

**Minutes of the 309<sup>th</sup> meeting of KWA held on 18/06/2008 at 2.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall, Kerala Water Authority, Thiruvananthapuram.**

**Members Present:**

1. Sri. K. Jayakumar IAS	Chairman
2. Sri. T. K. Jose IAS	Member (Ex-Officio)
3. Sri. C. Ravindran	Member
4. Sri. M. S. Gopakumar	Member
5. Sri. C. Suresh Babu	Managing Director
6. Sri. T. P. Mohanlal	Technical Member
7. Sri. V. K. Girijavallabhan, IA&AS	Accounts Member

*Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 308<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 31/05/2008*

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the 308<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31/05/2008

*Item No. I (2) Review of action taken in the previous meetings*

The Authority noted the Action Taken Report presented before it.

*Item No. II (1) ARWSS to Pattambi-Design and construction of 2.5mld output capacity water treatment plant at PWD rest house compound, Pattambi in Palakkad District-Tender-Sanction*

Res. No. 7715 The Authority noted that even though the tender was opened on 17/04/2007 the same was presented before the Authority in this meeting only i.e. after more than one year and that undue delay had occurred in processing the tender. The Authority noted the delay with displeasure and **resolved to re-tender the work after revising the estimate with schedule of rate 2008. The Authority directed the Managing Director to obtain the explanation of the concerned officers for the undue delay occurred in the processing of the tender and place before the Authority for its consideration.**

*Item No. II (2) ARWSS to Kaniyambetta-Construction of 7.59 lakh litre capacity GL Reservoir at Kambalakkad in Wayanad District-Tender-Sanction*

Res. No. 7716 The Authority discussed the item in detail and **resolved to accept the tender of Sri. T. T. Balan at his negotiated reduced rate of**

**Rs. 37,04,563/-, which is 45% above estimate rate for working charges and with Rs. 6235/T as cost of cement and Rs. 4350/Q as cost of steel with an overall excess over estimate of 46.03%.**

*Item No. II (3) CARWSS to Angadippuram and adjoining village – Phase III, Supplying & Laying 250mm CI Class B clear water gravity main from GLSR at Cheerattumala to GLSR at Cherkaraparamba in Malappuram District –Work awarded to Sri.M.V.Viswanathan-Request for change of pipe from CI to DI*

Res. No. 7717 The Authority discussed the item in detail and **resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in directing the Chief Engineer (NR) to re-tender the subject work after obtaining deviation sanction from the competent authority for changing the pipe material from 250mm CI Class B to 250mm DI K9, without any risk and cost of original contractor and to opt for a short tender procedure for re tendering,** *as the reasons for change are beyond the control of the contractor*

*Item No. II (4) CARWSS to Angadippuram and adjoining villages-Phase II for Pulamanthole and Karuvambalam villages-Supplying and laying 200mm CI Class A Clear .Water Pumping Main from Treatment Plant site to GLSR at Alampara-Explanation for delay change of pipe material*

Res. No. 7718 The Authority noted the item in detail and **resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in issuing the direction to the Chief Engineer (NR) for retendering the subject work after obtaining deviation sanction from the competent authority for changing the pipe materials from 200mm CI Class A to 200mm DI K9, without any risk and cost of original contractor,** *as the reasons for change are beyond the control of the contractor.*

*Item No. II (5) Augmentation of KWSS Phase II - Construction of 2.25 lakh litres capacity OH tank at Ramankary –Tender sanction*

Res. No. 7719 The Authority resolved to award the work of Construction of 2.25 lakh litres capacity OH tank at Ramankary for Augmentation of KWSS Phase II to M/s. Chacko Scaria & Co., at their negotiated quoted rate of Rs. 16,49,144/- which is 49% above the estimate amount of Rs. 12,94,026/-.

*Item No. III (1) Regularisation of Sri. V. S. Pradeep in the post of Accounts Manager and appointment to the post of FM & CAO*

The Authority discussed the item and directed the Managing Director to invite application for the post of FM & CAO from

candidates having the prescribed qualification and according to the method of appointment prescribed in the existing Special Rules of Kerala Water Authority.

*Item No. III (2) Appointment of Data Base Administrator in Kerala Water Authority*

The Authority observed that the request for regularization of the service cannot be accepted. The Authority however agreed for extending the contract period for five more years so as to get her service to Kerala Water Authority.

*Item No. III (3) Appointment of consultant in finance wing of KWA*

Res. No. 7720 The Authority discussed the item in detail and **resolved to hire the service of Smt. B. S. Rema, partner of M/s. Ram & Co. Chartered Accountant at a lump sum ~~contract~~ amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- inclusive of all taxes and duties for the finalization of the account of 2005-06 to 2007-08 ( three years) and for the preparation of Administrative Report from 2004-05 to 2007-08 with the condition that the entire work is completed by the end of December 2008.**

*Item No. III (4) Estt. – Regularisation of provisional unqualified employees coming under the purview of the judgment dated 19/9/1990 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.*

Res. No. 7721 The Authority **resolved to address Government for regularizing the 22 unqualified provisional employees with effect from 07.09.1994 and regularize the five persons (excluded from the order) with effect from 07.09.1994 with notional fixation and counting the service for pension**

*Item No. III (5) Estt. – Pay Revision Cell – Granting Honourarium to the staff nominated to Pay Revision Cell*

Res. No. 7722 The Authority noted the item and **resolved to issue letter of appreciation of the Authority along with good service entry to the staff nominated to the Pay Revision Cell for the excellent dedicated service rendered by them to the Pay Revision Committee for the finalization of the report and for streamlining the implementation of the Pay Revision Order.**

*Item No. III (6)* *Estt. – Compliance of Judgment of Hon'ble High Court dated, 07.08.2002 and 17.09.2007 in OP No. 3600/93 C and WA No. 2815/2002 B respectively – Regularization of Shri. V. S. Krishna Kumar, K.V.Prabhakaran and C.J.Jose as Cleaners.*

Res. No. 7723 The Authority resolved to regularize/absorb Shri. V. S. Krishnakumar, Shri. K. V. Prbhakaran and Shri. C. J. Jose as cleaners/Full time sweeper with effect from 04.05.1985, 05.03.1984 and 05.03.1984 respectively and to fix their pay notionally without arrears, subject to ratification of Government.

*Item No. III (7)* *Posting of Law Officer Grade II*

Res. No. 7724 The Authority after considering the agenda note and the legal opinion received from Sri. Padmanabhan Nair resolved to seek the advice of the Government on the operation of the post of Law Office Grade II sanctioned vide GO (Rt) No. 722/98/Ird dated 10/6/1998 then issued for the provisional promotion of Sri. Mathew Cherian.

*Item No. IV (1)* *Proposal for Water Supply Scheme to Ayipuzha – Kalampara area in Koodali panchayat and Water Supply Scheme to Parakkamala in Ayyankunu panchayat in Kannur District – Sanction under State Plan*

Res. No. 7725 The Authority considered the proposal and resolved to approve the proposals for the following schemes to be taken up under State Plan Head-11 Rural WSS – LIC Matching Assistance

1. WSS to Ayipuzha to Kallampara area in Ward No. III & IV of Koodali Panchayat – Rs. 39.00 lakhs
2. WSS to Parakkamala in Ayyankunu Panchayat in Kannur District – Rs. 58.00 lakhs

*Item No. IV (2)* *Preparation of Detailed Project Report and Environment Impact Assessment report for doing the balance works of Pamba Action Plan - Tenders invited - Inordinate delay in ensuring funds - Release of EMD to the firms*

Res. No. 7726 The Authority discussed the item in detail it is observed that even though Government was addressed to the required funds no reply has been received. The tender received were kept pending for proessing as Administrative Sanction could not be issued for want of funds. The validity of the tenders were got extended thrice and already two firms had withdraw the validity. Considering all these facts, the Authority resolved to cancel the tender and to return the earnest money deposit of the tenderers forthwith.

Item No. IV (3) നബാർഡിന്റെ സഹായത്തോടെ 750 കോടി രൂപ ചെലവു മതിയ്ക്കുന്ന കുടിവെള്ള പദ്ധതികളുടെ ഉദ്ഘാടനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ചു പത്രങ്ങളിൽ പരസ്യം നൽകിയത് സാധൂകരിക്കുന്നതു സംബന്ധിച്ച്.

Res. No. 7727 നബാർഡ് സഹായത്തോടെ 750 കോടി രൂപ ചെലവു പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്ന പ്രത്യേക പാക്കേജ് പദ്ധതികളുടെ ശില്പശാലയും പ്രഖ്യാപനവും സംബന്ധിച്ച തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തു നടത്തിയ പരിപാടിക്ക് ചെലവായ 12,31,158 രൂപ അംഗീകരിക്കാൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചു.

Item No. IV (4) 'വാസ്കോൺ' - കൺസൾട്ടൻസി വിഭാഗത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് പരസ്യം നൽകുന്നത് സംബന്ധിച്ച്.

Res. No. 7728 കേരള വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റിയുടെ കൺസൾട്ടൻസി വിഭാഗമായ 'വാസ്കോണി'ന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് പി.ആർ.ഡി ലിസ്റ്റിലുള്ള മലയാള പത്രങ്ങൾക്കും ഹിന്ദു, ഇന്ത്യൻ എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് എന്നീ ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് ദിനപത്രങ്ങൾക്കും (കേരള എഡിഷൻ) പരസ്യ ചാർജ്ജിനത്തിൽ നൽകിയതും, ഉദ്ഘാടനം, ശില്പശാല എന്നിവയുടെ ചെലവിന്റേയും തുകയായ 5,93,877 രൂപയ്ക്ക് അതോറിറ്റി അംഗീകാരം നൽകിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

Item No. IV (5) കേരള വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റി എംപ്ലോയീസ് യൂണിയൻ (സി.ഐ.ടി.യു)-ന്റെ സംസ്ഥാന മന്ദിരോദ്ഘാടനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് ദേശഭിമാനി പുറത്തിറക്കുന്ന സപ്ലിമെന്റിൽ പരസ്യം നൽകണമെന്ന അപേക്ഷയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച്.

Res. No. 7729 കേരള വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റി എംപ്ലോയീസ് യൂണിയൻ (സി.ഐ.ടി.യു)-ന്റെ സംസ്ഥാന മന്ദിരോദ്ഘാടനം, ജലമേഖലാ പഠന കേന്ദ്രം എന്നിവയുടെ ഉദ്ഘാടനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് ദേശഭിമാനി ദിനപത്രത്തിന്റെ സപ്ലിമെന്റിൽ 10000 രൂപ വില മതിയ്ക്കുന്ന പരസ്യം നൽകിയ മാനേജിംഗ് ഡയറക്ടറുടെ നടപടി ശരിവെച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

Item No. IV (6) കിസാൻ സഭ സംസ്ഥാന സമ്മേളന സുവനീറിൽ 15,000 രൂപയുടെ പരസ്യം നൽകണമെന്ന ബഹു. എം.എൽ.എ ശ്രീ. മാങ്കോട് രാധാകൃഷ്ണന്റേ കത്ത്.

Res. No. 7730 കിസാൻ സഭ സംസ്ഥാന സമ്മേളന സുവനീർ പരസ്യത്തിന് ഫുൾ പേജ് ബ്ലാക്ക് & വൈറ്റ് 10000 രൂപ മതിയ്ക്കുന്ന പരസ്യം നൽകിയ നടപടി സാധൂകരിക്കുന്നതിന് തീരുമാനിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

Item No. IV (7) Rate revision of 'The Hindu' daily

Res. No. 7731 The Authority resolved to accept the revision proposed by 'The Hindu' with effect from 01/04/2008 retrospectively and making payments against their advertisement charges accordingly.

*Item No. IV (8) RWSS to Chavara Pump House at Karithura – Request for mining in the land possessed by Kerala Water Authority by the Indian Rare Earths Limited - Ratification*

The Authority noted item and directed the Managing Director to obtain the explanation of the Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kollam on the circumstances under which permission was granted to M/s. Indian Rare Earths Ltd. to the mining without obtaining prior permission from the competent Authority for its consideration on the request of ratification of his action.

*Item No. IV (9) Performance Evaluation of Standing Counsels*

The Authority reviewed the evaluation report presented before it and directed the Managing Director to present before it the total No. of cases appeared by each advocate for Kerala Water Authority, the No. of cases ordered in favour and against Kerala Water Authority for its consideration.

*Item No. IV (10) Appointment of Advocate to the Hon'ble Lok Ayukta*

Res. No. 7732 **The Authority resolved to appoint Sri. Punchakkary G. Raveendran Nair, Advocate as standing council of Kerala Water Authority in addition to Sri. Sudheeshkumar for conducting cases before the Honourable Lok Ayuktha until further orders at the existing terms and conditions for appointment of standing council.**

*Item No. V (1) KWA-Estt. – Promotion of Executive Engineer as Deputy Chief Engineer/ Superintending Engineer – Proposal*

Res. No. 7733 **The Authority resolved to promote Smt. B. Malathy, Executive Engineer, Public Health Division, Kozhikode as Superintending Engineer/Deputy Chief Engineer provisionally in the existing vacancy.**

*Item No. V (2) VC-15/00/PKD – Allegation against Sri. M. Gopalakrishnan, Assistant Executive Engineer (former), P.H. Sub Division, Chittoor – Releasing of DCRG – Orders issued*

Res. No. 7734 **The Authority noted the item and resolved to release the pensionary benefits to Sri.M.Gopalakrishnan after getting a bond and undertaking that he is ready to remit the amount if quantified as liability in future.**

*Item No. V (3) CRWSS to Manimala and adjoining villages - Design, Construction and Commissioning of 9 mld water treatment plant at Kulathinkal- tender*

Res. No. 7735 The Authority discussed the item in detail and resolved to award the works of Design, Construction and Commissioning of 9 mld water treatment plant at Kulathinkal for CRWSS to Manimala and adjoining villages to M/s. Blue Chip Constructions at their quoted rate of Rs. 282.00 lakhs which is 61.79% above the estimate rate based on 1999 IPD norms

*Item No. V (4) KWA-Estt. – Appointment of Lower Division Typist Sri.V. Vijayan - Request for extension of joining time for the period from 24/04/2008 to 03/07/2008 (72 days)*

Res. No. 7736 The Authority resolved to sanction 72 days (up to 03/07/2008) time for joining duty with effect from 24/04/2008 to Sri V Vijayan as per rules, considering the fact that the incumbent has to get relieved office service at the present organization. If he fails the to join duty on or before 03-07-2008 his appointment in Kerala Water Authority will be cancelled without further notice

*Item No. V (5) KWA - Estt - Waiving of liabilities (HBA) in respect of Sri.K.Muraleedharan Nair (late) Head Operator died-in-harness while working at Sewerage South Sub Division, Kuriathy*

Res. No. 7737 The Authority resolved to write off Rs.84091/- (Rupees Eighty Four Thousand and Ninety One only) towards House Building Advance of Sri.K.Muraleedharan Nair, Head Operator who expired on 07.03.2007 while working of Sewerage South Sub Division, Kuriathy as per the rules in G.O.(P)No.591/97/Fin dated, 17.06.97 and G.O.(P)No. 5/99/Ird dated, 03.02.99.

*Item No. V (6) KWA-Estt. Medical Advance – Sri.Sam P.George, L.D.Clerk (HG), Public Health Division, Thiruvalla.*

Res. No. 7738 The Authority resolved to sanction an amount of Rs.2,07,092/- (Rupees Two lakhs seven thousand and ninety two only) to Sri.Sam P.George, L.D.Clerk (HG), Public Health Division, Thiruvalla for treatment of himself for surgery for Multiple Myeloma subject to the following conditions.

1. The advance shall be utilized within three months or else it should be refunded in full along with 12%

simple interest, immediately on expiring of three months. Utilization certificate should be furnished to the Loan Disbursing Authority within three months of receipt of the loan.

2. The amount shall be adjusted against the final claim within six months and any balance amount remaining unadjusted along with 12% simple interest shall be recovered from the salary of the incumbent @ 500/- per month.
3. The sanction of the medical claim of the incumbent shall be subject to the rules, applicable to Kerala Water Authority.
4. An undertaking shall be obtained to the above effect before disbursing the advance sanctioned.
5. Un-recovered balance if any shall be recovered from the DCRG of the incumbent.

*Item No. V (7)*      *Delay in publishing display advertisement by 'Mathrubhumi'*

Res. No. 7739      The Authority noted the item and after discussion **resolved to honour the bill and make payment of the advertisement published in the Mathrubhumi daily on 17/01/2008 considering the longstanding relations with them.**

*Item No. V (8)*      *Performance award to best Revenue Division – Decision taken on Item no. II (2) in the 308th meeting of KWA held on 31/05/2008.*

Res. No. 7740      The Authority noted the item and **resolved to approve the draft procedure prepared for selecting the best division as noted below.**

1. The division that has achieved maximum Target will be given 50% merit.
2. The division that has done maximum meter replacements effectively gets 10%.
3. The division that had issued maximum Revenue Recovery notices correctly gets 15%.
4. The division that utilizes its capacity efficiently gets 15%.
5. The division that has largest number of connections gets a weightage of 10%.

### ***General Item***


Res. No. 7741      The Chairman informed the Authority about the discussion that happened in the Legislative Assurance Committee Meeting held on 17/06/2008 regarding the acute drinking water pollution in the

Kuttanad area. The Committee had expressed their anxiety about the precarious and ever worsening condition under which the inhabitants in that area are living and had suggested corrective measures from the side of Government. Chairman was of the opinion that Kerala Water Authority is the right agency to address this issue as both drinking water supply and sanitation are involved. The Authority discussed the issue and **resolved to prepare a detailed study report within a period of 4 months for an integrated programme in water supply and sanitation in Kuttanad area through the consultancy wing of Kerala Water Authority for presentation before National and International Funding Agency.**

Res. No. 7742

The Authority noted that Kerala Water Authority had been awarded with the National Urban Water Award 2008 for their exemplary performance in revenue mobilization and **resolved to place on record its appreciation to the Managing Director, Officers and all staff members who were instrumental for this achievement under stiff competition.**

  
SECRETARY

  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

  
CHAIRMAN