

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਣ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ  
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ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ

1. ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸੁਸ਼ੀਲ ਗੁਪਤਾ, ਮੈਂਬਰ  
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਨ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ।
2. ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੁੱਕਲ, ਮੈਂਬਰ  
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਨ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ।

ਮੀਮੇ ਨੰ.36543: PWRDA-PWRDOMISC/12/2020-PWRDA BR/I/28693

ਮਿਤੀ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ: 14/10/2021

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਨ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨਗੀ ਹੇਠ ਮਿਤੀ 30/09/2021 ਨੂੰ 03:00 ਵਜੇ (ਬ.ਦੁਪਹਿਰ) PWRDA ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਈ 30ਵੀਂ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ।

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ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ।

2. ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਨ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ 30ਵੀਂ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨਗੀ ਹੇਠ ਮਿਤੀ 30/09/2021 ਨੂੰ 03.00 ਵਜੇ (ਬ.ਦੁਪਹਿਰ) PWRDA ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ। ਇਸ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਸਮੇਤ ਅਨੁਲੱਗ ਸੂਚਨਾ/ਅਗਲੇਰੀ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ।

ਨੋਟ:-ਉਕਤ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ।

  
ਪ੍ਰ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕੀ ਅਫਸਰ

ਪਿਠ.ਅੰ.ਨੰ.36543: PWRDA-PWRDOMISC/12/2020-PWRDA BR/I/28693/2021 ਮਿਤੀ,ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ: 14/10/2021

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਦਾ ਉਤਾਰਾ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ:-

1. ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਨ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ।
2. ਨਿੱਜੀ ਸਕੱਤਰ/ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਨ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ।
3. ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ (ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨ ਤੇ ਤਾਲਮੇਲ) ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਨ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ।
4. ਮੈਨੇਜਰ ਅਕਾਊਂਟਸ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਨ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ।
5. ਸ੍ਰੀ ਜੇਬਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, Executive Engineer.
6. ਸ੍ਰੀ ਇੰਦਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਐਸ.ਡੀ.ਓ.

  
ਪ੍ਰ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕੀ ਅਫਸਰ

**Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of PWRDA held on 30.09.2021 at 3.00 PM in the office of PWRDA under the Chairmanship of Shri Karan Avtar Singh, Chairperson, PWRDA.**

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, were in attendance

Item No	Agenda	Proceedings
30.01.	<p><b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the PWRDA meeting held on 23.09.2021.</b> The minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of PWRDA held on 23.09.2021 are yet to be issued.</p>	Noted.
30.02	<p><b>Action Taken Report. ATR on the decisions taken in the last 29th Meeting of the Authority:</b> The ATR will be put up in the next meeting after the issue of minutes of this meeting.</p>	Noted.
30.03	<p><b>Hiring of Motor Vehicles.</b> In the meeting held on 02, March 2021 the Authority Inter alia approved hiring of motor vehicles as under-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two Group I vehicles for-office pool; and</li> <li>2. Three Group II vehicles-one each for Members and Secretary.</li> </ol> <p>2. Subsequently in the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting dated 03.09.2021 the Authority approved that the above mentioned vehicles may be hired as per terms and conditions fixed by the Transport Department from the vendors mentioned in letter dated 31.08.2021 (<b>Annexure A1</b>) of the Transport Department. In case, any of them is not willing to provide the vehicle of the specified category then the vehicle may be permitted to be hired from any other provider.</p> <p>3. Accordingly registered letter and emails were sent to Serve Smart Service, Pvt. Ltd and Punjab Taxi Services (recommended by STC).</p> <p>4. Representative of M/S Serve Smart Service, Pvt. Ltd initially consented to provide the vehicles. But when he came to the office to discuss the details , he did not agree to abide strictly by terms and condition fixed by STC. He refused to</p>	<p>Approved with the following modifications regarding the Contract to be executed for hiring of the vehicles:</p> <p>I) Instead of the Secretary PWRDA, the Senior Manager (Administration and Coordination) is authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Authority.</p> <p>II) In case of any dispute, the matter will be referred to Secretary PWRDA instead of the Principal Secretary, Water Resources.</p>

ensure that vehicles will be of BS VI standard and also expressed his inability to produce the purchase bill or give details of the same after procuring the vehicles. Punjab Taxi Services did not respond in spite of repeated telephonic messages.

5. This matter was re-referred to STC Punjab vide letter dated 16.09.2021 (**Annexure A2**) But no response has been received. However, Sh. Pankush Miglani, Rep of Shake sparrow Travel, Pvt. Ltd, Sector 1, Capital Complex, Secretariat-1, Chandigarh came to this office and gave a letter wherein he stated that he had been referred by STC office and consented to supply the vehicles on hire as per terms and conditions of Transport Department. The consent letter was supported by various documents including a letter from OSD to CM, Haryana. These documents are at (**Annexure A3**).

6. In view of the above, a letter dated 27.09.2021 (**Annexure A4**) was issued to Shake sparrow Travel, Pvt. Ltd asking it to comply with the following:-

1. *You will have to provide a bank guarantee of Rs. 100000/- (One Lakh) within five working days from the date of the letter.*

2. *All the vehicles will have to be provided to the Authority within 10 days of the signing of the contract with you.*

3. *You will have to execute a contract (as per copy attached) which inter alia contains the mutual obligations of the parties, within five working days of the date of issue of this letter.*

4. *In case you do not give the Bank Guarantee within the time is specified in para 1 above, the Authority will withdraw this work order/offer without any notice.*

The draft of the Contract sent to Shake Sparrow Travel, Pvt. Ltd is in consonance with the terms and conditions for hiring of vehicles

	<p>issued by Punjab Transport Department vide memo dated 18.06.2021. The contract is to be executed with the above firm will be signed by Secretary on the behalf of Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority.</p> <p>The Authority is requested to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) approve the letter dated 27.9.2021 issued to Shake Sparrow Travel, Pvt. Ltd and the Contract to be executed for hiring of the vehicles (Annexure A4), and</li> <li>b) authorize the Secretary PWRDA to sign the contract on behalf of the Authority.</li> </ol>	
30.04	<p><b>Exclusion of Punjab from the list of States being regulated by CGWA in Notification dated 24.09.2020 issued by Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI.</b></p> <p>Prior to the constitution of the Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority by the Government of Punjab under the Punjab Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2020, the Groundwater Regulation in the State was being done by the CGWA. After the PWRDA started functioning in August, 2020, the CGWA continued to issue NOC's for Extraction of Groundwater in Punjab. Consequently, a letter dated 05.11.2020 was written to Principal Secretary, Water Resources, GoP (with a copy to Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority) requesting that Government of India may be asked to exclude Punjab from the list of states being regulated by CGWA (Annexure VIII of notification dated 24.09.2020 issued by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI). Copy of letter addressed to Principal Secretary, Water Resources is attached as (<b>Annexure-A5</b>).</p> <p>2. In pursuance of this, Principal Secretary, Water Resources, GoP wrote a letter dated 17.11.2020 (copy attached as <b>Annexure-A6</b>) to Joint Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti requesting that since the Water Authority of the State has started functioning, it is requested that the name of Punjab may be immediately excluded from the list of states (in Annexure-VIII of the Notification dated 24.09.2020) to be regulated by CGWA, and the CGWA should not process any cases</p>	<p>Authority observed that though CGWA has stopped regulating the extraction of Ground Water in Punjab and the same is being done by the Authority, yet till date the Annexure-VIII to the Notification dated 24.09.2020 (available on the NOCAP website) has not been updated and the name of Punjab, continues to be shown in the list of the states regulated by CGWA. This has created an anomaly and is causing confusion amongst water users.</p> <p>Hence the Secretary, PWRDA is directed that the State Government may be asked to immediately take up the matter of deleting the name of Punjab (under Serial no. 17) from the list of states (in Annexure-VIII of the Notification Dated: 24/09/2020) with the Ministry of Jal Shakti.</p>

pertaining to groundwater in Punjab.

3. Thereafter, the CGWA published the following notice on its website (NOCAP) on 18.11.2020 as follows:

*“Project Proponents from Punjab State are informed that Punjab Government has started regulation of Ground Water, hence CGWA NOCAP Portal has stopped processing of already existing applications, as well as accepting fresh and renewal applications for Projects in Punjab. For further information All Project Proponents of Punjab are advised to visit [www.punjab.gov.in](http://www.punjab.gov.in) & [www.irrigation.punjab.gov.in](http://www.irrigation.punjab.gov.in) . The Secretary, Punjab water Regulation and Development Authority, SCO 149-152, 3rd floor Sector 17C, Chandigarh - 160017 email: [chairperson.pwrda@punjab.gov.in](mailto:chairperson.pwrda@punjab.gov.in)”*

4. Vide communication dated 31.12.2020 (on the subject of Handing Over of pending NOC applications of CGWA) Member, CGWA intimated to the Chairman, PWRDA that in view of the fact that the State Groundwater Authority will take over the regulation in the State, data relating to NOC application received on NOCAP is being sent for information record of PWRDA (copy of this letter is attached at **Annexure-A7**).

5. Thereafter, the PWRDA started issuing Ad-Interim Permissions for Groundwater Extraction under the Draft Guidelines for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation, 2020.

6. In view of the notice dated 18.11.2020 on its website by CGWA, the communication dated 31.12.2020 and the provisions of the Punjab Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2020, it is clear that PWRDA is fully competent to regulate Groundwater extraction in the State even though the Annexure–VIII (attached as **Annexure-A8**) to the Notification dated 24.09.2020 (available on the NOCAP website) has not been

	<p>updated to exclude the name of Punjab. It needs to be noted that the heading Anneuxre-VIII attached to the notification of 24.09.2020 is “<i>list of States/Union territories where ground water extraction <u>is being</u> regulated by Central Ground Water Authority</i>”. Thus the Annexure-VIII mentions the status as on date of Notification. The fact that the name of Punjab is in this list does not bar exercise of its statutory powers by PWRDA to regulate Groundwater Extraction in the State.</p> <p>This is further borne out from the fact that as per the Preamble and Background of the notification dated 24.09.2020, CGWA is to regulate Groundwater Extraction in states which are not regulating Groundwater Extraction on their own. Since, PWRDA is regulating Groundwater Extraction in Punjab, the CGWA has transferred the information related to the pending NOC’s to PWRDA for further processing.</p> <p>Submitted for consideration of the Authority.</p>	
30.05	<p><b>Inclusion of data on Dynamic Groundwater Resources of Punjab as on 31.03.2020 received from Chief Engineer, Ground Water-cum-Coordinator NHP, Water Resources under Annexure 1 of Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction And Conservation, 2021.</b></p> <p>The Government of India and Government of Punjab have been jointly assessing the groundwater status of Punjab periodically. The latest assessment of Ground Water Resources of Punjab has been included in the Report on National Compilation on Dynamic Ground Water Resources of India, 2020 published in 2021 by the Central Ground Water Board, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt of India.</p> <p>The publication of State level Report by CGWB, containing the Block wise stage of development is still pending. However Chief Engineer, Ground Water-cum-Coordinator NHP (vide letter dated 20.09.2021) has provided the</p>	<p>The Authority noted the report of the Chief Engineer. It directed Secretary, PWRDA to write to Principal Secretary, Water Resources to inform him that this data is proposed to be incorporated in the Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation, 2021 which are to be issued shortly. The Government may give its comments, if any, within ten days. Once the comments are received from the Government, these may be included in the Directions before the same are published.</p>

	<p>data on the basis of which the State level report is to be formulated (<b>Annexure-A9</b>). It is proposed that the data provided by Chief Engineer, Ground Water-cum-Coordinator NHP may be considered for determining the status of the Assessment Unit (Block) in the Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction And Conservation, 2021.</p> <p>Submitted for consideration of the Authority.</p>	
<p><b>30.06</b></p>	<p><b>Regarding approval of Punjab Directions for Ground Water Extraction &amp; Conservation 2021.</b></p> <p>As per provision under section-12(2) of The Punjab Water Resources (Management and Regulation) Act, 2020 the Draft of Punjab Directions for Ground Water Extraction and Conservation 2021 framed by the Authority was discussed in the first meeting of Advisory Committee, Dated 28 July 2021. The Advisory Committee did not express any objections to the Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation, copies of which had been circulated to all Members in advance. However, some Departments gave certain suggestions/ queries. Some shortcomings in the Draft Directions were also noticed by the Authority. After considering these, the Draft Directions have been modified.</p> <p>The Government has vide letter dated 13.9.2021 conveyed its approval of the rates of Groundwater Charges included in the Directions.</p> <p>The modified copy of Draft Directions (<b>Annexure-A10</b>) is placed before Authority for consideration and approval.</p>	<p>It was noted that the Groundwater Extraction Charges proposed by the Authority had been approved by the Government of Punjab vide Memo no. 11/21/2020PJ-3/614 dated 13.09.2021 and the same have been included in the Directions.</p> <p>The Authority also noted that the Advisory Committee constituted under Section 12 of the Punjab Water Resources (Management and Regulation) Act, 2020 had been consulted regarding the Directions as required under Section 12(2) of the Act.</p> <p>The Authority further observed that the Draft Directions sent to the Government along with the proposal of Groundwater Charges, had provided that the Water Tanker operators will pay additional Groundwater Charges for conveyance of Groundwater as per the actual trips made by the tanker in a month which were to be recorded by GPRS coordinate data. However, in the meeting of the Advisory Committee held on 28.7.2021, Principal Secretary, Water Resources had suggested that the conveyance charges on water tanker may be reviewed as implementing the same may be difficult.</p> <p>Therefore, in order to simplify the process and give certain relief to the water tanker operators, the Draft Directions have been modified to give another payment option to the Water Tanker Operators as detailed below:</p> <p><i><b>"Option 2: The additional groundwater charges shall be paid by the operator of the Water Tanker based on the assumption that the water tanker carries its full capacity and makes twenty trips</b></i></p>

		<p><i>in a month. The monthly payment shall be made by the 10th day of the ensuing month."</i></p> <p>However, there will be no change in the Groundwater Charges approved by the Government.</p> <p>The Authority also approved the Draft Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation, 2021 some modifications. The Directions as approved by the Authority are attached as <b>Annexure-M-1</b>.</p> <p>The Authority also authorized the Chairman to suitably modify the Directions before their publication to include the comments of the Government regarding the data on Dynamic Groundwater Resources of Punjab and make other changes where required.</p>
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Meeting ended with a note of Thanks to the Chair.

Chairperson, PWRDA

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