and Parbhani Districts u/s 11(f) of MWRRA Act 2005 as proposed by ED, GMIDC.

Resolution No. 173

It is hereby resolved that, clearance to Four High Level Barrages on Purna River in Hingoli and Parbhani Districts u/s 11(f) of MWRRA Act 2005 as proposed by ED, GMIDC is hereby given and the Secretary is directed to communicate the same to the project proponent.

ITEM No. 7

To consider and give approval to the appointments of candidates selected through Walk-in interview held on 17th May 2023 for the posts of i) Deputy Director (Economics) ii) Under Secretary as per the recommendations of the "Officers Selection Committee".

The Secretary submitted that, Officers' Selection Committee interviewed the following candidates for the post of Deputy Director (Economics).

1. Shri. Dattatray Sabale
2. Shri. Manoj Awalgaonkar

Shri. Manoj Awalgaonkar was found ineligible due to his educational qualification.

The Authority has unanimously given approval to appoint Shri. Dattatray Sabale, for the post of Deputy Director (Economics) in accordance with the recommendation of the Officers' Selection Committee.

The Secretary further submitted that, the Officers' Selection Committee interviewed the following candidate for the post of Assistant Director (Entitlement);

1. Shri. Manoj Awalgaonkar
2. Shri. Abhay Rathod

The Officers' Selection Committee found Shri. Abhay Rathod ineligible due to his educational qualification and Shri. Manoj Awalgaonkar was eligible in terms of educational qualifications and experience. However, his performance in interview was not satisfactory. Therefore, the Officers Selection Committee unanimously decided not to recommend his name.

The Officers' Selection Committee interviewed the following candidates for the post of Under Secretary;

1. Shri. Shashank Barave
2. Shri. Sanjeev Keluskar
3. Shri. Pradeep Kumar Chauvan
4. Shri. Ramesh D'Souza

The Officers' Selection Committee recommended the name of Shri. Ramesh D'Souza for the post of Under Secretary however, the Authority observed that he did not fulfill the criteria of upper age limit. Therefore, the Authority unanimously decided not to recommend any candidate for the post of Under Secretary.

Resolution No. 174

It is hereby resolved that, approval is hereby given to appoint Shri. Dattatray Sabale as Deputy Director (Economics) on contract basis for a period of one year as per the terms and conditions stipulated in the regulations. The Secretary is directed to issue the appointment order.

It is further resolved that, the post of Under Secretary should be kept vacant.

ITEM No. 8

To consider and give approval to the appointments candidates selected through Walk-in interview held on 17th May 2023 for the posts of i) Desk Officer ii) Clerical Assistant as per the recommendations of the "Staff Selection Committee".

The Secretary submitted that, Staff Selection Committee interviewed the following candidates for the post of Desk Officer.

1. Shri. Ravindra Dhamanikar
2. Shri. Dnyaneshwar Sapate
3. Shri. Rameshwar Dhadankar
4. Shri. Sanjeev Keluskar

The Staff Selection Committee recommended the name of Shri. Sanjeev Keluskar for the post of Desk Officer.

The Authority has unanimously given approval to appoint Shri. Sanjeev Keluskar as Desk Officer in accordance with the recommendation of the Staff Selection Committee.

The Secretary further submitted that, Staff Selection Committee interviewed the following candidates for the post of Clerical Assistant.

1. Smt. Sayali Sarvankar
2. Smt. Nirmala Bhatiya
3. Shri. Rameshwar Dhadankar
4. Shri. Nimbaji Ingale
5. Smt. Kashmira Kailashi

Smt. Kashmira Kailashi was found ineligible due to upper age limit.

The Staff Selection Committee recommended the names of Shri. Rameshwar Dhadankar and Shri. Nimbaji Ingale for the posts of Clerical Assistant.

The Authority has unanimously given approval to appoint Shri. Rameshwar Dhadankar and Shri. Nimbaji Ingale for the posts of Clerical Assistant in accordance with the recommendations of the Staff Selection Committee.

Resolution No. 175

It is hereby resolved that, approval is hereby given to appoint Shri. Keluskar as Desk Officer on contract basis for a period of one year as per the terms and conditions stipulated in the regulations. The Secretary is directed to issue the appointment order.

It is further resolved that, approval is hereby given to appoint Shri. Rameshwar Dhadankar and Shri. Nimbaji Ingale as Clerical Assistants on contract basis for a period of one year as per the terms and conditions stipulated in the regulations. The Secretary is directed to issue the appointment orders.

ITEM No. 9

To consider and give approval for the reappointment of Shri. P.R. Khire as an Expert to assist the Authority.

The Secretary submitted that, a detailed office note has been circulated. The Secretary proposed reappointment of Shri. P.R. Khire as an Expert under regulation 26 of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2013 for a period of 1 year on honorarium of Rs. 1,00,000/-(One Lakh per month).

The Authority considered the proposal and gave approval to appoint Shri. Prabhakar Khire as an Expert for a period of 6 months with retrospective effect from 17th May 2023. The Authority directed Secretary to fix the honorarium on the basis of the amount of previous honorarium paid plus hike in dearness allowance applicable from 1st of January 2023.

Resolution No. 176

It is resolved that, approval is hereby given to appoint Shri. Prabhakar Khire for a period of 6 months with retrospective effect from 17th May 2023. The Authority directed Secretary to fix the honorarium on the basis of the amount of previous honorarium paid plus hike in dearness allowance applicable from 1st of January 2023.

VOTE OF THANKS:

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairperson and the Members present.

Date: 24/05/2023

Place: Mumbai.

**Sd/-
Dr. Sanjay Chahande
Hon' Chairman**