

MAHARAHSTRA WATER RESOURCES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Minutes of 09/2023 Authority Meeting
12th July, 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. Narendra Tayde | Director |
| iv. | Shri. Rohan Sodal | Dy. Director |
| v. | Shri. Ramesh Desouza | Section Officer |
| vi. | Smt. Anita Dethé | 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 08/23 Meeting held on 21/06/2023.

The minutes of 08/23 Authority Meeting are confirmed.

ITEM No. 2

Govt. Resolution/Correspondence for Information or adoption;

- i. राज्य शासकिय व इतर पात्र कर्मचा-यांना अनुज्ञेय महागाई भत्याच्या दरात दिनांक १ जानेवारी २०२३ पासून सुधारणा करण्याबाबत वित्त विभाग, शासन निर्णय क्र. मभवा १३२३/प्र.क्र.६/सेवा-९ दि. ३० जून २०२३.

The Authority has unanimously decided to adopt this GR. AR to be issued accordingly.

ITEM No.3

Action Taken Report

Nil

ITEM No. 4

To consider and to give opinion to Water Resource Department in response to the letter received from Desk Officer vide a letter no. लोलेस-2022/(285/22)/सिन्व्य (धोरण) दि. 26/12/2022.

The Secretary circulated a detailed office note along with the draft reply for consideration of the Authority. The Authority perused the contents of the Audit Objections raised by the Controller and Auditor General of India and the recommendation 3.180 of the Public Accounts Committee.

The Authority decided to approve the draft reply and directed Secretary to send it to Water Resource Department.

ITEM No. 5

To consider and give post facto approval for appointment of Legal Expert.

The Secretary circulated the proposal in accordance with the recommendations of the Selection Committee constituted for the selection of Legal Expert. The Secretary submitted that, the appointment letter has already been issued and Mrs. Rujuta Bhise has joined on 03/07/2023. The Authority considered the proposal and decided to give post facto approval for the appointment of Mrs. Rujuta Bhise as Legal Expert.

Resolution No. 178

It is hereby resolved that, post facto approval for the appointment of Mrs. Rujuta Bhise as Legal Expert is hereby given.

ITEM No. 6

To consider and give clearance to Babhali Medium Project, Tal-Dharmabad, District- Nanded u/s 11(f) of MWRRA Act.

The Secretary submitted that, the proposal submitted by the project proponent for clearance to Babhali Medium Project, Tal- Dharmabad, District- Nanded has been circulated.

The Authority considered the proposal in the light of provisions contained in Section 11(f) of MWRRA Act 2005 and the Policy for Clearance of Water Resource Project.

The Authority found the proposal in conformity with the provisions contained in Section 11(f) of the MWRRA Act 2005 and decided to give clearance.

The Authority directed Secretary to submit the draft letter for clearance to the Chairman.

Resolution No. 179

It is hereby resolved that, the clearance is hereby given to Babhali Medium Project, Tal- Dharmabad, District- Nanded u/s 11(f) of MWRRA Act.

ITEM No. 7

To consider the proposal received from the project proponent for clearance to Damanganga Pinjal, River Link Project, District – Palghar-Nashik u/s 11(f) of MWRRA Act and approve the draft letter seeking the clarification on the status of the consent of the State of Gujarat.

The Secretary submitted that, the proposal submitted by the project proponent for clearance to Damanganga Pinjal, River Link Project, District – Palghar - Nashik has been circulated. The Authority considered the proposal in the light of provisions contained in Section 11(f) of MWRRA Act 2005 and the Policy for Clearance of Water Resource Project. The Authority found the proposal is not in conformity with the provisions contained in Section 11(f) of the MWRRA Act 2005 and decided to obtain the required information from the Project proponent. The Secretary also submitted the draft letter regarding the compliance required from the project proponent. The Authority perused the contents of draft letter and given its approval with some modifications. The

Authority further directed Secretary to send the letter immediately as per the revised draft.

ITEM No. 8

Any other subject with the approval / permission of the Chairperson.

Nil.

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

Date: 12/07/2023

Place: Mumbai.

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