

**Minutes of the 321st meeting of KWA held on 28/03/2009 at
04.00 p.m. in the Mini Conference Hall, Mascot Hotel,
Thiruvananthapuram.**

Members Present:

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| 1. Sri. K. Jayakumar IAS | Chairman |
| 2. Sri. Illickal Augusty | Member |
| 3. Sri. C. Ravindran | Member |
| 4. Sri. C. Suresh Babu | Managing Director |
| 5. Sri. T. P. Mohanlal | Technical Member |
| 6. Sri. V. K. Girijavallabhan, IA & AS | Accounts Member |

Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 320th Meeting held on 18/03/2009

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the 320th meeting held on 18/03/2009

Item No. I (2) Review of Action Taken in the previous meetings

The Authority noted the Action Taken Report presented before it.

Item No. I (3) Status of Ongoing Schemes

The Authority noted the status of ongoing schemes presented before it.

Item No. I (4) Progress of Works Achieved on Schemes Under JNNURM & UIDSSMT

The Authority discussed the report on the progress of works achieved on schemes under JNNURM & UIDSSMT projects presented before it. As per the guideline issued by the Government of India for these schemes Kerala Water Authority expected to impart with the technical knowhow to the local bodies for the implementation of schemes. The local Corporation/Municipality is getting the funds required for the implementation of the projects in their area. These local bodies had since entrusted Kerala Water Authority with the task of implementation of the schemes. For the implementation of the projects several implementation/monitoring committees had since been formed by the Government. The Managing Director had informed that PIU (Project Implementation Units) had since been formed each for each projects. The estimates

prepared by them were submitted to the TAG (Technical Advisory Group) for approval. The approval from TAG had taken considerable time. On getting approval from the TAG tenders are invited by the PIU and against submitted to TAG for approval. Even though the concerned Regional Chief Engineer of Kerala Water Authority is a convener of TAG, the decisions are beyond the control of Kerala Water Authority. Whatever tender excess is coming on tenders invited the local body has to find out the source for this amount. The land required for the project even though identified and informed to the respective local bodies considerable delay had occurred in making available the said lands to the PIU for implementation.

The Managing Director informed that the management of Kerala Water Authority does not have any technical control over the PIU as PIU is expected to report all technical matters to the TAG and in turn TAG will forward its recommendation/observation to the respective local bodies for further necessary action. The local body is expected to give a share debit of 5% of the total cost to Kerala Water Authority in order to account for the establishment expenses incurred for the PIU. The Chairman informed the Authority that there are much criticism from the Government on Kerala Water Authority for the delay occurred in implementing the JNNURM and UIDSSMT projects. The Managing Director informed that Kerala Water Authority can in no way be made responsible for the delay as it has got no powers on finalization of contracts and acquisition of land which attributed the delay what so happened. The Managing Director also informed that an amount of Rs. 21 crores was received from Government of India towards providing safe drinking water in Ambalapuzha and other panchayats under improvement of water supply in quality affected area. This work is linked with the work of augmentation of Alleppey Water Supply Scheme taken up UIDSSMT project which is yet to start due to many reasons beyond the control of Kerala Water Authority. Because of this Kerala Water Authority is not in a position to forward the utilization certificate to Government of India for obtaining further grants. After detailed discussion the Authority directed the Managing Director to review the projects personally in detail and submit a detailed report to Government so as to take appropriate action at Government level. The Authority also directed to follow up with the local bodies for making available the land identified by the PIU for the construction of different units of the projects within minimum time. It was also

suggested that the Committee constituted for monitoring these projects in Government shall be requested to be convened shortly to review the progress made and remove the impediments in the execution.

Item No. II (1)

Budget Estimates for the year 2009-10 and the Revised Estimates for the year 2008-09

Res. No. 8034

The Authority noted the Budget Estimate for the year 2009-10 and the Revised Estimates for the year 2008-09 in detail. The Authority called up on the FM & CAO for a detailed presentation on the different provisions given in the budget. The Authority noted that even though approval was given (subject to prior approval from Government) for taking term loan amounting to Rs. 250 crores from Banks, the same is not reflected in the budget estimate. This has to be incorporated suitably in the budget estimate. The Managing Director informed the Authority that the budget estimate now presented is only an interim one as this has to be revised from 1st of June 2009 which becomes necessary on reorganization of the field offices under Institutional Strengthening Programme already ordered to be effective from 1st June 2009. The Authority after discussions **resolved to approve the budget estimate of the year 2009-10 and revised estimate for the year 2008-09 and to submit the same to Government for approval incorporating the observations made above.**

In the budget estimate the Authority noted that there is considerable increase in the power charges during the last so many years. The power audit already ordered is not properly taken up to get the power bills reduced. Unless stringent action is taken to reduce the power bills, Kerala Water Authority will find it difficult in clearing the bills. The Authority directed the Managing Director that next month onwards there shall be a 15% reduction in all power bills except the pumping stations as a first step. All the employees shall be properly educated about the need to save energy thereby reducing the power bills. The Managing Director also informed the Authority that even though the power consumed in almost all the pumping stations is less, the KSEB is billing Kerala Water Authority for the connected load even if only 50% of the actual connected pumps are running at a time. This attributes the increase in the power bills. The Authority directed the Managing Director to take up the issue with the concerned KSEB office for the redressal of these complaints.

The Managing Director informed the Authority that subsequent to the transfer of all the single panchayat schemes to the respective panchayat, there will be considerable saving in the power bills which will be much higher than the revenue loss that may occur as the income from the street taps is very less compared to the cost incurred in producing and supplying the water in these areas. The Authority directed the Managing Director that all the single panchayat schemes shall be transferred to the respective local bodies along with the operating staff by end of June 2009 and the effect of financial saving shall reflect in the revised budget estimate to be presented later on.

Item No. II (2) Review of billing and collection for the month of January 2009

The Authority reviewed the billing and collection for the month of January 2009.

Item No. III (1) Tender No. KWA/HO/SP-6/2008-09 opened on 21/10/2008 for the supply of PVC pipes

Res. No. 8035

The Authority noted the item in detail. The Managing Director informed that the PVC pipes proposed in the item to be purchased are for the routine maintenance of the existing water supply schemes and a quantity to be purchased is arrived at after considering the stock available in each Division. After discussions the Authority resolved to approve the proposal to enter into contract with the following four firms for the items and rates for the supply of PVC pipes various Divisions of KWA a total value of Rs 1,50,76,938/-

1. M/S MARK PVC PRODUCTS, KOLLAM

size mm	Class in kg	Unit	Rate accepted	Qty	Amount
20	10	Metre	7.60	700	5320.00
25	10	Metre	11.64	416	4842.24
32	10	Metre	19.25	1960	37730.00
40	6	Metre	19.79	9600	189984.00
	10	Metre	29.13	1140	33208.20
50	6	Metre	29.79	11200	333648.00
	10	Metre	46.79	920	43046.80
63	6	Metre	47.64	12000	571680.00
	10	Metre	71.90	930	66867.00
75	6	Metre	67.20	12000	806400.00
90	6	Metre	95.95	11200	1074640.00
	10	Metre	150.45	2680	403206.00
TOTAL					35,70,572.04

2. M/S KAMAL PIPES, KOCHI

size mm	Class in Kg	Unit	Rate accepted	Qty	Amount
25	8	Metre	11.11	200	2222.00
32	8	Metre	17.34	3500	60690.00
40	8	Metre	25.53	800	20424.00
50	8	Metre	39.46	800	31568.00
63	8	Metre	61.15	800	48920.00
75	8	Metre	88.21	800	70568.00
90	8	Metre	123.39	800	98712.00
110	6	Metre	141.1	12000	1693200.00
140	10	Metre	365	1212	442380.00
160	10	Metre	477	1876	894852.00
200	6	Metre	474.5	1600	759200.00
	8	Metre	617.39	200	123478.00
	10	Metre	767.5	100	76750.00
250	6	Metre	758.8	200	151760.00
TOTAL					44,77,724.00

3. M/S SOLAR INDUSTRIES, THRISSUR

size mm	Class in Kg	Unit	Rate accepted	Qty	Amount
75	10	Metre	104.62	1252	130984.24
110	10	Metre	226.12	2395	541557.40
140	6	Metre	226.24	10800	2443392.00
	8	Metre	282.49	250	70622.50
160	6	Metre	287.99	12000	3455880.00
	8	Metre	359.98	500	179990.00
	12.5	Metre	586.4	100	58640.00
TOTAL					68,81,066.14

4. M/S JAIN IRRIGATIONS, JALGAON

size mm	Class in Kg	Unit	Rate accepted	Qty	Amount
110	8	Metre	184.47	800	147576.00

Item No. III (2)

Tender No. KWA/HO/SP-18/2008-09 opened on 12-12-08 for the supply of Hydrated lime conforming to IS No. 1514/1990 on Running Contract basis

Res. No. 8036

The Authority discussed the tender in detail and resolved to approve the purchase of 1700.29 MT of Hydrated Lime required for the year 2009 for 51 destinations of KWA on Running Contract Basis, with the following firms.

M/s. Popular Lime	Rs. 8200/MT	1001.47 MT	Rs. 82,12,054
M/s. P.D Mohanan	Rs. 8600/MT	517.22 MT	Rs. 44,48,092
	Rs. 8342.40/MT	84.70 MT	Rs. 7,06,601
M/s. Surya	Rs. 8000/MT	96.91 MT	Rs. 7,75,280
Total			Rs1,41,42,027

Setting up of PVC pipe manufacturing unit at Kerala Premo Pipe Factory premises

The Authority noted the item in detail the Managing Director informed the Authority that the Premo Pipe Factory Director Board in its meeting held on 26/2/2009 had decided to hand over all its assets and liabilities to Kerala Water Authority to start with the PVC pipe unit. However the Authority observed that no official liquidation had happened to the Premo Pipe Factory and hence the decision taken by the KPPF Director Board does not have legal standing. Unless an official liquidator liquidates the factory Kerala Water Authority cannot take over all the assets and liabilities of KPPF. But a part of the land where there are no constructions can be given to Kerala Water Authority on collecting user fee or rent. Hence the Authority directed the Managing Director to address MD, KPPF to modify its decision taken on 26/2/2009 to give 2.5 acres of land free from all encumbrances to Kerala Water Authority for setting up the PVC factory. On getting the approval of the KPPF Director Board, Government approval may also be obtained.

The Managing Director informed that manufacturing PVC pipes of sizes up to and including 110mm is exclusively reserved for SSI units in Kerala by the Government. Hence KWA cannot go for manufacturing pipes up to 110mm unless being registered as an SSI unit. The major requirement of pipes is from 63mm to 110mm. The requirement above 110mm is meager. Also going for PVC pipes had since reduced as new pipes namely polyethylene pipes having high strength and long life is coming to the market. The Managing Director suggested that instead of going for PVC plant, considering the need of the day including the demand for suitable pipes for conveying domestic cooking gas, it is better to go for PE pipe manufacturing plant. There are no restrictions on sizes issued by the Government in the manufacturing of these pipes and hence KWA can manufacture any size of pipe from time to time as per requirement. The Authority discussed the suggestion in detail and directed the Managing Director to address the Government for reconsideration of its original proposal considering the present market trends and elaborating in detail all the technical and financial aspects.

The Authority noted that the tender for setting up the drinking water bottling plant submitted to Government for approval was

rejected and directed for re-tender. The Authority observed that the reports of the consultant of KWA M/s. KITCO shall be scrutinized and vetted by a technical committee consisting of one representative each from KITCO and KSIDC and three members of KWA namely MD, TM and AM. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to invite an Expression of Interest, ~~Tender~~ for the project. After getting the EoI, all the firms participated shall be asked to give a presentation on their capability. ~~After short-listing,~~ The short listed firms shall be asked to submit their offer in two cover system - Technical as well as financial. After evaluating the technical bids, ~~the selected firms shall be asked to give a detailed presentation on what they expect to execute. After detailed evaluation, the best one or two firms shall be short listed and their financial bids~~ *be* opened for acceptance.

The Authority directed the Managing Director to proceed with the process immediately and once the Election Commission code of conduct is over, the out come of the process shall be placed before the Authority in its meeting to be convened by the end of June 2009 for its consideration.

Item No. IV (1)

ARWSS to Panavoor-Pullampara and Vembayam Panchayath - Construction of 3.97lakh litres capacity OHSR at Alamukku - Tender

Res. No. 8037

The Authority discussed the tender in detail and resolved to accord sanction to award the work of ARWSS to Panavoor-Pullampara and Vembayam Panchayath- Construction of 3.97 lakh litres capacity OHSR at Alamukku to Sri. G.Suresh at a reduced amount of Rs. 95,83,865/-, which is at an overall excess of 50% above tendered PAC of Rs. 68,45,618/- considering that while completing this work the scheme can be commissioned and benefit passed on to the public.

Item No. IV (2)

ARWSS to Kuttampuzha – Supplying and laying Distribution lines in Malavana and Pooyamkutty area and CI Pumping main- Reach III - Tender

Res. No. 8038

The Authority resolved to award the work “ARWSS to Kuttampuzha – Supplying and laying Distribution lines in Malavana and Pooyamkutty area and CI Pumping main-Reach III” to the lowest tenderer Sri. N.A. Francis at a cost of Rs. 74,78,202/- which is 40% above the TPAC of Rs. 53,41,573/- with the condition that the contractor shall pass

on the CED exemption availed to KWA as stipulated in the NIT of the subject work. The Authority further resolved that in case the contractor is not willing to accept the work order at this offered amount, the tender shall be cancelled and retendered.

Item No. IV (3) CARWSS to Kadangode and adjoining villages in Thrissur District-Dismantling 300mm dia AC class-10 pipe and supplying and laying 300mm dia DI K9 pipe (3050m) from Master GL Tank to Varavoor GL Tank-Tender

Res. No. 8039 The Managing Director informed that all the other components of the project had since been completed and the only remaining work is the subject tender. The Authority noted that the work was sanctioned during 1993 with a total outlay of Rs. 720 lakhs. The expenditure till date is Rs. 1073.75 lakhs and another Rs. 150 lakhs is required for the completion of the scheme i.e. the total expenditure will be coming to Rs. 1223.75 lakhs which is 70% above the original outlay. The Managing Director informed that the additional amount required over the original approved amount is met from the yearly grant received from Government of Kerala for schemes 'Outside Plan'. The Authority after discussions resolved to approve the offer of Sri. Paulose Abraham Njattukalayil, Kadayiruppu.P.O, Kolenchery-682311 at an amount of Rs. 1,32,,16,178/- which is at an excess of 40% above the estimate PAC of Rs. 94,40,127/- for the work-Dismantling 300mm dia AC class-10 pipe and supplying and laying 300mm dia DI K9 pipe (3050m) from Master GL Tank to Varavoor GL Tank for CARWSS to Kadangode and adjoining villages.

Item No. IV (4) to IV (17), V (1) and VI (1) & VI (2)

Deferred.

Item No. VI (3) Estt-LWA-Retention in service beyond superannuation-Sri.D.Venugopalan Nair, plumbing Inspector (Rtd) - Regularisation

Deferred with directions to place in the next meeting with detailed report.

Item No. VI (4) KWA - Estt - Waiving of liabilities - Marriage Advance in respect of Sri.K.Mohanan (Late) Lascar, died in harness while working at PH Sub Division, Alappuzha

Res. No. 8040 The Authority resolved to write off Rs.4969/- (Rupees Four thousand nine hundred and sixty nine only) being the balance

amount repayable towards the marriage advance in respect of Sri. K.Mohanan, Lascar who expired on 18.01.2006 while working at PH Sub Division, Alappuzha as per rules in the G.O.(P)No.591/97/Fin dated, 17.06.97, G.O.(P)No.5/99/Ird dated, 03.02.99 and G.O(P)No. 596/2000 Dated 14.03.2000.

Item No. VI (5)

KWA - Estt - Waiving of liabilities - House Building Advance in respect of Smt.T.Suseela (Late) Junior Superintendent, died in harness while working at Water Works Central Sub Division, Thiruvananthapuram

Res. No. 8041

The Authority resolved to write off Rs.58,474/- (Rupees Fifty eight thousand four hundred and seventy four only) being the balance amount repayable towards the HBA in respect of Smt.T.Suseela, Junior Superintendent who expired on 16.02.08 while working at W.W.Central Sub Division, Thiruvananthapuram as per rules in the G.O.(P)No.591/97/Fin dated, 17.06.97 & G.O.(P)No.5/99/Ird dated, 03.02.99.

Item No. VII (1) & VII (2)

Deferred.

Item No. VIII (1)

Estt - Pay Revision 2004 - Rectification of anomalies - suggestions Furnishing of

The Authority noted that the Government had not agreed to constitute an anomaly committee for pay revision. However, the MD had constituted an internal committee to review the pay revision orders and the committee had pointed out few modifications to the Pay Revision Order. The Authority directed the Managing Director to forward the findings of the internal committee to Government for consideration.

Item No. VIII (2)

Estt - Waiving of liabilities - Marriage Advance in respect of Sri.S. Surendran Pillai, Watchman died in harness while working at W S Sub Division, Sasthamcottah

Res. No. 8042

The Authority resolved to write off Rs 9656/-(Rupees Nine thousand six hundred and fifty six only) being the amount repayable towards the marriage advance in respect of Sri .S.Surendran pillai Watchman who expired on 15.07.2006 while working at W S Sub Division, Sasthamcottah as per rules in the G.O.(P)No.591/97/Fin dated, 17.06.97, G.O.(P)No.5/99/Ird dated, 03.02.99 and G.O(P)No. 596/2000 Dated 14.03.2000.

Item No. VIII (3) Estt- Regularisation of casual sweeper as Part Time Sweeper in the existing vacancy

Res. No. 8043 The Authority noted the item in detail and resolved to accord sanction for absorbing Smt.A.Rathinam as Part Time Sweeper in this organisation as per the provisions of GO(P) No.501/2005/Fin dated 25/11/2005 and appoint her in the existing vacancy of Part Time Sweeper at Public Health Division , Thiruvananthapuram with effect from the date of Order by exempting her from the age and method of appointment specified in the Kerala Part Time Contingent Service Rules as a special case on humanitarian consideration. The Authority also directed the Managing Director that before releasing the order it shall be assured that the same does not come under the purview of the code of conduct of the Chief Election Commission.

Item No. VIII (4) Estt - LWA for better employment abroad - request - Sri. Arifudeen. P.U, Meter Reader (on LWA)

The Authority noted the item in detail and declined to modify its earlier decision taken in the 316th meeting held on 23/12/2008 on Item No. V (7).

Item No. VIII (5) Deposit work-Airport Authority of India-Providing Sewerage System to The New International Terminal of Thiruvananthapuram Airport - Construction of Well Cum Pump house and its allied works-tender

Res. No. 8044 The Authority noted the item in detail and resolved to accord sanction to award the work of Providing Sewerage System to the New International Terminal of Thiruvananthapuram Airport- Construction of Well Cum Pump house and its allied works to Sri. A.Rajappan Nair for an amount of Rs.50, 09,770/- which is 40% overall excess of the tendered PAC of Rs.35, 78,407/-. The Authority further resolved that in case the contractor is not willing to accept the work at the above amount the tender be cancelled and negotiated tenders may be obtained from experienced and willing contractors for an amount which does not exceed the above amount of Rs. 50,09,770/-.

Item No. VIII (6) to VIII (12)

Deferred.

Item No. VIII (13) KWA - Estt. Medical Advance - Sri. Vijayakumar. J. Overseer - III, PH Sub Division, Kollam.

Res. No. 8045

The Authority resolved to sanction an amount of Rs.71,292/- to Sri. Vijayakumar. J. Overseer - III, PH Sub Division, Kollam for treatment of his father for Heart disease at Sree Chithira Thirunal Institute for Medical Science and Technology 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. VIII (14) KWA – Estt. – Provisional promotion of DCE/SE as CE

The Authority noted the item and directed the Managing Director to place the proposal for its consideration when vacancy arises.

General Item.

Res. No. 8046

The Managing Director informed the Authority that he is laying down his post as Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority with effect from 31/3/2009 on expiry of his term of office and thanked the Chairman and other Members of the Authority for the advice and help extended to him while he was officiating as Managing Director. The Chairman and members of the Authority thanked the outgoing Managing Director for the service rendered by him to KWA. The Authority thereafter resolved to place on record the commendable service rendered by the outgoing Managing Director Sri. C. Suresh Babu to the Authority and extended him a happy and prosperous retired life. *deny a significant share of its assets*


SECRETARY


MANAGING DIRECTOR


CHAIRMAN

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