

Minutes of the 347th meeting of KWA held on 07/12/2011 at 10.30 a.m. in the Conference Hall, Kerala Water Authority, Thiruvananthapuram.

Present:

1. Sri. V.J.Kurian, IAS, Principal Secretary (WR)	Chairman
2. Sri. V. P. Joy IAS, Secretary to Govt. (Finance)	Member (Ex Officio)
3. Sri. Rajesh Kumar Singh IAS, Secretary to Govt. (LSGD)	Member (Ex Officio)
4. Sri. Ashok Kumar Singh, IAS	Managing Director
5. Adv. K. V. Mani	Member
6. Sri. Johny Areekattel	Member
7. Sri. E. K. Chellappan	Member
8. Sri. John Thomas	Member
9. Smt. Susan Jacob	Technical Member
10. Sri. N. Sivasankara Pillai, IA & AS	Accounts Member
11. Sri. Viji Titus	Secretary

The meeting started at 10.30 a.m. after observing 2 minutes of silence to pay homage to late Sri. T.M. Jacob, Hon. Minister for Civil Supplies and late Sri. M.P. Gangadharan former Minister – both of whom had held the charge of Water Resources.

The Chairman wanted to place on record the invaluable services rendered by Sri. N. Sivasankara Pillai, IA & AS, Accounts Member – who is returning to his parent organization.

The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed member Sri. John Thomas to the Board meeting.

Item No. I (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 346th Meeting held on 28/09/2011

The Authority confirmed the Minutes of 346th meeting held on 28/9/2011 subject to the following modifications.

Item No. VI (2) - Separate schedule of rates for water supply / Sewerage works

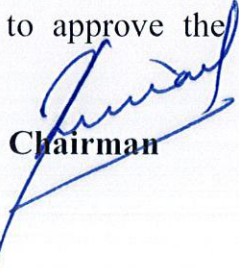
The Authority directed that a committee shall be formed with the Technical Member as Chairman and start the work immediately in order to have a separate SoR and data book revision for KWA. The Technical Member shall constitute the committee with members who are conversant with such details and who are genuinely dedicated to the job.

Item No. VII (7) – Delegation of Financial powers of officers of KWA – Acceptance of tender excess and sanction of Revised Estimate.

The Authority discussed the item and resolved to approve the


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proposals for the sanction of tender excess and Revised Estimate as follows. The powers proposed for the Managing Director, High Level Committee and KWA Board, however needs the concurrence of the Government.

Sl. No	Category	EE	SE	CE	MD	HL C	KWA Board
1.	Works within the TS powers of AEE / EE	5%	10%	15%			
2.	Works within the TS power of SE		5%	10%			
3.	Works costing up to ₹ 200 lakhs			5%			
4.	Works costing up to ₹ 300 lakhs				10%		
5.	Works costing up to ₹ 400 lakhs					10%	
6.	Works costing up to ₹ 500 lakhs						10%
7.	Works costing above ₹ 500 lakhs	Govt. of Kerala					

Item No. I (2)

Review of Action Taken in the Previous Meetings

Item No. VI (1) Medical reimbursement and Medical Advance. Res. No. 8812 dated 21/7/2011 The Authority had wanted details of the medical reimbursement effected during the year 2009 and 2010 showing the total number of staff who availed the benefit of the scheme, total amount reimbursed each month etc to be placed in the next meeting. However the required details have not been yet furnished to the Board. The chairman directed that strict directions shall be issued to all concerned to submit the details within one month or else disciplinary action shall be taken against the defaulters.

Item No. VIII (21) Judgment in WP (C) 30557/2007 dated 9/2/11 case filed by Smt. Ammini Amma.

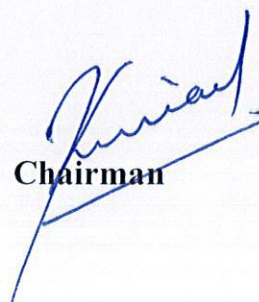
The Authority directed the Managing Director to explore the possibility of filing an appeal in the case.

Item No. I (3)

Monthly Plan Progress report for the month of September 2011 and list of schemes completed during 2010-11 - Placed before the Board for perusal


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The Authority noted the progress report of the schemes for the month of September 2011 and the list of schemes completed and those nearing completion.

Item No. II (1)

Release of funds for NABARD assisted W.S.S- SPAN

Res. No. 8887

The Authority deliberated issue in detail and noted that as per the present agreement the financial assistance from NABARD will be available only till 31/3/2012. A fund request for Rs. 25 crores has been submitted to GoK which is under process there.

The Authority observed that the NABARD will not finance the tender excess. There has been delay in arranging the works which has resulted in cost over run. The delay in implementing the schemes should be avoided at any cost. Provision for tender excess should also be included in the project reports posed for assistance from agencies like NABARD and in the case of externally aided projects.

The Authority resolved to request the GoK to immediately release funds or accord sanction for utilization of the available funds with KWA under state plan schemes towards clearing the pending bills under NABARD and to recoup the same after receipt of funds from GoK. The GoK may also be requested to release the balance state share and tender excess as early as possible for the smooth progress of the work.

Item No. II (2)

Poor financial position of Kerala Water Authority- Non-Remittance of power charges- Disconnection of Power supply to KWA offices

Res. No. 8888

The Authority noted that KWA is currently passing through a serious financial crisis. There is a wide gap between the revenue and expenditure resulting in an average month's revenue deficit of 12.57 crores. The payment of electricity charges has been defaulted and the total arrears of power charges excluding surcharge and interest due to KSEB has accumulated to Rs. 204 crores as on 30/10/2011 and Kerala Water Authority is facing disconnection of power supply from KSEB. Power supply to several offices of KWA has been disconnected for non-payment of power charges to pump houses under their control. The officer therefore have to depend on generators for which they have to pay huge hire charges. Moreover the trade unions have started agitations on the non-settlement of this issue. The functions of the revenue collection centres and quality control laboratories have been adversely affected. Several new schemes which have been completed cannot be commissioned due to non-clearance of power charges. A cabinet sub-committee was constituted during October 2011 for issue of setting the arrears of power charges but the committee has not convened any meeting so far.

It was decided to constitute a committee with the Accounts Member as Chairman to identify the source of loss of revenue like


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leakage of water, theft of water, improper deployment of staff, inefficiency of the system and personnel etc. and propose methods for improvement of the system.

It is also directed that the list of local bodies (Grama Panchayat, Municipalities and Corporations) coming under each maintenance sub-division should be listed along with the total No. of connections, under each category (viz. domestic, non-domestic, industrial, casual and street taps).

The panchayath wise revenue income and expenditure under each category should be noted. These data shall be analyzed by the Finance Wing and the reason for the profit/loss should be assessed. The Authority **resolved to seek urgent intervention of the Government in the matter and direct the KSEB to stop disconnection until decision in the matter is taken by the cabinet subcommittee and also to release sufficient non-plan grant to tide over the crisis till a decision in the matter of tariff revision is taken.**

Item No. II (3)

Filling of the post of Accounts Managers on Deputation

Res. No. 8889

The Authority noted that the sanctioned posts of 3 Accounts Managers are vacant. The Authority **resolved to approve the proposal for filling the three posts of Accounts Managers by taking Sr. Audit Officers (Commercial) preferably with IT background, from the O/o the Principal Accountant General on deputation for three years.**

Item No. III (1)

ARWSS to Pattazhy village – Construction of 16.90 LL capacity OHSR at Pukkunumala - Tender

Res. No. 8890

The Authority noted that this is a retender and the lowest tenderer Sri. Anilkumar. N had quoted Rs. 96,39,933/- which is 34.66% above the tendered PAC based on 2010 SoR and 11.12% above the estimate based on Revised SoR 2010. The Authority **resolved to award the work if the lowest tenderer is willing to take up the work at 10% above the revised SoR 2010. Otherwise the tender shall be submitted to Govt. for approval.**

Item No. III (2)

ARWSS to Ottasekharamangalam and adjoining villages – Phase II – Supplying & laying distribution system in various diameter PVC/ GI pipes in Vellarada Panchayath – Tender

Res. No. 8891

The Authority **resolved to ratify the action of Managing Director in awarding the Work of “ARWSS to Ottasekharamangalam and adjoining villages – phase II – Supplying & laying distribution system in various diameter PVC/ GI pipes in Vellarada Panchayath” to M/s. J & B Engineering and Construction Company, Kuttoor. P. O.**


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Thiruvalla at the quoted amount of ₹ 255,11,139.92/- which is at 1.99% below tendered PAC of ₹ 260,29,067/- based on SoR 2010.

Item No. III (3) SPAN – NABARD Assistance for WSS to Cheekode and adjoining villages – Package ID – Tender

Res. No. 8892 The Authority noted that the validity of the tender is up to 14/12/2011 only and that there were 6 bidders for the tender. The Authority **resolved to approve the lowest offer of M/s. IVRCL Ltd., Kochi for Rs. 19,40,93,911 which is 1.49% above the tendered PAC of Rs. 19,12,28,808 based on the 2010 SoR for the package ID of SPAN – WSS to Cheekode. This shall be got ratified by the Empowered Committee in Government. Action shall also be taken to get Revised AS, if necessary.**

Item No. III (4) SPAN – NABARD Assistance for WSS to Cheekode and adjoining villages – Package IE – Tender

Res. No. 8893 The Authority noted that the validity of the offer is only up to 14/12/2011 and that there were 10 bidders for the tender. The Authority **resolved to approve the lowest offer received from Sri. Poulse Abraham, for Rs. 10,39,85,270 which is 7.17% below the tendered PAC of Rs. 11,20,15,543 based on the 2010 SoR for the package IE of SPAN WSS to Cheekode. This shall be got ratified by the Empowered Committee in Government.**

Item No. III (5) Augmentation of Kuttanadu water supply scheme – Design, construction and commissioning 14 MLD water treatment plant at Neerettupuram – Revised Administrative Sanction

Res. No. 8894 The Authority noted that the original AS amount for the subject scheme is Rs. 607 lakhs vide the proceedings dated 17/2/2007. Now the revised estimate amount comes to Rs. 898 lakhs. The Authority **resolved to recommend to Government to accord revised Administrative Sanction for Rs. 898 lakhs.**

Item No. III (6) WSS to Elanthoor Mallapuzhaserry villages – Construction of 6.43 LL capacity OH tank at Paruthanpara and Construction of compound wall and supplying and providing scour line (200 mm PVC for 300 m) – Tender

The Authority had noted in the 344th meeting held on 21/07/2011 (Res. No. 8097) that it has been more than one year to finalise the tender and wanted to identify the delay occurred. Now the CE (SR) has submitted the calendar of events for the consideration of the Authority.

The Authority perused the calendar of events and noted that much time is wasted for holding negotiations at different levels.


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Negotiations need be carried out only by the officer who is competent to approve the tender

Besides considerable delay has occurred seeking clarifications. Managing Director informed that the issue has already been discussed in the High Level Committee and directions are being issued to make e-tendering user friendly and finalizing within a time frame.

Item No. III (7) CWSS to Varkala Municipality and adjoining villages – Phase I – Construction of 5 lakh litres capacity sump and 3.35 lakh litres capacity OHSR in Manambur panchayath - Revised Estimate

Res. No. 8895 The Authority noted that the original AS of the work was Rs. 502 lakhs. The tendered PAC was Rs. 67,08,965 and the Revised Estimate amount was limited to Rs. 7623108. The percentage excess is 13.63%. The Authority **resolved to approve the Revised Estimate at 13.63% above the tendered PAC.**

Item No. III (8) PWD – Providing 20mm chipping carpet to the pipe line road - Construction on pipe line road

The Authority noted that the PWD had taken steps to provide 20mm chipping carpet to the Kowdiar – Narmada pipeline Road and for the upgradation of the KWA pipeline road from Narmada Jn. to Sreekrishnaswami Temple. The pipes along these roads were laid during the early 1930s and the service life of the pipes are almost over. The Authority observed that Permanent construction cannot be permitted over and along this pipeline and so the request of the PWD need not be admitted.

Item No. IV (1) XVIth SLSSC meeting held on 03-10-2011

The Chairman directed that proposals for WSS to Minority populations should be forwarded to the GoI as funds are available for taking up such schemes.

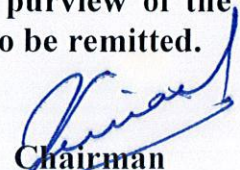
The Authority noted the details of proposals sanctioned under SLSSC 2011.

Item No. IV (2) SPAN – NABARD aided WSS to Kundara and adjoining pts. – Installing Ring Main Unit (RMU) at Punalur Indoor Substation

Res. No. 8896 The Authority noted that the KSEB had issued directions that all prospective HT consumers who require to install transformers for availing HT supply within APDRP scheme shall be allowed to do so only through the Ring Main Unit. For this an additional amount of Rs. 6,60,000/- need to be paid for installing the extensible type RMU or paying Rs. 2,50,000/- for add-on-module. The Authority **resolved that the matter may be taken up with KSEB and Govt. of Kerala in order to exempt KWA from the purview of the KSEB orders and waive the additional amount to be remitted.**


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Item No. IV (3) Collection of Centage charges on Deposit Works taken up by Kerala Water Authority from local bodies-request of Orumanayoor Grama panchayath for exemption of centage charges for the implementation of deposit work proposed to be entrusted to KWA

Res. No. 8897

The Authority noted that the KWA is collecting centage charges @ 12.5% on deposit works based on the GO 84/97/PW&T dated 19/8/1997 and Board Resolution No. 6060 dated 28/3/2002. There have been requests for exempting the panchayats from depositing the centage charges. The authority observed that if the centage charges/ establishment charges are not collected, it will adversely reflect in the revenue account of KWA which will in turn result in the enhancement of water tariff or increase in the subsidy support from the state Government.

Hence it was **resolved to continue with the centage charges/ establishment charges – whether the work is done for state/central Government or Local Self Govt. irrespective of the fact as to whether the created asset is owned by KWA or not.**

Item No. V (1)

Preparation of Standard Data – Implementation of unified rates

Res. No. 8898

The Authority **resolved to approve the proposal for adopting and publishing district wise rates prepared by adopting average district conveyance for different items of work. The Authority directed the Managing Director to constitute a committee of senior engineers to examine the rates prepared by the Training Centre. The recommendations of the committee shall be placed before the Board for approval.**

The Authority further directed the Managing Director to identify five officers who are proficient in software coding, experience in preparation of estimates, and constitute a team for refining the software for preparation of estimates. The team shall be deployed exclusively for the purpose for three months and shall be attached to the Training Centre.

Item No. V (2)

Issue of Plumbing License – Conduct of Examination – Revision of remuneration to officials involved in the conduct of Plumbing License Examination

Res. No. 8899

The Authority **resolved to enhance the rates of remuneration for various activities in connection with Plumbing Licence Examination as detailed below.**

Ite m No.	Description	New rates
1	Fee for the Chief Examiners for theory examination	Rs. 500 + one DA



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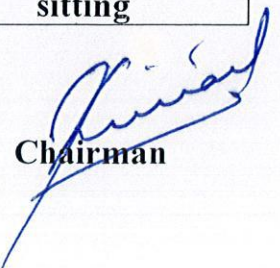

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2	Fee for Chief examiner for practical exam	Rs. 10/- per candidate with a minimum of Rs.400/- and maximum of Rs.500/-
3	Charges for setting up of question paper for theory exam including key answers	Rs. 2500 (inclusive of 3 sets of question papers)
4	Charges for valuation of Answer books for theory exam	Rs.15/- + one DA (minimum 40 scripts) of Rs.15/- + half DA (minimum 20 scripts)
5	Rate of remuneration for the Chief Superintendent of theory exam (3 hrs)	Rs. 550/-
6	Refreshment charges	Actual amount incurred or an amount of Rs.1500/- whichever is less
7	Rate of remuneration for invigilator for 3 hours theory examination	Rs. 500/-
8	Supporting staff supporting controller of examination and Chief examiners	Rs. 250/-
9	Rate of remuneration for invigilator for practical exam	One DA only
10	Charges for setting up of question papers (5 sets) for practical exam	Rs.400/--Each
11	Charges for valuation of answer book for practical exam	Rs.15/Script + one DA
<u>Sitting Fees for Members of Board of Examiners of Plumbing license examination</u>		
1	Sitting fee for members	Rs.400 for one sitting


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Item No. V (3) Project Development Consultancy Unit – Concept Paper

The Authority discussed the item in detail and directed Managing Director to report the financial position of WASCON showing the income and expenditure over the last 2 years and to examine if WASCON can ensure financial self sufficiency on implementation of the proposals contained in the concept paper. However the Authority approved the proposal to take up consultancy works relating to the planning and implementation of the deposit works – costing upto Rs. 100 lakhs.

Item No. V (4) WASCON – Consultancy Wing of Kerala Water Authority – Allowance for staff working in WASCON – Sanction

The item was deferred as more details regarding the fiscal position of WASCON is needed for taking a decision.

Item No. V (5) Making Executive Director, KRWSA a regular member of Kerala Water Authority

Res. No. 8900 The Authority resolved to address the GoK to make the Executive Director of KRWSA a regular member of KWA in place of the Secretary, LSGD and to amend the relevant clause in the Kerala Water Supply & Sewerage Act of 1986 accordingly.

Item No. V (6) JICA Assisted Kerala Water Supply Project – Appointment of Legal Consultant on Contract basis – Renewal of contract period of Sri.C.S.Padmanabhan Nair

Res. No. 8901 The Authority noted that the proposal was to extend the services of Sri. C.S. Padmanabhan Nair, Special Secretary to Government (Retired) on retainer basis for a period of one year as Legal Consultant and also as Legal Advisor to the Managing Director on a consolidated remuneration of Rs.25,000/- per month (all inclusive except expenses for travel out of Thiruvananthapuram district) from 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012, other terms and conditions being the same as per existing contract as per the existing contract. The Authority resolved to authorize the Managing Director to take appropriate decision in this regard

Item No. V (7) Waiving of liabilities towards House Building Advance in respect of Late Sri. R. Prakash, Former Head Clerk, Water Supply Sub Division, Nedumangad

Res. No. 8902 The Authority resolved to write off the liability of Rs. 74247/- towards the House Building Advance of late Sri. R. Prakash, Head Clerk as per the directions contained in the GO (P) 591/97/Fin dated 17/6/1997 and GO (P) 5/99/Ird dated 3/2/1999.

Item No. V (8) Printing and Supply of Kerala Water Authority Calendar for 2012


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Res. No. 8903 The Authority resolved to sanction to print 6000 Nos. of Kerala Water Authority Calendars similar to Government Calendars for the year 2012 after obtaining competitive quotations.

Item No. VI (1) International Stadium at Kaloor- Transfer of land between Kerala Water Authority and GCDA

Res. No. 8904 In order to sort out the dispute regarding the compensation to be paid to KWA in the land transaction between KWA & GCDA in connection with the construction of the International Stadium at Kaloor, Government had constituted a High Power Committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary. The Committee assessed that an amount of Rs. 10 crores is due to KWA. It was also decided that the amount may be adjusted against KWA's dues to Government. The Authority resolved to endorse the decision of the High Power Committee.

Item No. VI (2) Progress of Works of schemes under JNNURM and UIDSSMT

The Authority noted the details of works in respect of JNNURM and UIDSSMT schemes. The Chairman informed that the Govt. is very keen to see that the schemes are taken up and completed without further delay. The Hon. Chief Minister is closely monitoring the progress of the UIDSSMT schemes, especially the UIDSSMT scheme to Alappuzha Municipality.

The Chairman directed the Managing Director and Technical Member to monitor the progress of the UIDSSMT schemes and take timely action to clear the hurdles in the implementation of the schemes and also to obtain fortnightly report and conduct review meetings.

Item No. VI (3) പട്ടികജാതി പട്ടികവർഗ്ഗ കോളനികളിൽ ശുദ്ധജലം എത്തിക്കുവാനായി നടപ്പിലാക്കി വരുന്ന പദ്ധതികളുടെ പ്രവർത്തന പുരോഗതി അവലോകനം

The Authority noted the progress of works.


Item No. VI (4) Tender for finalizing the rate contract for the supply of Ductile Iron pipes for various water supply schemes in Kerala Water Authority-Tender No: KWA/HO/SP-06/2010-11/RC - DI pipes opened on 3/8/2010.

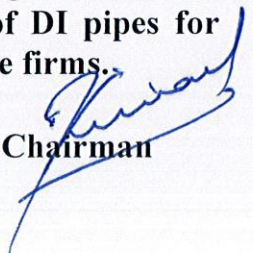
Res. No. 8905 Tenders were invited for finalizing the rate contract for the supply of Ductile Iron pipes for various water supply schemes in KWA. Validity of the tender is up to 31/12/2011 only. The following four firms quoted in the tender. 1. Jindal Saw Ltd. 2. Jai Balaji Ltd. 3. Lanco Industries Ltd. 4. Electrotherm (I) Ltd.

All the firms have agreed to the lowest rates received in the tender for the items they quoted.

The Authority resolved to direct the Managing Director to conclude a rate contract for the procurement of DI pipes for one year as per the lowest rate agreed to by all the firms.


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Item No. VI (5) Deposit Work of PWD – Supplying and Laying of 160m of 700mm DI K9 pipe and connected works for shifting of water supply line in connection with the construction of Maruthankuzhy bridge across Killy river – Tender

Res. No. 8906 The Authority noted that this is a deposit work and the validity of the offer is only up to 12/12/2011.

The Authority resolved to award the Deposit Work of PWD – “Supplying and Laying of 160m of 700mm DI K9 pipe and connected works for shifting of water supply line in connection with the construction of Maruthankuzhy bridge across Killy river” to the lowest tenderer Sri. Babu M. Varghese at his quoted amount of ₹ 83,94,606/- which is 18.19% above tendered PAC of ₹ 71,02,899/- (SoR 2010) and 8.61 % above estimate based on Revised SoR 2010.

Item No. VI (6) Improvements of RWSS to Cheriyannadu in Aalappuzha district– LS Tender

Res. No. 8907 The Authority noted that the negotiated amount of Rs. 493 lakhs offered by the lowest tenderer is 44.18% above the tendered PAC (i.e. 25.71% above the estimate based on the Revised 2010 SoR) and resolved to retender the work.

Item No. VI (7) RWSS to Cheriyannadu Panchayath in Aalappuzha district –Revised Administrative Sanction

Res. No. 8908 The Authority noted that based on the recommendation of the SLSC held on 22/6/2009, Administrative Sanction was accorded for Rs. 422 lakhs. The total amount required for completion of the scheme would come to Rs. 602 lakhs (i.e. 42% above the original estimate). The Authority resolved to sanction the Revised Estimate for Rs. 602 lakhs.

Item No. VI (8) SAARK – DFID –UPAD –Water supply component to Mattanchery and Fort Kochi – Supplying and laying distribution line 110mm to 160mm PVC pipes and 200mm to 350mm AC pipes in Kochi Corporation area for zone II – Balance work (risk and cost)

Res. No. 8909 The Authority noted that AS for this particular work is Rs. 60 lakhs. This is the 3rd tender call. Only one offer has been received viz. M/s. East India Engineers. Their negotiated quoted amount is Rs. 8542380 which is 120% above the TPAC. This is a balance work arranged at the risk and cost of the original contractor. The work includes gap closing works also. The Hon. Minister for WR had directed to arrange and complete the balance works of DFID to solve the drinking water shortage in Kochi.

The Authority resolved to recommend to the Government to award the work “SAARK – DFID –UPAD –Water supply component to Mattanchery and Fort Kochi – Supplying and


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laying distribution line 110mm to 160mm PVC pipes and 200mm to 350mm AC pipes in Kochi Corporation area for zone II – Balance works (risk and cost)” to the lowest tender of M/s. East India Engineers at the negotiated quoted rate of ₹ 8542380/- which is 120% above the TPAC. The Authority also resolved that immediate action shall be initiated to recover the required amount for completing the balance works from the original contractor as this work is being arranged at his risk and cost.

Item No. VI (9) SAARK – DFID-UPAD-Water supply component to Mattanchery and Fort Kochi – Supplying and laying distribution line 110mm to 160mm PVC pipes and 200mm to 350mm AC pipes in Kochi Corporation area for zone IV balance works (risk and cost).

Res. No. 8910

The Authority noted that AS for this particular work is Rs. 51 lakhs. This is the 3rd tender call. Only one offer has been received from M/s. East India Engineers. Their negotiated quoted rate is Rs. 63,16,448/- which is 120% above the TPAC.

This is a balance work arranged at the risk and cost of the original contractor. During the review meeting convened on 18/6/2011, for discussing the issue on epidemics in Kochi, the Hon. Minister for Water Resources had directed to arrange and complete the balance works of DFID to solve the shortage of drinking water.

The Authority resolved to recommend to Govt. to award the work “SAARK – DFID-UPAD-Water supply component to Mattanchery and Fort Kochi – Supplying and laying distribution line 110mm to 160mm PVC pipes and 200mm to 350mm AC pipes in Kochi Corporation area for zone IV balance works (risk and cost)” to the lowest tender of M/s. East India Engineers at the negotiated quoted rate of ₹ 63,16,448/- which is 120 % above the TPAC.

The Authority also resolved that immediate action shall be initiated to recover the amount for completing the balance works from the original contractor as this work is being arranged at his risk and cost.

Item No. VI (10) Fisheries Department – Deposit work – Comprehensive project for Drinking Water in coastal area under ICAD project - WSS to Edavanakkad and Kuzhipilly Panchayaths in Eranakulam district – Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of 400mm DIK9 transmission main from Gowsreeshram junction to Pallathankulangara in Kuzhipally Panchayath for a length of 3533m and construction of 2 nos of pipe bridges at Ramavarma canal and Ayyampilly canal -Tender


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Res. No. 8911

The Authority noted that this is the first tender call and only a single tender has been received for this deposit work. And only one tender form was sold. The negotiated quoted rate of the single tenderer Sri. Sali P. Mathew is 22.8% above the tendered PAC. For the above reasons, the Authority **resolved to cancel and re-tender the work. Action should be taken to get revised AS based on the Revised SoR 2010 with provision for tender excess.**

Item No. VI (11)

Fisheries Department – Deposit work – Comprehensive project for Drinking Water in coastal area under ICAD project - WS to Edavanakkad and Kuzhipilly Panchayaths in Eranakulam district – Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of 400mm DI K9 transmission main from Pallathankulangara to Aniyil in Edavanakkad panchayath for a length of 2861m and construction of 3 nos of pipe bridges at Kuzhipilly bridge, Pazhanagad canal and Aniyil bridge Reach – II – Tender

Res. No. 8912

The Authority noted that this is the first tender call and only a single tender has been received for this deposit work. Only one tender form was sold for this work.

The negotiated quoted rate of the single tenderer Sri. Sali P. Mathew is 24.67% above the tendered PAC. Because of the above reasons, the Authority **resolved to cancel and retender the work. Action shall be taken to get the revised AS based on the Revised SoR 2010 with provision for tender excess.**

Item No. VI (12)

Coverage of NC/PC habitations providing water supply to uncovered habitations in Parakkadavu Panchayat – Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of 250mm DI K9 pumping main for a length of 7.2Km from Moozhial sump to Puliyanamkunnu GL tank Tender Sanction – Ratification

It was brought the notice of the Authority that the above work was awarded to Sri. Thomas K. Paul for Rs. 21608283 which is 5.84% above the Tendered PAC. The validity of the offer was only upto 24/11/2011. The Authority ratified the action of the Managing Director in awarding the work.

Item No. VI (13)

Deposit work - GIDA – Improvements of WSS to Elamkunnappuzha, Njarakkal and Nayarambalam Panchayaths - Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of distribution system in zone III B - Tender

Res. No. 8913

It was informed that the validity of the offer is only up to 15/12/2011. The Authority **resolved to award the work “Improvements of WSS to Elamkunnappuzha, Njarakkal and Nayarambalam Panchayaths - Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of distribution system in zone III B” to the lowest tenderer M/s. Navin Construction Corporation for ₹ 2,47,57,375/-with an over all excess of 13.42 % above the TPAC**


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of ₹ 2,18,28,070/- based on 2010 SOR. (i.e. 6.23% excess over the revised 2010 SoR). Action shall be taken to get the revised AS, with provision for tender excess.

Item No. VI (14) Deposit work GIDA – Improvements of WSS to Elamkunnappuzha, Njarakkal and Nayarambalam Panchayaths - Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of distribution system in Zone III C & Zone III D etc. – Tender

Res. No. 8914 It was informed that the validity of the offer is only up to 15/12/2011. The Authority resolved to award the work “Improvements of WSS to Elamkunnappuzha, Njarakkal and Nayarambalam Panchayaths - Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of distribution system in zone III C and zone III D distribution system through KSTP road and zone III A distribution” to the lowest tender M/s. Navin Constructions Corporation, who have quoted an amount of ₹ 3,23,80,939/- which is 15.07% above the TPAC of ₹ 2,81,39,855/- (i.e. 9.02% excess over the revised 2010 SoR). Action shall be taken to get the revised AS with provision for tender excess, if required.

Item No. VI (15) Deposit work: Water supply to Vypin Island – Developing land and construction of new railway track by RVNL- Breakage of pipe line between railway track at Vaduthala – New pipe line proposal with 900mm (PE 100 PN8) pipe – Explanation

The Authority deliberated in detail the explanation received from the concerned officers. It was observed that even though Electrofusion joints are more costly than the butt joints, Electro fusion joints shall be preferred / insisted upon when the pipelines are laid through under water, polluted back waters etc. as leakage in such cases are not easily detected.

Item No. VI (16) SAARK – Calicut Water Supply Scheme – Inclusion of the work Rehabilitation of pump sets, electrical accessories and providing valves of the Head Works at Mavoor of the CWSS for an amount of ₹ 1.78 crores in Calicut Water Supply Scheme Rehabilitation works

The Authority noted that the SE, PH Circle Kozhikkode invited tenders for the Supply and erection of 220 HP & 100 HP pump sets at Kuttikattur which is included in the proposal under SAARK. The total amount for this proposed comes to Rs. 1.78 crores. The Managing Director had ratified the action of the Superintending Engineer in arranging the work. The Authority decided to ratify the action of the Managing Director and Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kozhikkode.

Item No. VI (17) JICA Assisted KWSP – Kozhikkode Scheme - Acquisition of land for laying DI pipe line - Chelannur Branch


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The proposal is for the negotiated purchase of 18 cents of land under package 2A of the JICA assisted WSS to Kozhikkode at a cost of Rs. 15 lakhs. It was observed that there is considerable variation in the fair value of land as reported to the Revenue Authorities and the rate for negotiated purchase.

The Authority directed that the proposal to acquire the land may be placed before a committee comprising of the local MLA / District Collector/RDO (Chairman), Panchayat members and the SE & EE of JICA project, KWA as members for taking a decision regarding the alignment, cost of land, further possibilities for negotiation, after alternate alignments and also the possibility of getting another location etc.

Item No. VI (18) JICA Assisted KWSP – Pattuvam and adjoining villages – Package III – Distribution System – Retendering of Balance works– Zone P3 R1 – Price bid evaluation

Res. No. 8915 The Authority considered the agenda note on the evaluation of Technical and Price bids for the balance works of Package III Pattuvam for the zone P3-R1 and the recommendation of the High Level Technical Committee to award the work to M/s. Shriram EPC Ltd., Chennai at their quoted rate of Rs 33,61,56,615/- (excluding provisional sum) which is 10.33% below 2010 (Revised) SoR. After discussions, the Authority **resolved to award the work to M/s. Shriram EPC Ltd. at their quoted rate stated above and seek ratification of the Empowered Committee in Government. The Authority also resolved to ratify the action of the High Level Technical Committee in having directed the Chief Engineer (JICA Project) to open the price bids of the four bidders after the technical evaluation so as to avoid delay, and the action of issuing Letter of Acceptance.**

Item No. VI (19) JICA Assisted KWSP – WP(C)No. 5773/2010 filed by M/s. K. Ramakrishna Contractors (P) Ltd before the Hon'ble High Court

The Authority resolved that the committee constituted (vide item IV (2) in the 346th meeting held on 28/9/2011) will look into all aspects of the proposal of engaging Adv. Babu Varghese on special engagement basis, in case No. WP (C) 5773/2010 M/s. K. Ramakrishnan contractors and submit recommendations.

Item No. VI (20) Making E-tendering system user friendly and finalizing tenders within a time frame

Res. No. 8916 The Authority noted the action taken by the Managing Director for making e-tendering user friendly and finalizing the tenders within a time frame, wherein the tendering authority is authorized to pre-qualify the tenderers to save time. The Authority **resolved to ratify the action of the Managing Director in issuing the directions in this regard.**


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Item No. VI (21) Revision of rates for estimation with respect to purchase of pumps and motors in Kerala Water Authority- Modification

The Authority noted that the following revisions in the estimation for the purchase of pumps and motors are proposed.

1. A 10% increase for centrifugal pumpsets up to 50 HP and 5% increase for centrifugal pumps above 50HP – 100 HP in addition to the earlier revision of 25%.
A 15% increase in addition to the earlier increase of 10% for VT pumpsets upto 40 HP (not to be extended to submersible pumpsets)
2. Factory Inspection limited for pumps of 50 HP and above only
3. Separate provision shall be given for Electronic Flow meter, in the estimate.
4. The warranty shall be limited to 2 years (i.e. extended warranty of one year beyond the original warranty period of 1 year) instead of 5 years as proposed earlier. Provision of 5% of the total cost of pumpset for warranty shall also be included while preparing the estimate.
However the contractor can quote for additional warranty for 3 years (total 1 + 1 + 3 = 5 years) and the decision to award the work for the extended 3 year warranty shall be taken on a case to case basis; but the extended 3 year warranty shall not be a criteria for the award of work.
5. For submersible pumpsets, the sync. Speed shall be modified as 960 – 3000 rpm.
6. The minimum efficiency of all pumpsets shall be 70% in all cases.
7. The rate and standards proposed shall be reviewed after 4 months, taking into consideration the field experience.

The Authority decided to admit all the above revisions in order to ensure better participation and competition from the pump manufacturers / dealers and to see that the tender process is completed in time.

Item No. VI (22) Jalmani Programme – Supply, installation and maintenance of stand alone water purification system in the rural schools in Kerala

Res. No. 8917

The Authority noted that supply orders, were placed with 2 firms (1) M/s. Membrane filters Pvt. Ltd. Pune for supplying 396 units of water purification systems (capacity up to 250 lph) (2) M/s Amara Aqua Systems, Erode for supplying 106 units of water purification system (capacity above 250lph)

M/s. Membrane Filters Ltd. Have been requested to execute the agreement. M/s. Amara Aqua Systems have not responded to the supply order issued. Hence it is proposed that M/s. Membrane Filters may be asked to install these much units.


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The Authority resolved to direct the Managing Director to negotiate with M/s. Membrane Filters in order to avoid further delay in the procurement of water purification systems for the Rural Schools.

Item No. VI (23) Water charge complaint by M/s KINFRA Apparels, Consumer No: KDK/716/I

Res. No. 8918 Authority resolved to agree to the decision taken by Principal Secretary, Water Resource Department in the meeting held on 18/5/2010 regarding the consumption of water by KINFRA and directed to re-assess the water charges as per the decision. The excess remittance up to 4/2010 shall be adjusted in water charge of KINFRA from 4/2010 onwards.

Item No. VI (24) Exempting surcharge levied as per 12 e of water Supply Regulation

Res. No. 8919 Authority resolved to waive the arrear meter surcharge levied upto 2/2011 on PBR 105/N & PBR 2270/N, water connections to Taluk Hospital Perumbavoor as a special case.

Item No. VI (25) Medical reimbursement

Res. No. 8920 The Authority vide resolution No. 8846 dated 3/9/2011 had decided to release 25% of the eligible medical claims for 2011. After detailed discussion the Authority resolved to release the balance 75% of the eligible amount for 2011 as per the existing rules.

The Authority also noted with displeasure that the details of medical reimbursement effected during the year 2009 2010 have not been placed before the Authority although directed. The Authority decided to consider the medical reimbursement in the year 2012, only after the required details are made available.

Item No. VI (26) Enhanced rate of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief – Extension of benefit to the Employees/Pensioners of Kerala Water Authority-Ratification

Ratified

Item No. VI (27) Factories - Water Treatment Plants owned by the KWA – Appointment of Executive Engineers at Divisional level as "Occupier" under the Factories Act 1948 – Government Direction

Res. No. 8921 As directed by the Secretary (Finance), GoK, the matter was discussed in detail. It was resolved to recommend again to the Govt. to issue an order under the third proviso Sec. 2 (n) of Factories Act 1948 appointing the Executive Engineers of Kerala Water Authority at Division level as the occupier in respect of the factories (WTP) under their jurisdiction.


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Item No. VI (28) Engagement of Senior Adv.T.Krishnanunni in F.A.O. No.140/2010 and W.P.(C) No.29538/2011 filed by Smt.T.Prasanna, AE, Kayamkulam before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala

The Authority directed that the committee constituted (vide item IV (2) in the 346th meeting held on 28/9/2011) will look into the proposal of engaging Adv. Krishnanunni on special engagement.

Item No. VI (29) Appointing a consultant for finalisation of annual accounts of Kerala Water Authority for three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11.

Res. No. 8922 The Authority resolved to appoint Smt. D.S.Remma, Partner, S.Ram & Co, Chartered Accountants, as consultant for the finalisation of the annual accounts of KWA for the three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11 for a of fee of Rs. 50,000 per year + tax at applicable rates.

Item No. VI (30) Request for fund to AEA Diary 2012 of Assistant Engineers' Association – PHED

Res. No. 8923 The Authority resolved to issue Rs. 25000/- for the purpose of publishing a diary 2012 by the Assistant Engineers' Association, PHED with the emblem and logo of KWA. The Association shall distribute 100 diaries to the Authority.

Item No. VI (31) Request of JACSS for sponsorship

Res. No. 8924 The Authority resolved to sanction Rs. 2 lakhs for printing a Souvenir to JACSS, a cultural organization of the employees of the KWA.

Item No. VI (32) Handing over of building owned by KWA at Aruvikkara to the Police Department

The Authority noted that the building which functioned as a canteen in Aruvikkara campus is vacant now. This building was vacated for carrying out major renovation works and thereafter it is to continue functioning as a canteen for the staff of KWA. However, there is no suitable building available to start the Police Station, the same can be allowed under agreement with Police Department for two years on rental basis.

Outside Agenda
Item No. VII (1) Improvements to WSS to Kottayam Municipality- laying 400mm DI K9 pipe line near Thumbil Bridge to Thiruvathukkal Junction in Kottayam Municipality (Western Zone)

Res. No. 8925 The Authority resolved to accord Administrative Sanction for "laying 400mm DI K9 pipe line near Thumbil Bridge to Thiruvathukkal junction in Kottayam Municipality Western Zone" amounting to Rs. 66.5 lakhs including cost of materials and road restoration charges under "Rehabilitation of WSS – UWSS (19)" or under any other suitable head.


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