

MAHARAHSTRA WATER RESOURCES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Minutes of 06/2022 Authority Meeting
20th October 2022, Time 12:00 p.m.

The Following Members attended the meeting:-

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

Other Officers:-

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| i. | Dr. Ramnath Sonawane | Secretary |
| ii. | Shri. Dilip Patole | Asst. Director |
| iii. | Shri Arunkumar Kalkhair | Administrative Officer |
| iv. | Account Officer | Anita Dethe |
| v. | Shri. Prabhakar Khire | Consultant |

Dr. Sadhana Mahashabde, Member (Law) proposed and Smt. Shwetali Thakare, Member (Eco) seconded that Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni Member (WRE) 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 chair, the meeting commenced to take up the following agenda items which were discussed and deliberated.

ITEM NO. 1

To confirm the minutes of previous 05/22 Meeting held on 22/09/2022.

The minutes of 05/22 Authority Meeting were confirmed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 2

GR/Gazette Notification for adoption and Information-

- a) **Gazette Notification received from Finance Department on 30th September 2022, regarding the National Pension System.**
- b) **महाराष्ट्र शासन वित्त विभाग शासन परिपत्रक क्रमांक संकिर्ण 2022/प्र.क्र.112/कोषा- प्रशा 5, दि. 18/10/2022.**

With respect to GR stated at 'a', the Authority directed the secretary to seek clarification regarding the applicability of this GR for the period commencing from 1st November 2005 to 31st March 2015 because there is some ambiguity.

The GR stated at 'b' is adopted and the approval is given to release the salary for the month of October 2022 on 21st October 2022 as stated in the GR.

ITEM No.3

Action Taken Report – Nil.

ITEM No. 4

To offer comments of the Authority on recommendations of Surve Committee for the proposed amendments to Maharashtra Irrigation Act 1976.

The Authority has carefully considered the note circulated by the Secretary. The Authority has also perused the draft comments on behalf of the Authority mentioned in Annexure - A and B. The Authority is of the opinion that on behalf of the Authority comments mentioned in Annexure – A should only be offered to the Water Resource Department as the proposed amendments to various sections of Maharashtra Irrigation Development Act 1976 are directly or indirectly related to the functioning of MWRRA.

Resolution No. 135

It is resolved that, on behalf of the Authority comments mentioned in Annexure-A should only be offered to the Water Resource Department.

ITEM No. 5

To consider and approve draft MWRRA Rules, 2022 and give approval to forward it to WRD.

The Secretary submitted that in view of Section 2 (p) read with Section 30 of the MWRRA Act 2005, the State Government has the powers to frame rules under the Act. The Authority has prepared section wise and subject wise draft rules and forwarded it to the Water Resource Department. Now, the WRD vide its letter dated 01/04/2022 has asked the Authority to give its comments on the draft rules submitted vide Authority's letters dated 20/01/2022, 23/02/2022, and 11/03/2022 in the light of repealed rules 2013.

The Secretary explained that, instead of offering comments on the earlier draft rules he has prepared a revised draft which is consistent with Sections 4(d), 6(2) (4), 7(1) (4), 11(a), 15(6), 16(6), 18, 20(1) (a) and 22(2) (4).

The Authority has carefully considered the draft Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority Rules 2020. The Authority agrees with the submission of the Secretary.

Resolution No. 136

It is resolved that, the draft of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority Rules 2020 is hereby approved and the secretary is directed to forward it to the Water Resource Department with a request to WRD to approve and notify the rules at the earliest.

ITEM No. 6

महाराष्ट्र जलसंपत्ती नियमन प्राधिकरणातील कंत्राटी तत्वावरील अधिकारी/कर्मचा-याचे एकत्रित मासिक पारिश्रामिक सुधारीत करण्याबाबत विचारविनिमय करून निर्णय घेणे.

The Secretary has submitted that a detailed note has been circulated for the consideration of the Hon' Members. The office note explains relevant provisions related to the renewal of contract period of the employees appointed on contractual basis. In the previous meeting the Authority had given its approval to renew the contractual appointments of 3 employees with upward revision in their consolidated remuneration. In the said meeting it was pointed out that, the contractual appointments renewed prior to the meeting held on 22nd September 2022 were renewed without upward revision. Now, 13 employees (excluding the Secretary) have submitted applications with the request to the Authority to revise their consolidated remuneration and pay the amount of difference.

The Authority has carefully considered the relevant provisions and unanimously decided to revise the consolidated remuneration of the 13 employees and the Secretary with retrospective effect.

Resolution No. 137

It is resolved that, the consolidated remuneration being paid to the officers and employees, whose appointments were renewed prior to the meeting held on 22nd September 2022 without upward revision be given the benefit of upward revision in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 20(3) and (4) of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (Recruitment of Conditions of Services of Employees) Regulation 2013.

ITEM No. 7

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: 20/10/2022

Place: Mumbai

**Sd/-
Shri. Sanjay Kulkarni
Member (WRE)
(Chairperson of the Meeting)**