

**Minutes of the 324th meeting of KWA held on 30/06/2009 at
10.00 a.m. in the 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. M. S. Gopakumar | Member |
| 5. Sri. V. K. Girijavallabhan, IA & AS | Accounts Member in full additional
charge of Managing Director |
| 6. Sri. T. P. Mohanlal | Technical Member |

Leave of Absence

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| 1. Velayudhan Vallikkunnu | Member |
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In addition, Sri. Jojith Mathew, Joint Secretary (Finance) Govt. of Kerala had also attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 323rd Meeting held on 01/06/2009

The Authority confirmed the minutes of 323rd meeting held on 01/06/2009.

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

The Authority reviewed the Action Taken Report of its earlier decision placed before it. The Authority also noted that the Press Release issued on the decision taken in the last meeting to tackle the severe outbreak of Cholera and Gastroenteritis in Alleppey was well conveyed. The Authority directed the Managing Director to issue such releases in future also including the actions taken by Kerala Water Authority for providing safe drinking water in the affected area with special grant of Rs. 575 lakhs given by the State Government.

Item No. I (3) Status of ongoing Schemes

The Authority noted that the progress of works taken up under SCP/TSP is not at all encouraging. Hence the Authority wanted to have a detailed review of the scheme under SCP/TSP in the next meeting. The Authority noted with displeasure that the status report presented on ARWSS

schemes are not realistic and based on actuals and are placed only to satisfy the Board. Even the figures and expenditure noted are incorrect. For example, it was pointed out for the scheme 'ARWSS to Pavanoor, Pullampara and Vembayam villages', the Authority had already approved some tenders. But these hadn't reflected in the status report submitted. The Managing Director explained that the reports placed before the Board is a compilation of reports received from the field offices and at times do reflect latest stage. It was also informed to the Board that there is no system of monitoring at Headquarters and suggested that a proper monitoring system be introduced in Headquarters office so that the monitoring officer himself/herself can place the report before the Board. The Managing Director and Technical Member reported to the Board that they in consultation with each has already introduced a project monitoring system directly by the Technical Member, who would hold periodical monitoring meetings and place progress reports before the Board.

The Authority noted that out of 2158 rural schools selected for providing safe drinking water, the work in 1563 schools had since been completed. But as per the reports being received from Education Department to Government, the figures are incorrect and the Education Department had a different figure. The Managing Director informed that Authority that the schools were selected for including in the project was after conducting detailed field survey by Kerala Water Authority staff and in consultation with the school Authorities as well as the Parent Teachers Association (However the Education Department was not involved in the project). The list of such selected schools was placed before the SLSC for its concurrence and approval.

The Managing Director assured the Authority that the list will be reconciled with the list available with Education Department and the actual list will be presented in the next meeting. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to forward the list of schools selected, works completed and yet to be completed to Government for its information and for taking further action with the Education Department.

The Authority reviewed the scheme taken up under 'Varsha' plan of Government of India. The Authority enquired with the Managing Director about the programme, who and how the beneficiaries were selected, who had approved the same, whether it is fully subsidized by the Government of India, the

modality of implementation etc. The Authority directed the Managing Director to place before it in the next meeting the list of the works completed, the expenditure incurred, the present status of each and every work and such works requiring rehabilitation. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to explore the possibility of conducting a Social Audit on the program as the Government of India had conceived the project to overcome the acute shortage of water during summer season with social impact. The details submitted shall be District wise, Panchayat wise.

Regarding Swajaladhara Project, the Authority enquired whether the status presented represents only to the two districts or all such works undertaken through out Kerala. The Authority directed the Managing Director to place the details in the next meeting.

The Authority noted that financial progress presented before it for the works taken up under SPAN. The Managing Director informed that the financial progress is much low as the fund flow is poor. The Kerala Water Authority had spent the money already provided in the State Budget. However additional funds are required to make payments for already executed work. The Authority directed the Managing Director to address the Government in detail so that further action can be taken at Government level for making available the required funds. The Authority also observed that the physical progress does not reflect the actual progress. Already some error/discrepancies had crept in the report. The Managing Director assured the Authority that he will present a realistic and up to date physical Progress Report in the next meeting onwards.

Item No. I (4)

Status of Schemes under UIDSSMT and JNNURM

The Authority noted status presented before it. The Managing Director informed that due to insufficient fund flow, Kerala Water Authority could not release the payments due to the contractors in Payyannur Municipality. Already there is a high back log in payment and unless sufficient funds are received, this cannot be paid. The utilization certificate for the funds already released was submitted to Government. However the funds are yet to be received.

Item No. I (5) Status of SPAN Schemes – June 2009

Noted under item 3 above.

Item No. I (6) JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Progress Reports

The Authority noted the contents.

*Item No. II (1) Kerala Water Authority (Water Supply) Regulations 1991-
Ammendment to the regulations*

Res. No. 8157

The Authority noted the draft amendments to the regulation placed before it and after discussion **resolved to recommend the same to Government for approval. The Authority directed the Managing Director that while submitting the amendments to Government the same shall be submitted in the form showing the existing regulation and suggested modifications along with the reason for the modification.**

The Authority further noted that the direction given in its 322nd meeting for submitting a report on flat buildings on their consumption pattern is yet to be placed. The Managing Director informed that the same will be submitted without much delay.

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

The Authority noted the billing and collection statement placed before it. It is observed that the arrears due from the Industrial Consumers are very high even though the number of consumers is very less. Even the collection of current dues is also not encouraging. The Authority expressed its concern on the lack of enthusiasm on the part of Kerala Water Authority in collecting the arrears and current dues from the Non Domestic and Industrial consumers. The Authority expressed its displeasure on this attitude. The Authority after discussion directed the Managing Director to take stringent action to collect the arrears as well as the current dues. Action shall be taken to prefer monthly bills to these bulk consumers instead of bimonthly billing as the claim on bimonthly billing will be high. Special collection drive shall be conducted to clear the arrears including giving realistic demands and incentive to penalty.

The Authority also expressed its concern in the low over all revenue collection even after hike in the tariff rates. The Authority further reiterated that monthly bills shall be issued to the local bodies and if no bill is given, and then there will be no payment. Hence action shall be taken into motivate all the concerned so as to improve the revenue collections.

Item No. II (3)

District Level Revenue Adalat – 2008-2009 – Consolidated report.

Res. No. 8158

The Authority noted the consolidated report of the District level Adalaths conducted during 2008-09 and **resolved to ratify the action of the Adalat Committee in allowing certain benefit to a few most deserving cases in anticipation of approval of the Authority. The Authority further directed that the request for concession to the consumers shall not be considered for the next five years who had already availed such concessions.**

Item No. II (4)

Engaging Kudumbasree personnel for revenue purpose – payment of remuneration – Relaxation of agreement

Res. No. 8159

The Authority discussed the item in detail and noted that any modification to the existing MoU with Kudumbasree has to be got approved by the Authority before adopting. In this case ratification has been sought for from deviating from the MoU. The Authority observed that action cannot be admitted however **resolved to ratify the action to the extend for the work got done as on date and directed to discontinue the same forthwith. The Authority directed the Managing Director to see that the Kudumbasree shall be entrusted only with the works strictly as contemplated in the MoU with them and any type of deviation to this will not be entertained.**

Item No. III (1)

Tender No. KWA/HO/SP-6/2008-09 opened on 21.10.2008 for the supply of PVC pipes –Supply order placed with M/s Jain Irrigations, Jalgaon- Withdrawal of order

Res. No. 8160

The Authority noted the item in detail. It is observed that the firm M/s. Jain Irrigations had deviated from the original tender conditions which they had accepted in their tender. Hence the request for deviation to the tender condition need not be accepted and **resolved to inform the Company accordingly. The Authority further resolved that if they**

are still not ready to accept the supply order the Earnest Money Deposit submitted shall be forfeited and the Company shall be banned from participating any of the tenders invited in Kerala either by Government, LSGD or PSUs for a period of 3 years and publish the issue in leading business dailies.

Item No. III (2)

Payment to M/s Keltron for supply of computers to KWA – Request for refund of LD amount deducted on payment

The Authority noted the item in detail and after discussions decided not to consider the request for waiving the liquidated damage imposed on them.

Item No. IV (1)

SPAN - CWSS to Pallichal, Balaramapuram & Vilavoorkkal Panchayaths – Tender

Res. No. 8161

The Authority noted the SPAN tenders placed before it for consideration. The Managing Director informed the Authority that the tendency of the contractors are to quote high rates for these lump sum tenders as the cost of pipes and fittings were fluctuating and there was uncertainty in the market. Hence to have a confidence on the contractors, price variation clause was also included in the NIT as per the directions contained in Res. No. 7773 of the 311th meeting held on 14/08/2008 and the change in the provision of the NIT was also be reported to Government. However the Authority had apprehension on the way in which the tender excess as reported is accommodated. The Managing Director informed that there are two types of tenders being invited in Kerala Water Authority – Scheduled tenders and lump sum tender. In the case of scheduled tender which is mainly invited for civil works without supply of pipes and specials and the contractors are requested to offer their willingness to execute the work at estimated rate or percentage below or above the estimated rate. This percentage variation quoted will be considered for making the payments for the works done. In the case of lump sum tender mainly invited for works involving supplying of pipes and fittings, the contractors are asked to offer their rates for each item of work including supply of materials individually. For evaluating the tenders this cost quoted by the contractors is considered for settling the contract. However for information purpose and to know the impact on the estimate amount, the approximate percentage excess or below is worked out. The Secretary

LSGD pointed out that the price variation clause included in the SPAN tenders are deviating from those provided in CPWD tenders. In CPWD tenders, the practice is to allow tender excess only on those components of the estimate for which price variation is not applicable. The Managing Director explained that he is not aware about the price variation clause included in CPWD tenders but reiterated that the NIT conditions has to be honored in the agreement with the contractors to avoid future litigation.

After detailed discussion the Authority **resolved to approve the tender submitted by M/s. Nirman Electricals (Joint venture) Trivandrum for the subject work at a negotiated reduced cost of Rs 1,44,17,200/- which works out to 40% over the estimated cost of Rs. 1,02,98,000/-**. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to see that the work is completed in all respect within the period of 12 months, the completion time specified in the tender from the date of execution of agreement. If there is any delay, the concerned Executive Engineer, Assistant Executive Engineer and Assistant Engineer shall be personally held responsible for the laxity.

Item No. IV (2)

SPAN - Aug. of WSS to Kunnathukal – Tender

Res. No. 8162

The Authority noted the item in detail and the observation made by the Managing Director. It is pointed out that the rate at which the contract had agreed to accept the work is much competitive when compared with the same type of work tendered in other divisions. However it is observed that other connected works of this project are still to be awarded or tenders are yet to be finalized or still to be tendered. The Managing Director informed the Authority that the Authority may consider to approve the tender with an extended completion time than what is specified in the tender to suit the completion of the other works. After discussion, the Authority **resolved to accept the tender submitted by M/s. Amritha Enterprises, Attingal at their negotiated reduced cost of Rs. 1,35,13,499/- which works out to about 39.31% over the estimated cost of Rs. 97,00,000/- with the condition that the completion time is fixed in such as way so that the work need to be completed in tandem with other works of this project.**

Item No. IV (3)

SPAN - WSS to Melila Panchayath Package I – Tender ((No.93/08-09/SE/Q))

Res. No. 8163

The Authority noted the item and observed that only one tenderer had participated in this tender. The Managing Director informed that the work tendered is for the rehabilitation of the existing scheme and direct benefit can be provided to the public once the work is completed. Hence after discussions, the Authority **resolved to accept the tender submitted by Sri. K. Sathyadevan at his negotiated reduced cost of Rs. 51,11,079/- including cost of materials which works out to 40% over the estimated cost of Rs. 36,50,771/-.** It is further resolved that the proposal being a single tender shall be placed before the Empowered Committee for ratification. The Authority directed that the officers responsible for the work shall see that work is completed in all respects and benefit transferred to the public with in 9 months from the date of agreement and any delay will be dealt seriously.

Item No. IV (4)

SPAN - WSS to Melila Panchayath Package I – Tender ((No.94/08-09/SE/Q))

Res. No. 8164

The Authority noted the item and observed that only one tenderer had participated in this tender. The Managing Director informed that the work tendered is for the rehabilitation of the existing scheme and direct benefit can be provided to the public once the work is completed. Hence after discussions, the Authority **resolved to accept the tender submitted by Sri. Sunderlal at an amount of Rs. 66,22,574/- including cost of materials which works out to 40% over the estimated cost of Rs. 47,30,410/-/** It is further resolved that the proposal being a single tender shall be placed before the Empowered Committee for ratification. The Authority directed that the officers responsible for the work shall see that work is completed in all respects and benefit transferred to the public with in 9 months from the date of agreement and any delay will be dealt seriously.

Item No. IV (5)

SPAN - WSS to Konnithazham -- Package I – Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of raw water pumping main, clear water pumping main, gravity main, construction of OH tank, GL tank, sump and pump houses and approach roads and site development works – Tender

Res. No. 8165

The Authority discussed the tender in detail. It is observed that the contractor had quoted a rate which is about 80% over the estimated rate and subsequently he had agreed to reduce his amount which works out to about 59% above the estimated cost. The Authority observed that price variation clause is included in the tender for the materials to be supplied and hence noted that the rate quoted is on the higher side. Moreover only one contractor had participated in the tender. After discussion the Authority **resolved not to consider the single tender which had quoted high cost and to retender the work after revising the estimate realistically if required.**

Item No. IV (6)

SPAN - WSS to Kundara & adjoining Panchayaths - Package-I - Tender

Res. No. 8166

The Authority noted the item in detail and resolved to **approve the tender submitted by M/s. Mohan Power Controls for the subject work at a cost of Rs. 87,30,264/- which works out to about 39% above the tendered PAC of Rs. 62,83,474/- subject to the condition that the work is completed in all respects within 6 months from the date of agreement and for any delay the concerned officer shall be personally held responsible.**

Item No. IV (7)

SPAN - RWSS to Kareepra - Package II - Tender

Res. No. 8167

The Authority noted the item in detail. It is observed that the lowest quoted tender M/s. Anurag Engineers had offered an amount of Rs. 350.81 lakhs which is much higher than the estimated amount. With the conditions in the NIT and nature of working site, the Authority is of the opinion that the amount offered is on the higher side. Hence after discussions the Authority **resolved to offer an amount of Rs. 338.00 lakhs for the subject work which works out to 40% over the tendered PAC of Rs. 242.00 lakhs provided, the contractor is willing to take up the work at this amount otherwise to retender the work urgently.**

Item No. IV (8)

RWSS to Karukutty and Mookkannoor Panchayat- Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of 300mm DI K9 raw water pumping main and 450mm and 350mm DI K7 distribution main - Tender

Res. No. 8168

The Authority discussed the tender in detail and after discussion **resolved to recommend the tender submitted by**

Sri. K. O. Jose to Government for a prior approval for awarding the work to the tenderer at a cost of Rs. 6,06,97,217 including cost of materials which works out to 55% over the tendered cost of Rs. 3,91,59,495/- as the total cost involved is beyond the sanctioning provision of the Authority.

Item No. IV (9)

ARWSS to Augmentation of Kuttanad Water Supply Scheme – Design, Construction and Commissioning of 14 mld output capacity treatment plant at Neerattupuram – tender – prequalification

Res. No. 8169

The Authority noted the item in detail. The proposal is for prequalifying the tenderers for the award of the subject work. Out of the 3 offers received, 2 tenders are eligible for prequalification as per the conditions specified in the NIT. It is reported that M/s. Chicago Constructions does not satisfy the conditions of experience specified in the NIT as per the documents submitted along with the tender by the contractor. However it is reported in the notes given for consideration that M/s. Chicago Constructions was awarded the construction works of a slightly higher capacity treatment plant, the construction of which is in progress. But this claim does not satisfy the condition specified in the NIT. After detailed discussion, the Authority **resolved to prequalify the two firms namely Sri. Abu Mathew (Joint Venture with M/s. Noble Tech Engineering) and M/s. J & B Engineering & Construction Company (Joint Venture with M/s. Navin Constructions) who satisfies the condition of the NIT for the work for further evaluation.**

The Authority also directed the Managing Director to inform in the next meeting the circumstances under which the work of construction of 15.5 mld water treatment plant at Choozhattukottah was awarded to M/s. Chicago Constructions, the condition specified in the NIT for prequalification and the respective prequalification details of the firm for its information.

Item No. IV (10)

ARWSS to Kumarakom - Thiruvappu-Construction of intake well-cum-pump house and laying pumping main - RE

The Authority observed that the notes now presented is incomplete and does not cover the entire details called for. Hence directed the Managing Director to submit fresh note covering all details requested by the Authority earlier for consideration.

Item No. IV (11)

CARWSS to Madappally Vakathanam and Karukachal villages –Construction of well cum pump house and laying raw water pumping main to treatment plant - Revised Estimate

The Authority observed that the notes now presented is incomplete and does not cover the entire details called for. Hence directed the Managing Director to submit fresh note covering all details requested by the Authority earlier for consideration.

Item No. IV (12)

Technology Mission ARWSS to Azhikodu and Edavilangu villages-Supplying and laying 200mm DI K9 Clear Water Pumping Main from Eriyad sump to Azhikodu OHSR-Tender

Res. No. 8170

The Authority observed that the work was sanctioned on 23/4/2003 and Technical Sanction issued on 5/7/2003. But it is noted that the tenders were invited only on 29/7/2008 i.e. after a lapse of 5 years. The Authority enquired about the delay and directed the Managing Director to place a note before it explaining the reason attributing the delay in tendering the works. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to present before it the working sheet showing the price escalation to be paid by Kerala Water Authority due to this delay along with a detailed proposal to the extend at which the scheme will be completed in all respects and benefit passed on to the public. With the above remarks the Authority **resolved to accept the tender submitted by Sri. K. M. Nazeer at a cost of Rs. 45,50,270/- including cost of materials which works out to about 60% over the tendered PAC of Rs. 28,43,919/-**. The Authority further directed the Managing Director to see that the work is completed in all respects within the specified period of 6 months from the date of agreement and that for any delay the concerned officers shall be held responsible.

Item No. IV (13)

NC/PC WSS to Parali I Villages in Parali Panchayat in Palakkad District-Construction of 2.50LL capacity OHSR – Tender submitting

Res. No. 8171

The Authority noted the item in detail and observed that the notes presented before it does not reveal the entire picture of the scheme an hence directed the Managing Director to present a note in the next meeting giving a total picture of the

scheme including the population being benefited and the envisaged and expected date of completion of the scheme. With these remarks the Authority **resolved to accept the tender of Sr. M. K. Hansar Haseena Cottage Ernakulam at an over all excess of 39% above the tendered PAC of Rs. 26,50,558/- (scheduled tender)**

Item No. IV (14)

NC/PC WSS to Parali II Villages in Parali Panchayat in Palakkad District -Construction of 1.75LL capacity OHSR – Tender

Res. No. 8172

The Authority noted the item in detail and **resolved to award the work of construction of 1.75LL capacity OHSR of the scheme-NC/PC WSS to Parali II Village in Parali Panchayat to Sri. M. K. Hansar , Hasseena Cottage, Ernakulam at his reduced quoted rate of 39% above tendered PAC of Rs.22,94,758 /-.**

Item No. IV (15)

Shifting of PH Sub Division No. I, Thiruvalla to Mallappally – Renting of office building

Res. No. 8173

The Authority discussed the item in detail and **resolved to sanction the rent of Rs. 9000/- @ Rs. 8 sq.ft. per month for the building and land occupied by Kerala Water Authority for housing the PH Sub Dn. Office at Mallappally under PH Division Thiruvalla as a special case.**

Item No. IV (16)

World Bank aided CWSS to Chavara & Panmana- Package I - Construction of 11.5 MLD capacity Treatment Plant at Sasthamkottah, Clear water sump of 10 LL capacity, pump house and an over head balancing reservoir of 10 LL capacity at Sasthamkottah

Res. No. 8174

The Authority discussed the item in detail. It is observed that undue delay had occurred in the construction of the treatment plant for which the contractor is fully responsible. The Managing Director explained the contractual conditions according to which liquidated damages have to be recovered at different stages at prescribed rates. Hence decided not to have any leniency to the contractor and **resolved to invoke LD clause as per the agreement condition strictly. The Authority directed the Managing Director to issue suitably worded notice to the contractor informing the decision to impose the LD clause for the delay as per the relevant conditions of the contract agreement.**

Item No. IV (17) World Bank aided CWSS to Chavara & Panmana- Revised Administrative Sanction

The Authority noted the item.

Item No. IV (18) ARWSS – Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme to Kumily – Supplying and laying Clear Water Pumping main 250 mm DI K9 4240 m from Treatment Plant to GL Tank at Kurisumala and Clear Water Pumping main 150mm GI (M) 2100 M from Booster Tank to GL Tank at Odamedu –Tender

Res. No. 8175

The Authority noted that even though four tender forms were sold only one tender form was received for the work. It is also noted that the other components of the schemes are yet to be arranged. Considering these aspects it is **resolved to cancel the tender and retender the work to get better offer and competition.**

Item No. V (1) JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Pattuvam and adjoining villages – Package IV – Service Reservoirs – Variation proposal

The Authority considered the item in detail. It is observed that the over all excess had exceeded to 10.73% with the present proposal. The Authority is of the opinion that the entire picture has to be brought before the Empowered Committee in Government for its information and hence directed the Managing Director to present a consolidated detailed report of this package to the Empowered Committee in Government for its information in its next meeting.

Item No. V (2) JICA Assisted KWSP – Kozhikode & Adjoining villages – Package III – Distribution System – Interim Time Extension

The Authority noted that the issues related to this package is under the consideration of the Empowered Committee in Government for JICA Schemes and hence decided to grant interim extension of time of completion up to 31/7/2009

Item No. V (3) JICA Assisted KWSP – Kozhikode City & Adjoining villages - Package IV – Variation Proposals

Res. No. 8176

The Authority noted the agenda item in detail and the recommendations of the Technical Committee. The Authority noted that out of variation approval given for

Rs.4,80,24,067/- vide resolution no. 8027 dated 18.03.2009, the amount is reported to be reduced to Rs.4,66,53,179/- due to arithmetic correction, the difference being Rs.13,70,888/-. As the present variations reported is only Rs.13,18,444/-, the Authority resolved to approve the same and noted the upto date variations as given below.

1.	Contract sum	Rs. 56,03,41,744
2.	Total excess approved earlier for BoQ and extra items	Rs. 4,66,53,179
3.	Excess approval accorded now	Rs. 13,18,444
4.	Total Excess for BoQ/extra items.	Rs. 4,79,71,623 (8.56%)
5.	Enhancement in Provisional Sum already approved	Rs. 4,00,000
6.	Overall Excess	Rs. 4,83,71,623 8.63%)

Item No. V (4)

JICA Assisted KWSP – Kozhikode & adjoining villages Package IV – Service Reservoir at Kakkur – Acquisition of land through negotiated purchase

The Authority noted the item in detail. It is observed that the land value claimed is much higher when compared with the cost assessed by the District Collector. The Authority suggested that Kerala Water Authority may think of going for land acquisition through District Collector in which case the land can be taken on advance possession so that the work will not be hampered. It is also pointed out that there is fast track method in Government for the land acquisition. However for further consideration, the Authority directed the Managing Director to give additional notes narrating

1. Land Improvements
2. Accessibility to the land
3. Prominence of land to public road and public places.

The Authority also directed the Managing Director to find out the land value (fair value) already notified by the Government/Revenue Department (which was subsequently withdrawn) for information.

- Item No. VI (1)* *Estt-DA/DR to State Employees, Pensioners and Family Pensioners with effect from 01/01/2009*
- Res. No. 8177** The Authority resolved to extend the benefit Ordered in the Go (P) No.211/2009/Fin dated, 02/06/2009 to the Employees, Pensioners and Family Pensioners of the Kerala Water Authority Subject to the conditions Stipulated in the said Government Order. It is further resolved that a request for additional finance assistance to meet the financial burden may be forwarded to Government.
- Item No. VI (2)* *Estt-WTP at Aluva-CUG – Communication facility – Sanction*
- Res. No. 8178** The Authority resolved to approve the proposal for Cellone Mobile connection under Corporate Closed User Group (CUG) facility of BSNL with 17 connections @ Rs. 150/month under special plan 150 which includes tariff rate at Rs. 325/- and free talk time costing Rs. 50/- as requested by Superintending Engineer, Kochi for the effective delivery of service to Kochi Metro Citizens.
- Item No. VI (3)* *Estt-Retention in service beyond superannuation Sri.D.Venugopalan Nair, Plumbing Inspector(Rtd)-Regularisation*
- Res. No. 8179** The Authority noted the item in detail and expressed its surprise that the employee does not know his age. After discussion the Authority resolved not to accept the proposal presented and directed the Managing Director to issue notice to the employee Sri.D.Venugopalan Nair, informing him that his act of not disclosing his age is cheating the organisation tending to Civil Suit and the excess amount paid to him has to be repaid either in cash by himself or recovered from the amounts due to him as pensionary benefits.
- Item No. VII (1)* *Setting up a Water Institute in the State of Kerala*
- Res. No. 8180** The Authority noted the item in detail and resolved to recommend the proposal along with the Concept Report to the Government for prior approval.
- Item No. VII (2)* *Tour Report of Shri VK Girijavallabhan, IA &AS, Accounts Member and Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority, Thiruvananthapuram.*

The Authority noted the tour report and expressed its desire that KWA adopt modern technologies. The Authority also directed Managing Director to make more enquiries about the proposed technological improvements and place concrete proposals before the Board

Item No. VII (3)

Resolution No.7881 of 315th Meeting held on 4-12-2008 - Explanation called for, from Chief Engineer (NR) - Detailed note

The Authority noted the item and decided to drop the issue from further action considering the explanation given by the Chief Engineer (NR) and observation of the Vigilance Committee on it who studied the issue in detail.

Item No. VII (4)

Transfer of well and pump house owned by KWA free of cost for the use of G.V.H.S.S Ambalavayal in Wayanad District

The Authority noted the item.

Item No. VII (5)

കേരള വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റിയുടെ പരസ്യ ഏജൻസികളുടെ പാനലിൽ അപർണ്ണ കമ്മ്യൂണിക്കേഷനിനെ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്ന ആവശ്യം സംബന്ധിച്ച്

Res. No. 8181

കേരള വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റിയുടെ പരസ്യ ഏജൻസികളുടെ പാനലിൽ അപർണ്ണകമ്മ്യൂണിക്കേഷനിനെ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്താൻ അതോറിറ്റി തീരുമാനിച്ചു

Item No. VII (6)

Budget Announcement for 2009 – 10 - Replacing old pipes – WSS to Thalassery, WSS to Kannur improvement and WSS to Vadakara - Rehabilitation - Ratification

Res. No. 8182

The Authority examined the item in detail and resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in having submitted the proposals to Government as per the Budget Announcement 2009-10 for getting sanction for the rehabilitation/improvement works as below.

1. WSS to Thalassery-improvement works- Rs.55.60 crore
2. WSS to Kannur – Replacing gravity main, pumping main and other improvements– Rs.67.00 crore
3. WSS to Vatakara–Rehabilitation works–Rs.10.00 crore

The Authority noted the working committee report of WASCON placed before it and expressed its dissatisfaction on the overall working and financial position. The Managing Director explained that the WASCON is functioning at its maximum capacity under the given circumstances and constraints. The unit is slowly becoming an Technical Authority in resolving technical issues with KWA themselves entrusting major disputed technical issues to them. The independence of the unit is yet to be established in the absence of approvals from Government. The performance of WASCON till date is satisfactory but could be improved further once they start functioning as an independent unit. It was also informed that the WASCON is receiving enquiries from outside state. The Authority was not satisfied with the explanations of the Managing Director and directed that a close monitoring be done of the activities of the WASCON and to initiate to recover the amount due to them for their services rendered to outside agencies.

Item No. VIII (1)

Purchase of Hydrated Lime – additional requirements to PH Division, Aluva and PH Division Perumbavoor under CE(CR)

Res. No. 8183

The Authority resolved to approve the purchase of 462 MT of Hydrated Lime additionally required over and above what has been approved vide Resolution No. 8036 of the 321st Meeting held on 28/3/09 from the original suppliers to that particular division as detailed below.

Name of Division/ Destination	Addl quantity	Name of firm Eligible	Approved rate	Total amt. in Rupees
PH Division, Permbavoor-(New plant) 63MLD WTP Chowara for Paravur.	135MT	M/s PD Mohanan	Rs8342.40 Per MT	11,26,224.00
PH Division, Perumbavoor Kothakulangara South wss	7MT	M/s PD Mohanan	Rs8342.40 Per MT	58396.80
PH Division, Aluva	320MT	M/s Popular	Rs8200/MT	26,24,000.00
Total	462MT			38,08,620.80

Item No. VIII (2) Retaining of Deputy Accounts Managers Sri. P.O.James & Smt. M.N.Leena as Accounts Managers

Res. No. 8184

The Authority noted the item in detail. The Managing Director informed that 2 Officers from AGs Office are working in this office on deputation as Deputy Accounts Managers and their deputation period will be expiring during February 2010. Now advice has been received from the Kerala Public Service Commission for appointment to the post of Deputy Accounts Managers. Accordingly they have to be relieved on posting of PSC hands. The Managing Director informed that these persons from A.G's office may be retained in the same post in the vacancy of 1 Deputy Accounts Manager for which no advice has been received and in the existing vacancy of Accounts Manager till their deputation period ends so that the new recruits can get sufficient training. After discussion the Authority **resolved to retain Smt. M.N.Leena, Dy.Accounts Manager and Sri. P.O.James, Dy Accounts Manager for the remaining period of their deputation (up to 14/02/2010 and 25/02/2010 respectively) to be accommodated in the existing vacant post of Accounts Manager and Deputy Accounts Manager without any additional financial burden on KWA.**

Item No. VIII (3) Centralised Billing and Collection System (ABACUS) – Enhancement of the Software

Res. No. 8185

The Authority noted the circumstances under the proposal has been placed before the Board that there is an urgent need to update the software before it is rolled out to other Divisions, NIC had backed out from the development of software due their own policy decisions, engagement of an outside agency through them is getting delayed and also that the cost involved for that is comparatively very high. The Authority noted that the inhouse development of software with minimum help from outside that too through the NICS I should help KWA to build their inhouse talents. After discussions **resolved to accept the proposal for the development of EABACUS by KWA entrusting to in-house team of DBA Unit with the consultancy service of NIC and by engaging 2 Programmers and 4 Programmer Assistants for 12 months through NICS I at a cost estimate of Rs. 13.50 lakhs.**

Item No. VIII (4) SPAN - Improvements to Kolacherry Water Supply Scheme in Kannur District - Replacing / Relaying of Gravity Main Package-II - Relaying 2350m of 400mm/1313m of 350mm AC pipes -Tender

Res. No. 8186

The Authority noted the tender in detail and after discussion resolved to accept the single tender received from Sri. E L. Joseph, Elavumkal, Thalimparamba for the subject work at a cost of Rs. 52,93,312/- which works out to 40% over the estimated cost of Rs. 37,80,937/- if he is willing to take up the work and if not re-tender for better participation and amount. Being a single tender it is further resolved to place the proposal before the Empowered Committee for ratification.

Item No. VIII (5)

NC/PC-ARP RWSS to Muvattupuzha (portion) village in Avoly Panchayat - Supplying and laying 2748 m of 200mm, DI (K9) gravity main from clear water sump to existing GL tank at Nadukara -Reach II – Tender

Res. No. 8187

The Authority after discussions resolved to award the work “NC/PC-ARP RWSS to Muvattupuzha (portion) village in Avoly Panchayat - Supplying and laying 2748 m of 200mm, DI (K9) gravity main from clear water sump to existing GL tank at Nadukara -Reach II ” to the lowest tenderer Sri. Paulose Abraham at his negotiated reduced accepted amount of Rs. 82,53,960/- including cost of materials with the condition that the work will be completed in all respects within a period of 6 months from the date of work order and any delay will be viewed seriously.

Item No. VIII (6)

CARWSS to Ranni, Pazhavangadi, Vadasserikkara villages – supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of 350 mm DI K9 raw water pumping main, clear water pumping main and gravity main – Tender

Res. No. 8188

The Authority resolved to award the work of supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of 350 mm DI K9 raw water pumping main, clear water pumping main and gravity main for CARWSS to Ranni, Pazhavangadi, Vadasserikkara villages to Sri. M.V. Viswanathan at an amount of Rs. 645.00 lakhs, if he is willing and, if not, re-tender the work.

- Item No. VIII (7)* *Introduction of multi layer filter media with anthracite at Chiranickal water treatment plant of WSS to Adoor and adjoining villages – Report of the Committee*
- Res. No. 8189** The Authority noted the report in detail and resolved to have a further detailed study through WASCON involving outside independent experts as the concept adopted is a new technology and to consider the issue at a later stage.
- Item No. VIII (8)* *ARWSS to Veliyannur and adjoining villages Phase II – S/L 4165 m 315 mm PVC Clear Water Gravity main from Jathikkamala to Arunoottimangalam, 4480 m 280mm PVC from Arunoottimangalam to Kaduthuthy Junction and construction of Thottuva sump and OHSR at Oleekamala – Tender*
- Res. No. 8190** The Authority resolved to award the work “ARWSS to Veliyannur and adjoining villages Phase II – S/L 4165 m 315mm PVC Clear Water Gravity main from Jathikkamala to Arunoottimangalam, 4480m 280mm PVC from Arunoottimangalam to Kaduthuthy Junction and construction of Thottuva sump and OHSR at Oleekamala” to the lowest tenderer Smt. Remani.S.Nair in joint venture with Sri. Shamsudeen at a negotiated reduced accepted amount Rs. 4,10,78,852/- including cost of materials with the condition that the work is completed in all respects within 9 months from the date of work order and for any delay officers concerned will be held responsible.
- Item No. VIII (9)* *ARWSS to Veliyannur and adjoining villages Phase II – S/L 250mm and 200mm CI Class LA Gravity Main from Market Junction Kaduthuruthy to sump at Thottuva and 200 mm CI Class B pumping main from sump at Thottuva to OH Tank at Oleekkamala – Tender*
- Res. No. 8191** The Authority resolved to award the work of “ARWSS to Veliyannur and adjoining villages Phase II – S/L 250mm and 200mm CI Class LA Gravity Main from Market Junction Kaduthuruthy to sump at Thottuva and 200 mm CI Class B pumping main from sump at Thottuva to OH Tank at Oleekkamala” to the lowest tenderer Sri. N.V. Baby for an amount of Rs. 4,06,61,174/-, if he is willing and if not, re-tender the work.

Item No. VIII (10) CARWSS to Elappara and adjoining villages – Supplying and laying clear water gravity main from GL Tank BPTI at Pallikkunnu to GL tank T12 at Kuttikkanam with 400 mm CI (LA) pipes for a length of 3950 m. – Tender

Res. No. 8192

The Authority noted that the work has to be completed on a time bound basis as already there is a court direction from the Hon'ble High Court for completing the scheme. Even though the rate offered is very high, considering the site condition and considering the time that may be consumed if retendered **resolved to recommend the single tender submitted by Sri. Simon Mathew to Government for prior approval at an amount of Rs. 4,74,32,546/- which works out to 60% over the tendered PAC of Rs. 2,96,45,341/- as a last resort, if he is willing to take up the work at this amount and if not to re-tender the work.**

Item No. VIII (11) CARWSS to Elappara and adjoining villages- Supplying and laying Gravity main to various reservoirs 150mm GI-2828m, 200mm CI-2950m, 150mm -CI 3420m and distribution from BPT5 and master tank. – Tender

Res. No. 8193

The Authority noted that this tender is also of the same nature discussed in the item VIII (10) and for the same project and hence **resolved to recommend the single offer received from Sri. V. Mathew for the above work to Government for prior approval at a cost of Rs. 3,96,56,088/- as a last resort which works out to 60% over the tendered PAC of Rs. 2,47,85,055/- if he is willing to take up the work at this amount and if not re-tender the work.**

Item No. VIII (12) CARWSS to Elappara and adjoining villages – Supplying and laying clear water gravity main from Master tank to GL Tank BPTI with 300 mm CI (LA) pipe 2525m and 250mm CI(LA) pipe 2476 m from sump B3 to GL tank T3E with 125mm CI (LA) 1415m and from GL tank to T3E to T4 with 65 mm GI pipes 1085 m. – Tender

Res. No. 8194

The Authority noted that this item also relates to the same project discussed vide item No. VIII (10) & VIII (11) and hence after discussion **resolved to recommend the single offer received from Sri. Simon Mathew to Government for prior approval for an amount of Rs. 41,888,706/- which works out to 60% over the tendered PAC of Rs. 2,61,80,441/- if he is willing to take up the work at this amount as a last attempt and if not, to re-tender.**

Item No. VIII (13) District Panchayat Idukki – NABARD RIDF XIII PROJECT – RWSS – to Karimkunnam Panchayat – Supplying and laying raw water pumping mains from Mutom to Pazhayamattom 7150m and clear water pumping main from sump at Pazhayamattom to Mattathippara 1150m – Tender

Res. No. 8195

The Authority noted that this item relates to the work taken up as Deposit Work of Idukki District Panchayat. After discussing the tender in detail resolved to accept the single tender received for the work from Sri. N. V. Baby at his negotiated reduced amount of Rs. 2,99,41,379/- subject to the condition that the additional amount to be incurred for the work over the tendered PAC shall be got deposited from the District Panchayat, Idukki before awarding the work and if they are not willing to, remit this amount to re-tender the work for a better offer.

Item No. VIII (14) JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Eligibility and General Conditions required for attending Training Programmes

The Authority noted the item and resolved to decline the proposal.

Item No. VIII (15) Institutional Strengthening Working Committee – Present Status and request for extension of working period

Res. No. 8196

The Authority noted the agenda and resolved the following.

- 1) The time allotted to the Working Committee to complete all the reports is extended up to December 2009 excluding implementation time.
- 2) Process re-engineering and financial sustainability studies may be carried out with the advisory support of IIM Bangalore. Negotiations may be carried out with IIMB for including adequate manpower with domain expertise. The involvement of IIMB during implementation of the various plans has to be ensured.

Discussions may be conducted with Kerala State Remote Sensing and Environment Centre regarding support for asset management.

Item No. VIII (16) ARWSS to Ottasekharamangalam phase I&II-Supply erection and trial run of suitable capacity centrifugal pumpset capable of discharging 89.40 lps of water against a total head of 80 metres with motors reputed make for raw water pump house-tender

Res. No. 8197 The Authority resolved to award the work of ARWSS to Ottasekharamangalam phase I&II-Supply erection and trial run of suitable capacity centrifugal pumpset capable of discharging 89.40 lps of water against a total head of 80 metres with motors reputed make for raw water pump house to M/s. Amruta Enterprises at their negotiated reduced amount of Rs. 48, 07,400/- with the condition that the work is completed in all respects within a period of 6 months from the date of work order.

Item No. VIII (17) Interconnection of existing HDPE pipe line at Kudappanakunnu laid under Theerapadham project with 300mm DI Distribution line laid under JICA Project

Res. No. 8198 The Authority discussed the item in detail. Frequent bursting of the HDPE pipeline laid along the MLA road in Kudappanakunnu has been inviting criticism from the public as well as from the Government. This line was laid under Theerapadam Project which was not done by Kerala Water Authority. Because of the bursting, the roads get damaged and there are interruptions in Water Supply. Kerala Water Authority had recently laid 300 mm DI pipeline along this road, under JICA Project. In order to arrest the bursting of the HDPE line, the same has to be relaid using good quality pipe or abandon the same and give interconnection with the 300 mm DI line. The Authority also noted that the Government had already appointed a Committee to investigate the complaints received on the pipes laid under Theerapadam project and the investigation of the Committee in this stretch is in progress. Considering the fact that vast areas which are fed from this pipe in Mannanthala is seriously affected and the local population has already resorted to agitation including blocking the roads and other protests. Therefore after detailed discussion, **resolved to give permission to interconnect the HDPE pipeline laid under Theerapatham laid along the MLA Road in Kudappanakunnu which is bursting frequently with the 300 mm DI pipe line already laid along this road under JICA to have a permanent solution for the bursting of the Pipe line. It is further**

resolved that though the original pipe line has not been laid by the KWA and the responsibility is with KSUDP which is the present agency where the Theerapadam project has been absorbed, to avoid further delays in providing drinking water to the affected areas, the interconnection work shall be done by KWA at their cost initially and got reimbursed from the KSUDP alongwith such other claims which is already in process.

Item No. IX (1)

TRP- Immediate arrangements to improve the supply of water to Tsunami affected area in Vypin and Vadakkekara Panchayath- Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of 450mm DI K9 pipe from Parur pump house to Vadakkekara-tender

Res. No. 8199

The Authority noted that the item relates to improvement of Water Supply to the Tsunami affected areas in Vypin and Vadakkekara under TRP. The Authority noted that the budget allotted for TRP work could be exceeded in case this work is awarded now. After considering the seriousness nature of the TRP work and after discussion the Authority resolved to award the work of supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of 450mm DI K9 pipe from Parur pump house to Vadakkekara in Tsunami affected area in Vypin and Vadakkekara Panchayath to the lowest tenderer, Sri. Sunil Mathew at his negotiated reduced amount of Rs. 85,28,217/- with the condition that the work is completed within the targeted date of March 2010. The Authority also directed the Managing Director to take up the issue of additional allotment with the Revenue Department immediately.

Item No. IX (2)

Deposit work of Thrissur Corporation Construction of Sub Way near Paramakavu Temple-Shifting of existing 600mm CI pipe line and 700mm premo pipe line and laying MS fabricated pipes and specials- Tender submitted-Sanction

Res. No. 8200

The Authority noted the item in detail and after understanding the circumstances such a work had to be executed immediately resolved to ratify the action of Executive Engineer, P.H.Division, Thrissur in arranging the work through the lowest tenderer Sri. M.B Suresh Babu, at an amount of Rs. 14,98,800/- in anticipation of formal approval of the tender by the Authority, considering the emergency to execute the work before the Thrissur Pooram festival.

Item No. IX (3)

PWD Memorandum of understanding between PWD/Kerala Road Fund Board and Kerala Water Authority/Kerala State Urban Development Project etc. for digging and restoration of roads

Res. No. 8201

The Authority noted the item in detail. There were instances of not making the roads motorable after completion of the laying works of pipes. This had invited much criticism from the Government and as well as from the general public and media. The Government had examined the issue in depth and issued the GO (Rt) No. 684/09/PWD dated 27/05/2009. The Managing Director expressed that the penal clauses in the agreement is not enforceable on the present contractors of KWA and at times they may even not take up the work which would land the new initiative in serious hurdles in implementation. The Authority was of the opinion that the agreement has been drafted considering all constraints and solutions shall be found by KWA to mitigate the situations arising out of the agreement within the ambit of the agreements and also provisions in the rules to entrust additional work to contractors. The Authority after discussion declined to accept the objection raised in the agenda note and **resolved to enforce the Government Order scrupulously.**

Item No. IX (4)

JICA Assisted KWSP – Thiruvananthapuram City Region – Package II – Land Acquisition for laying 1422 mm MS pipe line in formation area –negotiated purchase of 2.25 cents land

Res. No. 8202

The Authority discussed the proposal for negotiated purchase of land as recommended by the Technical Committee and **resolved to grant permission for the negotiated purchase of 2.25 cents of land in survey No. 235/22 in Aruvikkara Village, and belonging to Sri. Narayanan Nadar at a total price of Rs. 31642/- @ Rs. 14063/- per cent which is equivalent to the land value fixed by the District Collector plus 25% solatium.**

Item No. IX (5)

New capital Scheme -Improvement to Existing WSS to Kondotty and Nediyruppu villages in Malappuram District- Placed before the Board for approval

Res. No. 8203

The Authority examined the matter in detail and **resolved to recommend the proposal for improvements to existing WSS to Kondotty & Nediyruppu Villages in**

Malappuram District amounting to Rs.13.00 Crore to Government of Kerala for according sanction and releasing funds under Capital scheme plan.

Item No. IX (6)

Deletion of price variation clause from the NIT of SPAN tenders.

The Authority noted the item and decided to await for the approved minutes of the third Empowered Committee meeting held at Government level to take a decision.

Item No. IX (7)

പ്രോജക്ട് - ഡിവിഷൻ ആഫീസുകളുടെ സംസ്ഥാനതല ഉദ്യോഗാടനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് പത്രങ്ങളിൽ ആൾ കേരള അര പേജ് ഡിസ്പ്ലേ പരസ്യം നൽകുന്നതു സംബന്ധിച്ച്.

Res. No. 8204

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Item No. X (1)

Appointment of Finance Manager & Chief Accounts Officer in KWA – Proposal

The Authority noted the item and resolved to recommend to Government for prior approval for appointing Sri. V.S. Pradeep as Finance Manager and Chief Accounts Officer in Kerala Water Authority in the scale of pay of Rs. 26780 – 34080 plus DA and other allowances as recommended by the Interview Board.

General Item. (1)

Res. No. 8205

It was informed to the Authority that the vehicles now attached to W.S Division, Mattannoor, P.H Division, Kannur and P.H Sub Division Thalassery and Mattannoor are very old requiring frequent repairs. After discussion the Authority **resolved to provide replacement to their vehicles subject to availability of funds.**


General Item (2)

The Authority noted that the Government vide letter No. 14831/C3/09/WRD dated 23/06/2009 had directed the Managing Director to call the Chief Engineer, Northern

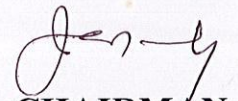
Region to make a presentation on the delay and problem facing in the implementation of water supply schemes in Northern Region especially in Malappuram District. Hence the Chief Engineer (NR) was called in the Board and asked the reasons attributing the delay. He was also asked about the constraints faced by him in delivering the services. He explained that he is not getting the fullest support from his subordinate Circle Offices and Division Offices under his region. The estimates and data received from the subordinate offices are either not correct or incomplete. After discussion, the Authority directed the Chief Engineer (NR) to take urgent necessary corrective measures to see that the works under Northern Region are completed as envisaged and within the time frame. He will be held responsible for any lapses noticed in future.



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