

MAHARASHTRA WATER RESOURCES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Minutes of 05/2022 Authority Meeting
22nd September 2022, Time 12:00 p.m.

The Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| i. Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni | Member (WRE) - through VC |
| ii. Mrs. Shwetali Thakare | Member (Economics) |
| iii. Dr. Sadhana Mahashabde | Member (Law) |

Other Officers:-

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| i. Dr. Ramnath Sonawane | Secretary |
| ii. Shri. Rohan Sodal | Dy. Director |
| iii. Shri. Dilip Patole | Asst. Director |
| iv. Shri Arunkumar Kalkhair | Administrative Officer |
| v. Shri. Prabhakar Khire | Consultant |

Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni Member (WRE) proposed and Dr. Sadhana Mahashabde, Member (Law) seconded that Mrs. Shwetali Thakare, Member (Eco) to chair the meeting in accordance with the provisions of section 9 (2) of MWRRA Act, 2005 read with regulation 9 (5) of MWRRA (Conduct of Business) Regulations 2013. The Secretary welcomed all the members present in the meeting.

With the permission of the chairperson, the meeting commenced to take up the following agenda items which were discussed and deliberated.

ITEM NO. 1

To confirm the minutes of previous 04/22 Meeting held on 27/04/2022.

The minutes of 04/22 Authority Meeting were confirmed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2

GR for adoption and information of the Authority:-

- प्रसुती रजा संदर्भात सेवा कालावधीची अट वगळण्याबाबत महाराष्ट्र शासन वित्त विभाग शासन निर्णय क्र. प्ररजा-२०१५/प्र.क्र.२५/सेवा-६ दि. १५ जानेवारी २०१६.
- राज्य शासकीय व इतर पात्र कर्मचारी आणि सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचा-यांना दिनांक १ जुलै २०२१ रोजी देय असलेल्या ७ व्या वेतन आयोगाच्या थकबाकीच्या तिस-या हप्त्याचे प्रदान करण्याबाबत शासन निर्णय क्र. वेपुर-२०१९/प्र.क्र.८/सेवा-९, दि. ९ मे २०२२.

Resolution No. 128

It is hereby resolved that, the GR महाराष्ट्र शासन वित्त विभाग शासन निर्णय क्र. प्ररजा-२०१५/प्र.क्र.२५/सेवा-६ दि. १५ जानेवारी २०१६ and शासन निर्णय क्र. वेपुर-२०१९/प्र.क्र.८/सेवा-९, दि. ९ मे २०२२ have been adopted.

ITEM No.3

Action Taken Report – Nil.

ITEM No. 4

Matters for information of the Authority:

- Clearance given to the Water Resource Project under Section 11 (f) of MWRRA Act 2005 for information and perusal of the Authority.

- b) प्राधिकरणातील कंत्राटी तत्वावरील अधिकारी/कर्मचा-यांच्या नविनिकरणाचा प्रस्ताव सन 2022.

The Authority has taken note of the above mentioned matters.

ITEM No. 5

Adoption of Statement of Accounts for FY 2020-21.

The Statement of Accounts for the FY 2020-21 prepared by Accounts Officer and the Secretary was placed before the Authority for adoption. The Secretary stated that, the Statement of Accounts has been audited by M/s. Bilimori Mehta & Company the Chartered Accountant Firm appointed for conducting the internal audit. The Statement of Accounts along with the report of the CA Firm have been perused by the Members.

Resolution No. 129

It is hereby resolved that, the Statement of Accounts for FY 2020-21 has been adopted by the Authority. The Secretary is authorized to submit the Statement of Accounts to the office of the Accountant General for Audit as contemplated under Section 19 of the MWRRA Act 2005.

ITEM No. 6

Annual Report for 2020-21 for the approval of the Authority and forwarding it to the State Govt.

The Draft Annual Report (both in English and Marathi) prepared by the Secretary has been submitted for approval, the Authority has perused the report.

Resolution No. 130

It is hereby resolved that, the Annual Report for the FY 2020-21 is hereby approved. The secretary is authorized to get it printed and forward it to the Government as contemplated under Section 20 of the MWRRA Act 2005.

ITEM No. 7

- a) Certified Accounts of the Authority and Audit Report for FY 2017-18 received from the office of the AG for information and for approval to forward it to the State Government.
- b) Certified Accounts of the Authority and Audit Report for FY 2018-19 received from the office of the AG for information and for approval to forward it to the State Government.
- c) Certified Accounts of the Authority and Audit Report for FY 2019-20 received from the office of the AG for information and for approval to forward it to the State Government.

The secretary briefed the Authority about the Audit of Authority's Statement of Accounts for FY 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 conducted by the office of Accountant General as contemplated under Section 19 (2) and (3) of the MWRRA Act 2005. The Accounts Officer and the Secretary have also submitted the Certified Accounts and Audit Reports.

The Authority has considered the Reports carefully. The Authority has also considered the compliance reports submitted by the Accounts Officer through the Secretary.

Resolution No. 131

It is hereby resolved that, the Certified Accounts along with Audit Reports prepared by the office of the Accountant General for FY 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 have been adopted.

It is further resolved that, the Secretary is directed to forward the Certified Accounts and Audit Reports separately for each year to the Government as contemplated under Section 19 (4) of MWRRA Act 2005.

It is further resolved that, the Secretary is directed to submit the compliance reports to the office of the Accountant General.

ITEM No. 8

To review and revise the Criteria for Distribution of Entitlement by the River Basin Agencies as contemplated under section 11 (a) of the MWRRA Act.

The Secretary has submitted a brief note prepared by Shri. Prabhakar Khire (Expert) regarding the status of entitlement to be issued under Section 11 of MWRRA Act 2005 along with the Criteria and the Technical Manual adopted for issuance of entitlement under Maharashtra Water Sector Improvement Project (MWSIP) sponsored by the World Bank. The Secretary also brought it to the notice of the Authority that the entitlements have been issued only in 256 (231 under MWSIP and 25 other) projects. The secretary has been requesting the Executive Directors of all five Irrigation Development Corporations to provide the details of entitlements issued. However, except a partial compliance from VIDC, MKVIDC and KIDC, the details about the issuance of entitlement have not been provided by the EDs of the IDCs. Consequently, the monitoring of issuance of entitlement by the Authority could not be done effectively.

The Chairperson of the meeting and Hon' Member (Eco) suggested that, on behalf of the Authority, the secretary should direct all EDs of all IDCs to submit the data within a period of one month and also schedule meetings with them.

Resolution No. 132

It is hereby resolved that, secretary should direct all EDs of all IDCs to submit the data within a period of one month and also schedule meetings with them.

ITEM No. 9

प्राधिकरणात कार्यरत १) श्रीमती अपर्णा धनमेहेर, लेखा सहायक २) श्रीमती मिनल भावसर, लिपिक-टंकलेखक ३) श्रीमी स्नेहल वैदा, स्वागतकार यांच्या कत्राटी तत्वावरील नियुक्ती कालावधीचे नविनिकरण/नूतनीकरण करणेबाबत विचारविनिमय करुण निर्णय घेणे.

The Secretary submitted that, the file for the renewal of contractual appointment of three employees was circulated. Hon' Member (Eco) has suggested that, the contractual appointment of three employees should be renewed with upward revision in their consolidated remuneration under Regulation 20(4). Hon' Member (Law) also agreed with the interpretation of Member (Eco). The Secretary submitted that the employees is entitled for upward revision only if he is reappointed. Renewal of a contract is proposed under Regulation 20(3) under which there is no provision of upward revision. This issue of distinction between renewal and re-appointment was discussed and deliberated at length.

Hon' Member (WRE) opined that, the provisions of regulation 20(3) and 20(4) are not contradictory. Regulation 20(3) provides for renewal of a contractual appointment and the period of such appointment. Whereas, Regulation 20(4) provides for fixation of

consolidated remuneration with upward revision. Hon' Member (Law) also agreed with this interpretation of Regulation 20(3) and 20(4). In view of this interpretation the Authority unanimously decided to renew the appointments of the above mentioned employees for a period of two years commencing from 01/10/2022 to 30/09/2024 with upward revision in the prescribed pay scale mentioned in Appendix – A.

Resolution No. 133

It is hereby resolved that, the appointment of 1) Smt. Aparna Dhanmeher, Accounts Assistant, 2) Smt. Minal Bhavsar, Clerk-Typist, 3) Smt. Snehal Vaidya, Receptionist may be renewed for a further period of two years in accordance with Regulation 20(3) and 20(4) with upward revision in their existing consolidated remuneration.

ITEM No. 10

प्राधिकरणातील कंत्राटी तत्वावर कार्यरत असलेल्या श्रीमती. मानसी विकास परब, लघुलेखक (निम्नश्रेणी) यांचे दि. ०१/१०/२०२२ च्या पुढील कालावधीसाठी नविनिकरण/नूतनीकरण करण्याबाबत विचारविनिमय करून निर्णय घेणे.

The Secretary submitted that, the file for the renewal of contractual appointment Smt. Mansi Parab was circulated in which all facts related to the appointment of Smt. Mansi Parab have been elaborated.

Member (WRE) suggested that in view of the facts mentioned in the proposal for the consideration of the Authority the renewal of the contractual appointment of Mrs. Mansi Parab can be renewed without upward revision in the consolidated remuneration for a period of 6 months or till the final decision is taken after the appointment of Chairman of the Authority, whichever is earlier.

Resolution No. 134

It is resolved that, the contractual appointment of Mrs. Mansi Parab can be renewed without upward revision in the consolidated remuneration for a period of 6 months or till the final decision is taken after the appointment of Chairman of the Authority, whichever is earlier.

ITEM No. 11

श्री. विश्वदिप करंजीकर, सहायक संचालक यांचा दि. २५/०८/२०२२ च्या अर्जावर विचारविनिमय करून निर्णय घेणे.

The Secretary submitted that, the application of Shri. Karanjikar along with a brief note of the administration was circulated. The Authority carefully considered the legal provisions regarding the deputation of an employee of the Authority to other Irrigation Development Corporation and came to the conclusion that, there is no provision for such deputation as requested by Mr. Karanjikar. Hence, his request can not be considered. The Secretary is directed to communicate the decision of the the Authority to Shri. Karanjikar.

ITEM No. 12

अतिरिक्त अमरावती औद्योगिक क्षेत्र (नांदगावपेट) पाणीपुरवठा योजनेचे माहे ०९/२०१९ व १०/२०१९ चे चालू पाणीपट्टी देयकातून दंडणीय रक्कम वजा करण्याबाबत. प्राप्त निवेदनावर विचारविनिमय करून निर्णय देणे.

The Secretary submitted that the representation of Executive Director, Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation, Nagpur, along with the draft reply of the Authority was circulated. However, Hon' Member (Eco) opined that the matter should be kept before the Authority.

The Authority has gone through the contents of letter of Executive Director, Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation, Nagpur. The Authority referred the provisions of

Para 4 of the Tariff Order No. 01/2018. After a careful consideration, the draft reply circulated by the Secretary is approved. The Secretary is directed to send the reply to ED, VIDC, Nagpur.

ITEM No. 13

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

VOTE OF THANKS:

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

Date: 22/09/2022

Place: Mumbai

**Sd/-
Mrs. Shwetali Thakare
Member (Eco)
(Chairperson of the Meeting)**