

Minutes of the Meeting of Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority, held under the Chairmanship of Shri Karan Avtar Singh, Chairperson PWRDA, through Video Conference on Friday 09 April, 2021 at 10.00 am.

The Meeting was attended by Shri Sushil Gupta, Member and Shri Surinder Singh Kukal, Member. Shri A.S.

Miglani, Secretary and Shri JK Jain, Senior Manager, in attendance.

Agenda		Proceedings																																		
Item No.1	<p>Regarding approval of final Directions regarding Groundwater Extraction and Conservation.</p> <p>This item was taken up and discussed in detail in the last meeting of the Authority held on 31 March 2021, wherein it was decided to hold further discussions again in the next meeting. Accordingly, the matter is placed before the Authority for finalizing the Directions.</p> <p>It is also proposed that:</p> <p>a) The Advisory Committee needs to be consulted regarding these Directions in view of Section 12 (2) of the Punjab Water Resources (Management & Regulation) Act 2020 which provides as under: <i>The Authority shall consult the Advisory Committee on major questions of policy and regarding regulatory directions proposed to be issued to the general public or to a class of water users:</i> Provided that the recommendations of the Advisory Committee shall not be binding.....</p> <p>Therefore, a meeting of Advisory committee may be called for holding consultations regarding the proposed Directions.</p> <p>b) It is also proposed that after incorporating the changes in these Directions, if so required after consultation with the Advisory Committee, the Directions may be sent to the LR Punjab for getting them legally vetted.</p> <p>c) Simultaneously, the ground water charges proposed may also be sent to the Govt. for its approval as required under Section 17(5) of the Act.</p>	<p>A) In view of the provisions of Section-12(2) of The Punjab Water Resources (Regulation and Management) 2020 it was decided to convene a Meeting of Advisory Committee on Water Resources to discuss the directions on Groundwater Extraction and Conservation framed by the Authority.</p> <p>B) It was also decided that a copy of the said directions may be sent for legal vetting by Legal Remembrancer Punjab.</p> <p>C) Simultaneously, the Proposed Ground Water Charges be sent to the Government for approval under section 17(5) of Punjab Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2020.</p>																																		
Item No.2	<p>To approve annual statement of income and expenditure of the Authority for the Financial Year 2020-21.</p> <p>The details of income and expenditure of the Authority for the Financial Year 2020-21 are given below:</p> <p>Receipt and Payment statement for the Year ending 31/03/2021</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Receipt</th> <th>(Rs. Lakhs)</th> <th>Payment</th> <th>(Rs. Lakhs)</th> <th>Remarks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Grant in Aid from Pb.Govt.(salary)</td> <td>71.00</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>59.93</td> <td>+11.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grant in Aid from Pb.Govt. (Non salary)</td> <td>51.85</td> <td>Non Salary</td> <td>42.27</td> <td>+9.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Telephone & Broadband</td> <td>1.40</td> <td>Telephone & Broadband</td> <td>00.45</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Electricity</td> <td>8.75</td> <td>Electricity</td> <td>00.22</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rental</td> <td>21.00</td> <td>Rental</td> <td>21.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Receipt	(Rs. Lakhs)	Payment	(Rs. Lakhs)	Remarks	Grant in Aid from Pb.Govt.(salary)	71.00	Salary	59.93	+11.07	Grant in Aid from Pb.Govt. (Non salary)	51.85	Non Salary	42.27	+9.58	Telephone & Broadband	1.40	Telephone & Broadband	00.45		Electricity	8.75	Electricity	00.22		Rental	21.00	Rental	21.00		<p>The income & expenditure statement for year ending 2020-21 as mentioned in the Agenda was approved.</p> <p>As regards refund of surplus/unutilized grant-in- Aid, the Secretary was directed to bring a separate agenda in the next meeting.</p>				
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Statione ry	00.70	Statione ry	00.60
Furnitur e	20.00	Furnitur e	20.00
Authority's own resources*	641.16	Surplus (Excess of income over expendi ture	661.81
Total	764.01	Total	764.01

Note: 1. *This amount is in respect of the ground water charges and security deposits received from various water users who have applied for or granted ad interim permission for Groundwater Extraction.

2. The balance funds out of the grant-in aid received from Punjab Government amounting to Rs. 20.65 lakhs are to be deposited in the receipt head of the department of Water Resources.

Item No.3

To approve Sitting Fee, TA & DA rates for attending the meeting of Advisory Committee on water resources by the Non-Official Members.

ਓ ਜਲ ਸਰੋਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ. 110-13/CE/PR,ISW, ਮਿਤੀ 23/3/2021 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੈ:

"The Punjab Water Resources (Management And Regulation) Act, 2020 ਦੇ ਸੈਕਸ਼ਨ 12 ਦੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਗਠਿਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੀ Advisory Committee ਅਧੀਨ 10 ਨੰਬਰ Ex-Officio Members ਅਤੇ 5 ਨੰਬਰ Expert Members ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣੇ ਹਨ। 10 ਨੰਬਰ Ex-Officio Members ਦੀ ਨਿਯੁਕਤੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੇਸ ਤਿਆਰ ਕਰਕੇ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾ ਚੁੱਕਿਆ ਹੈ।

5 ਨੰਬਰ Expert Members ਦੀ ਨਿਯੁਕਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਭੱਤਿਆ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ Punjab Water Regulation And Development Authority (Advisory Committee) Regulations, 2020 ਦੇ ਪੈਰਾ 7 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਨ, ਉਹਨਾ ਨੂੰ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਜਿਸ ਦਿਨ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ, Travelling Allowance Grade -A ਅਫਸਰ ਦੇ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਤੇ Sitting Fee (ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਵਲੋਂ Approve) ਮਿਲਣਯੋਗ ਭੱਤੇ ਹੋਣਗੇ। Regulation ਦੇ ਪੈਰਾ 7 ਹੇਠ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ

"A Member of the Committee who is not a Government servant or an employee of a Public Sector Undertaking shall be entitled to receive for each day on which a meeting is held and he is present, a travelling allowance at the rate admissible to Grade-A officers of the Government and a sitting fee as approved by Authority."

ਸੇ ਉਕਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਵਿੱਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟੋਰੇਟ ਆਫ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਇੰਟਰਪ੍ਰਾਈਸਜ਼ ਅਤੇ ਡਿਸਇਨਵੈਸਟਮੈਂਟ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਵਿੱਤ ਤੇ ਯੋਜਨਾਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-33 ਏ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਵਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਮੀਮੋ ਮਿਤੀ 26/12/2015 ਅਤੇ ਅਡਵਾਈਜਰੀ ਕਮੇਟੀਰੈਗੂਲੇਸ਼ਨ -2020 ਦੇ ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰਬਰ 7 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ Expert Members ਜਿਹੜੇ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਣਗੇ, ਉਹਨਾ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਭੱਤੇ ਹੇਠ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਤਜਵੀਜਿਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਦੇ ਹਨ:-

Type of Allowance	Amount	Remarks
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A) TA/DA:

The Authority decided that non-official members/experts attending the meeting of Advisory Committee on Water Resources shall be given Travelling Allowance/Daily Allowance at the rates as admissible to Grade First Officers of Punjab Government.

(As per rule 2.24 of CSR Volume 3 the Daily Allowance is admissible to all Officers).

1	a) <i>Sitting Fee</i>	Rs. 750/- per meeting	As per instructions dated 26-12-18 issued by the Government of Punjab Department of Finance, Directorate of Public Enterprises & Disinvestment, Chandigarh.	<p>B) Sitting Fee: Mr. Sushil Gupta Member, pointed out that Sitting Fee of Rs 750/- per sitting as proposed by Water Resources Department Punjab in its letter No. 110-13/CE/PR ISW, dated 23/3/2021 is very low and therefore experts of eminence may not come to attend meetings of the Advisory Committee. He referred to Government of India Letter No. G-14/I/2017-IFSSection, dated 2 May 2017(copy attached) according to which the sitting fee for experts attending meetings in Government of India has three slabs i.e. up to Rs 4000/-, 6,000/- & 10,000/- per sitting.</p> <p>After considering the matter with reference to regulation 7 of Advisory Committee Regulations, the Authority decided that in order to attract good Experts it will pay sitting fee up to Rs 4000/- per sitting to non-official members/experts attending the meetings of Advisory Committee subject to the condition that they are not drawing any salary/pension from any institution/organization/body funded by the Government.</p>
	b) <i>D.A</i>	Rs. 300 per meeting per day for each day of the journey and for which since fee is not paid.		
2.	<i>Travelling Allowance</i>	At the rate admissible to Grade-A officers of the Government	As per Para-7 of Advisory Committee Regulations, 2020.	
<p>ਐਡਵਾਈਜ਼ਰੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਰੈਗੂਲੇਸ਼ਨ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਉਕਤ ਭੱਤੇ PWRDA ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਜੂਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣੇ ਹਨ ਸੋ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਤਜਵੀਜ਼ ਭੱਤੇ ਮੰਜੂਰ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਖੇਚਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ Expert Members ਦੀ ਨਿਯੁਕਤੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਯੋਗ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ ਜੀ।"</p> <p>ਅ) ਇਹ ਤਜਵੀਜ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਲ ਸਰੋਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਦੱਸੀ ਗਈ ਸੀਟਿੰਗ ਫੀਸ ਅਤੇ ਟੀ.ਏ./ਡੀ.ਏ ਦੇ ਰੇਟ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਹਿੱਤ ਪੇਸ਼ ਹਨ।</p>				

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair

Chairperson