

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਣ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ
ਐਸ.ਸੀ.ਓ. ਨੰ: 149-152, ਤੀਸਰੀ ਮੰਜਿਲ,
ਸੈਕਟਰ 17-ਸੀ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ।

Web Site: www.pwrda.org



Punjab Water Regulation & Development Authority.

S.C.O 149-152, 3rd Floor, Sector 17-C,
Chandigarh.

email- smadmin.pwrda@punjab.gov.in

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/29617/2021

ਮਿਤੀ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ: 01/12/2021

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਨ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨਗੀ ਹੇਠ ਮਿਤੀ
29/11/2021 ਨੂੰ 03:00 ਵਜੇ (ਬ.ਦੁਪਹਿਰ) ਕਮੇਟੀ ਰੂਮ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਈ 32ਵੀਂ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ
ਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ।

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ।

2. ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਅੰਕਿਤ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਨ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਦੇ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਜੀ ਦੀ
ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨਗੀ ਹੇਠ ਮਿਤੀ 29/11/2021 ਨੂੰ 03.00 ਵਜੇ (ਬ.ਦੁਪਹਿਰ) ਕਮੇਟੀ ਰੂਮ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਈ 32ਵੀਂ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਦੀ
ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਸਮੇਤ ਅਨੁਲੱਗ ਨਾਲ ਨੱਥੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਗਲੇਰੀ ਲੇਜ਼ੀਂਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ।

ਨੱਥੀ:-ਉਕਤ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ।


ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕੀ ਅਫਸਰ

ਪਿਠ.ਅੰ.ਨੰ.36543: PWRDA-PWRDOMISC/12/2020-PWRDA BR/I/29617/2021

ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ:01/12/2021

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

1. ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਨ ਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ।
2. ਨਿੱਜੀ ਸਹਾਇਕ/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.


ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕੀ ਅਫਸਰ

Minutes of the 32nd meeting of PWRDA held on 29.11.2021 at 3.00 pm in the Committee Room under the chairmanship of Sh. Karan Avtar Singh, Chairperson, PWRDA.

Present: Sh. Sushil Gupta, Member.
Sh. Surinder Singh Kukal, Member joined through VC.

In Attendance: Sh. A S Miglani, Secretary, PWRDA.
Sh. J K Jain, Senior Manager (A&C), PWRDA (except for agenda item 32.09).
Sh. Jobanpreet Singh, Executive Engineer, PWRDA.

ItemNo.32.01: Confirmation of the Minutes of the PWRDA meeting held on 10.11.2021.

The minutes of the 31st meeting of PWRDA held on 10.11.2021 were emailed to all concerned. Comments received from Shri S.S. Kukal, Member, through email are attached as **Annexure A1**. Submitted for consideration of the Authority.

Decision:

Confirmed.

Item No. 32.02: Action Taken Report: ATR on the decisions taken in the 31st Meeting of the Authority is as under:

Item No.31.03: To decide further course of action in the light of letter dated 21.10.2021 received from PPCB regarding designation of Implementing Agency. As per decision of the Authority, Government has been requested, vide Letter Dated 18/11/2021, to resolve this issue. Letter is attached as **Annexure A2**.

Item No.31.04: Approval of Tender Document for Support Services. RFP is being finalized.

Item No.31.05: Recruitment of Staff on Contract Basis. The short listing of candidates is under process. Report will be put up to the Authority in the next meeting.

Decision:

Item 31.03: Noted. Reminder be issued to PSWR with a copy to Department of Science and Technology.

Item 31.04: Noted.

Item 31.05: Noted.

Item No.32.03: Finalization of specification for Digital Water Flow Meters and Mechanical Water Flow Meters (with telemetry and without telemetry).

1. A Committee was constituted vide Authority order no. PWRDA-SECY0MISC/9/2021-O/0SECRETARY-PWRDA/1/28620/2021, Dated 13/10/2021 to formulate specifications for Water Meters to be Installed by Water Users under Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation, 2021.

2. The Committee vide Memo No. 72245: PWRDA-SECY/MISC/9/2021-O/o SECRETARY-Y-PWRDA/I/29268 Date, Chandigarh:11/11/2021 has submitted its recommendations which are attached as **Annexure A3**.
3. In addition to its recommendations regarding specifications 'Annexure A' the committee has also suggested that:
 - a. Each borewell may be identified by a unique ID, which may also be recorded in the permission letter to be issued to the user. This would help in tracking the particular borewell and the meter serial no. so that the Uptime of the meter and the Borewell and any other required parameters could be correlated.
 - b. In case no reading is transmitted to the system/software of the Authority by any meter for 3 days at a stretch, then an alert message should be generated by the system.
 - c. Submitted for consideration by the Authority.

Decision:

The Authority approved the specifications recommended by the Committee with minor changes. The final specifications as approved are attached as Annexure-M1.

The Authority also accepted the suggestions given by the Committee mentioned above in Sub-para 3a and 3b of the Agenda Item 32.03 and directed that the Punjab Directions on Groundwater Extraction and Conservation 2021 may be modified accordingly before publication.

Item No. 32.04: Finalization of specification of Digital Water Level Recorders (DWLR's).

1. Committee was constituted vide Authority order no. PWRDA-SECY0MISC/9/2021-O/0 SECRETARY-PWRDA/I/29205/2021, Dated 10/11/2021 to formulate specifications of Digital Water Level Recorders (DWLRs), to be Installed by Water Users under Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation, 2021.
2. The Committee vide Memo No. 72245: PWRDA-SECY/MISC/9/2021-O/o SECRETARY-Y-PWRDA/I/29386 Date, Chandigarh:17/11/2021 has submitted its recommendations which are attached as **Annexure A4**.
3. In addition to its recommendations regarding specifications 'Annexure A4' the committee has also suggested that:

The Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority (PWRDA) may also record the aquifer being tapped by the tube well for extracting Groundwater and maintain record against the specific DWRL installed. This will help in clubbing the water levels of same aquifers in case the industries are tapping different aquifers in the state.

Submitted for consideration by the Authority.

Decision:

- a. *The Authority approved the specifications recommended by the Committee as mentioned in Annexure A4.*
- b. *The Authority also accepted the suggestions given by the Committee mentioned above in para 3 above of the Agenda Item 32.04.*
- c. *The Authority also decided that the words and figures “30,000 cubic meters per month” in para 6.2 of the Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation, 2021 be substituted with “15,000 cubic meters per month”.*
- d. *The Authority also decided that in entry at serial number 8 of table 7.2 of the Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation, 2021 the following be added after the word “undertaking” at the end of the sentence:
“(including undertaking relating to water meters and piezometers)”*

Item No. 32.05: Regarding recovery of overdue Ground Water Extraction Charges.

Several water Users having ad interim permissions are not paying the Ground Water Extraction Charges at all or are paying after long delay. Therefore, action needs to be taken against them.

As per provisions of the Draft Guidelines, and The Punjab Water Resources (Management and Regulation) Act,2020, Authority is competent to take various types of action against the defaulters. The relevant extracts of the Draft Guidelines and Sections of the Act are reproduced below:

Para 3.5 FAILURE TO PAY ON TIME

“ Failure to make any payment in full and on time by a Water User shall be sufficient cause for the Authority to take remedial action for default, including but not limited to imposition and recovery of Groundwater Compensation Charges and interest as applicable, and also to take action for failure to comply with directions of the Authority. Such action under the provisions of the Act may include disconnecting the electricity connections, sealing the groundwater structures of the defaulting Water User, and cancellation of permission.”

Non-Compliance Charges for this default are described in Para 6.3 at Sr. no. 14 of Draft Guidelines, which is reproduced as under:

Sr. No.	Items	Charges in Rs.	
		Units using <100 m3/day	Units using >100 m3/day
14	Non-Payment of any Charges, Fees, Levy Environment Charges or Compensation etc. on the due date: for every month, or part thereof, of delay (to be compounded annually)	1.5% of the overdue amount	1.5% of the overdue amount

Section 23.(1) If the Authority, after due enquiry, is satisfied that any person has willfully failed to comply with the directions issued or conditions imposed under sub-section (2) of section 15 of this Act, the Authority may, by an order, in addition to any other action which may be taken under this Act, ban the operation of machinery using electricity or carrying on of any industrial process which utilizes water in the premises where violation of the directions or condition imposed has taken place:

Provided that before issuing any order under this sub-section, the Authority shall give an opportunity of hearing to the concerned person after a notice of not less than seven days.

(2) The Authority may, after an order under sub-section (1), issue directions to any entity supplying electricity to the premises mentioned in sub-section (1) for stopping of electricity supply to that premises and the entity shall comply with the order of the Authority within twenty four hours of the receipt of the orders and shall not restore the electricity supply till such time, as may be permitted by the Authority.

Section 24. (1) Any person who fails to comply with or contravenes the directions or orders issued by the authority under this Act, or abets the contravention or non-compliance thereof, shall be deemed to have committed an offence under this Act and shall, on conviction, be punishable,

- i. for the first offence, with a fine up to fifty thousand rupees; and
- ii. for the subsequent offence, with an imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees, or both.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), any person who violates the order issued under section 23 of this Act, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees, or both.

Keeping in view the large numbers of defaulters, Authority may consider to delegate its power for taking action against defaulters under Regulation 6(3) of the Conduct of Business Regulations 2020 which reads as under:

"The Authority may delegate to the Secretary or other officers, such of the functions of the Authority and on such terms and conditions, as the Authority may direct for the purpose".

Decision:

- a) *Manager Accounts was authorized to issue Notice to defaulters regarding billing, meter readings and payment of dues along with Non-Compliance charges under the Draft Guidelines, 2020.*
- b) *Senior Manager (Admin and Coordination) was authorised to issue Notice for Cancellation of ad interim Permission and take appropriate decision thereon under the Draft Guidelines, 2020, in case the water user fails to make the required payments after issue of notice by Manager Accounts.*

Item No. 32.06: Development of online integrated solutions by National Informatics Centre Services Inc. (NICSI).

The detailed revised proposal submitted by NICSI regarding the development of software for PWRDA following the approval granted by the Project Approval Committee of NICSI is attached as **Annexure A6**.

I. The salient features of this proposal are as below :-

a. **Scope of Work:**

Services/Applications to be developed by NIC:-

- i. NOC/Permission to the applicant for extraction of Ground Water and related permissions.

- ii. Web Portal of PWRDA.
- iii. Mobile Application.

b. Cost Involved:

The component wise break up of cost is as below: -

Sr No.	Details	Cost
1	Cost of development of application which is to be transferred to NICS I	Rs 74.65 Lacs
2	Estimated cost of ICT Infrastructure for deployment of application at State Data Centre Punjab (DoGR Punjab) per Year	Rs 19.00 Lacs
3	Estimated cost of Support licenses for Linux OS, Database & Framework.	Rs 17.00 Lacs
4	Hardware for 12 persons for project development and for three NIC officers for project monitoring	Rs 17.00 Lacs
5	Suitable infrastructure and space for 12 persons for project development and for three NIC officers to be provided by PWRDA.	The cost for same has not been quoted.
Total =		Rs 127.65 Lacs

c. Payment Schedule:

Sr No.	Amount of Funds to be Transferred	Timeline of Transfer
1	Rs 19.95 Lacs	At the start of work.
2	Rs 5.15 Lacs	2.5 months from the date of start of work.
3	Rs 34.55 Lacs	3.5 months from the date of start of work.
4	Rs 15 Lacs	6.5 months from the date of start of work.

d. Important timelines of the project :

Sr No.	Component	Time Specified	Remarks
1	Design, Development & Implementation Phase	10 Months	To be done by staff engaged by NICS I
2	Maintenance Phase	26 Months	To be done by in house staff under the supervision of NICS I
Total =		36 Months (3 Years)	

Placed before Authority for consideration and approval the proposal as detailed in Annexure 6.

Decision:

The Authority approved the proposal of NIC given in Annexure-6 of the Agenda Item no 32.06 with following observations:

- a) *The NIC maybe asked to consider phase wise operationalisation of the Software modules as soon as the same is developed.*
- b) *NIC may be asked to consider developing of the module for Billing and integrating in the software in parallel with the development of the permission module. NIC may also be asked to submit the estimated cost of the same.*
- c) *The hardware purchased for 12 persons the project development and monitoring for NIC officers shall be the property of the Authority.*
- d) *Sh. Jobanpreet Singh, Executive Engineer, PWRDA was designated as the Nodal Officer.*
- e) *Secretary, PWRDA was authorised to release the payments against the requisition received from NIC and approve the purchase of hardware and software as per requirement projected by NIC in their proposal.*
- f) *The instalment of Rs. 34.55 lakh and Rs. 15 lakhs to be paid after 3.5 months and 6.5 months respectively from the date of start of work as per the proposal of NIC, will be paid only after review of the progress of work by the Steering Committee to be headed by Chairperson, PWRDA.*
- g) *The Authority approved in principle that the expenses for Office space for the project development team will be borne by the Authority.*

Item No. 32.07: Recommendations of the Committee constituted to review the operationalization of the notification dated 24.09.2020.

Regarding the above subject, an e-mail (**Annexure A7**) has been received from Water Resources Department, Punjab vide which comments were sought from the Authority on the decision taken in the meeting held with Government of Haryana Water Resources Authority (HWRA) under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR, MoJS, GoI were sought before 20.11.2021. The decision taken in the meeting is as follows:

“It was decided that all the NOC applications held with CGWA as on the date of request from the State Government shall be forwarded to them for further processing and the concerned State Authority will accord priority to old applications while processing the NOC cases, accept compliance already done. Further, CGWA shall transfer all application fee, groundwater abstraction/restoration charges, other charges, etc. in case of pending applications to the concerned State authority for further action.”

2. In this regard, it is submitted that as per the provisions of the Guidelines to regulate and control ground water extraction in India, dated 24.09.2020 issued by CGWA it has been specified that these Guidelines will be applicable only in states which are not regulating ground water abstraction. The relevant provision of the guidelines are detailed as below:-

“Preamble and Background:

These guidelines will have pan India applicability. Ground water abstraction in States/ UTs (which are not regulating ground water abstraction) shall continue to be regulated by Central Ground Water Authority.”

3. The Punjab government vide its gazette notification dated 12.02.2020 issued The Punjab Water Resources (Management and Regulation) Act, 2020 and constituted the Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority (PWRDA) for regulation of Ground water in the

State. Subsequently the Authority published its Draft Punjab Guidelines for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation 2020 on 12.11.2020.

4. Accordingly Punjab Government, through Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department had written to Joint Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India on 17.11.2020 to exclude Punjab from the list of states to be regulated by CGWA (as per Annexure VII of notification dated 24.09.2020). Consequently on 18.11.2020 CGWA had issued a notice on its website specifying that:

“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.”

5. In compliance of the above notice a letter was received from Member, CGWA on 31.12.2020 (**Annexure A8**) vide which it was intimated that in view of the request of Punjab State, the State Groundwater Authority is to take over the regulation in the state. Also, data pertaining to application from Punjab State received/under process with CGWA was provided to PWRDA.

Placed before Authority for consideration

Decision:

This matter may be examined legally and fresh agenda item be put up before the Authority.

Item No. 32.08: Taking of Staff through outsourcing agency of PPCB.

1. As per decision of the Authority, in the meeting held on 23.9.2021, PPCB (being Designated IA) was requested vide letter dated 01.10.2021 to provide support services through its Outsourcing Agency till PWRDA makes its own arrangements. However, PPCB has written vide letter dated 9.11.2021 that Authority may at its own level get the required personnel from its outsourcing agency i.e. M/S TDS Management Consultants (P) Ltd Mohali. A copy of the Agreement between PPCB and the Agency has also been sent under which the Agency is to supply Manpower of various categories to PPCB for which the Agency will be paid service charges @2.5% of the salary/wages. Further, the agreement inter alia provides that:
“The Service Provider, being the employer in relation to personnel(s) engaged or employed in the office of Punjab Pollution Control Board shall alone be responsible and liable to pay monthly salary/wages to them under this agreement. The Service Provider shall also be liable to pay all statutory dues to his employees(s)/Personnel(s) deputed in the Board i.e EPF, ESI etc as per the requirement and provisions of the relevant laws. In addition to above, he shall also pay GST to the concerned authorities. The actual amount paid as wages, EPS & ESI as mentioned shall be reimbursable by the Board to the Service Provider. In addition, GST etc paid by the Service Provider will also be reimbursed by the Board.”

Detailed agreement is attached as **Annexure A5**.

2. In the 31st Meeting, the Authority has decided that support services for additional work arising after publication of the Directions and for work relating to fixing of tariff etc, may be taken through an outsourcing agency (Item 31.04).
3. However, as the tendering process for engaging the outsourcing agency by PWRDA to provide support services may take time, it is proposed that since PPCB has been designated as IA for PWRDA, the following personnel which are urgently required may be taken through outsourcing agency of PPCB at the terms and conditions mentioned in the Agreement dated 1.4.2021 between PPCB and the TDS Management Consultants (P) Ltd:
 - i. Three Senior Office Executives@ monthly remuneration of Rs 35,000/- each
 - ii. One Accountant @ monthly remuneration of Rs 35,000/-
 - iii. Five Office Executive @monthly remuneration Rs. 25,000/-each
 - iv. One Client Relation Officer @monthly remuneration Rs. 25,000/-
 - v. Six Multi-Purpose Support Staff at the DC rates.
 - vi. Two Security Staff at the DC rates.

The above monthly remuneration does not include the statutory payments such as EPF& ESI which also will be paid as per law by the Authority to the Service Provider in accordance with the terms of agreement of the Agency with PPCB (as mentioned in Para 1 above).

Placed before Authority for consideration.

Decision:

Approved.

Item No. 32.09: Renewal of Contractual Employment of Mr. J.K. Jain, Senior Manager (Administration & Coordination).

Mr. J.K. Jain, PCS (Retd.) was appointed on contract for period of one year as Senior Manager (Administration & Coordination) at total monthly emoluments of Rs. 1.00 Lakh. As per the terms of his contractual employment, the contract may be renewed at the sole discretion of PWRDA. He joined on 01.12.2020 and the contract is expiring on 30.11.2021. Copy of the offer letter containing the terms and conditions of the contract is enclosed as **Annexure-A9**.

2. Mr. J.K. Jain has requested for extension in his contract for four years and also increase in his monthly emoluments to Rs. 1.20 Lakh.
3. Secretary, PWRDA has recommended renewal of the contract of Mr. J.K. Jain as his work and conduct is satisfactory.
4. As per the Regulation 6 (3) of the PWRDA Services Regulations, 2020, the appointment on contract basis may be up to period of five years. Indicative monthly remuneration for post of Senior Manager (Administration & Coordination) for year 2020-2021 is Rs. 1.20 Lakh.
5. The Authority may consider renewal of the contract of Mr. J.K. Jain, Senior Manager (Administration & Coordination) on the same terms and conditions as contained in the current contract. The Authority may also indicate the period of the contract and the monthly remuneration.

Decision:

The Contract of Sh. J K Jain, Senior Manager (Administration and Coordination) be renewed till 30.11.2022 on the same terms and conditions as contained in the current Contract. His monthly emoluments shall be Rs. 1.08 Lakhs (fixed) per month inclusive of all benefits and perquisites.

With the permission of the Chair the following Table Agenda items were taken up:

Item No. 32.10: CGWA Letter dated 23.11.2021:

An Order dated 23.11.2021 on the subject of Directions Under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding mandatory requirement of Impact Assessment Report/Comprehensive Hydrogeological Report for issuance of No Objection Certificate for groundwater withdrawal by State/UT Groundwater Authority dated 23.11.2021 was received from CGWA (Annexure A10).

Vide this letter CGWA inter-alia directed as under:

“Now, therefore, in view of the above and in exercise of the powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Authority hereby gives the following directions:

1. The No objection certificate for groundwater withdrawal shall not be issued to the Project Proponents without the mandatory submission of Impact Assessment Report/Comprehensive Hydrogeological Report, as the case may be, of the proposed project. The format of Impact Assessment Report and Comprehensive Hydrogeological Report are available on the official web portal of CGWA.
2. The Impact Assessment Report/Comprehensive Hydrological Report shall be prepared by such consultant/hydrogeologist, accredited by Rajiv Gandhi National Ground Water Training Institute and Research Institute (RGNGWTRI) and such Ground Water consultant organizations accredited by National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET). The list of accredited Individuals/Institutions is available on the official web portal of CGWA.
3. The State/UT Ground Water Authorities shall constitute an Expert Committee of Members with suitable qualifications and experience, for the evaluation of Impact Assessment Report/ Comprehensive Hydrogeological Report (prepared by accredited individual/organization) submitted by the project proponent, and only after needful appraisal/examination of such reports by the Committee, the No Objection Certificate for ground water withdrawal shall be issued to the Project Proponent.
4. Necessary action in this regard may be taken by the State/UT Ground Water Authority and Action Taken Report may be submitted to this office within three months.”

Submitted for consideration of the Authority.

Decision:

This matter may be examined legally and fresh agenda item be put up before the Authority.

Item no. 32.11: Recruitment of Staff on Contract Basis.

In view of the decision of the Authority taken in its meeting held on 10.11.2021, a Committee of Secretary, Senior Manager (Admin & Coordination) and Executive

Engineer held a meeting on 23.11.2021 to shortlist the candidates for various posts on contract basis. The reports of the Committee for the following posts are attached herewith:

1. Senior Manager IT. : (Annexure A11)
2. Senior Manager (Legal). : (Annexure A12)
3. Technical Manager (Agriculture).: (Annexure A13)

The recommendations are as under:-

Senior Manager IT:

- a. As reported by the Office, both the applicants who have applied for the post of Senior Manager, IT do not fulfil the basic experience required.
- b. The Committee also scrutinised the bio data of the Candidates and found that none of the Candidates had any significant experience or skill in the analysis, design, development, implementation, operation, maintenance, integration and upgradation of relevant software projects and software systems.
- c. As both of the Candidates are not suitable for this post and keeping in view the fact that the response to the current advertisement was poor, the committee is of the opinion that in order to attract good IT professionals with experience of 10 years in the Private sector the monthly emoluments should be raised to Rs. One Lakh against the Rs. 80,000 advertised earlier and the post may be readvertised.

Senior Manager (Legal):

- a. The committee examined the bio data of all candidates. As reported by the Office, applicants at Sr. no 2, 3, and 5, have been found to be ineligible. The committee agrees with this finding as these candidates have not worked on the post of Deputy District Attorney or equivalent.
- b. Candidate no. 6 fulfils the eligibility requirements but has not attached any documents in support of his claims. He has also not given the mandatory declaration regarding vigilance or departmental inquiries etc.
- c. Shri Sanjay Kumar Sachdeva at Sr. No. 1 has 12 years experience of working as Additional District & Session Judge and 10 years experience of working as Civil Judge (Sr. Division) CJM. He has also done LLM. The post of ADJ can be treated as equivalent/higher to the post of Deputy District Attorney.
- d. Vijay Singla, at Sr. No. 4 is a law graduate and has 9 Years experience of working as Deputy District Attorney, District Attorney & Joint Director and 2 years experience of working as Additional Director with additional charge of Director Prosecution & Litigation cum Additional Secretary to Government of Punjab.
- e. The Committee assessed the applications provided by the candidates candidate keeping in view the indicative Roles and Functions as detailed in the Advertisement. It is the Committee's considered view that after considering all aspects concerning the candidates' suitability for the post, the Committee is of the view that both Shri Sachdeva and Shri Singla are better than all other candidates (including candidate at Sr. No. 6). Both will be suitable for the post advertised. Hence the committee shortlists the following two candidates one of whom may be considered by the Authority for appointment as Senior Manager (Legal):-
 - Shri. Sanjay Kumar Sachdeva.
 - Shri. Vijay Singla.

Senior Manager (Agriculture):

- a. As reported by the Office, the applicant who has applied for the post of Technical Manager (Agriculture) does not fulfil the basic qualifications required.
- b. The Committee agrees with the office report and is of the opinion that the post may be re advertised. Given the poor response to the current advertisement, the required minimum experience may be reduced to 5 years.

Submitted for consideration of the Authority.

Decision:

- a. *Senior Manager IT: The Authority considered the Report and decided to readvertise this post after renaming it as Manager IT at the monthly emoluments of Rs 75,000. The required experience may be fixed at 6 years.*
- b. *Senior Manager (Legal): The Authority considered the report and decided that Sh. Vijay Singla was the more suitable candidate out of the two candidates recommended by the Committee. Hence, it approved the appointment of Sh. Vijay Singla, S/o Sh. Jagan Nath Singla for one year on Contract basis. His emoluments shall be Rs. 1.00 Lakhs (fixed) per month inclusive of all benefits and perquisites. The other terms and conditions of this contract will be the same as approved in the case of initial contract of Sh. J K Jain, Senior Manager (A&C).*
- c. *Technical Manager (Agriculture): Approved as proposed.*

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

Office ਦੀ ਸਮਤ ਨੰ. 36543 ਦੇ
 ਨੰ 438 ਮਿਤੀ 1.12.2021 'ਤੇ
 ਡੇਕਲਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਏਕ ਖਵਾਜ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਮਿਸਾਲ
 ਮੁਸ਼ਕਲ ਹੈ

ਸੁਪਰਡੈਂਟ
 ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਲ ਨਿਯੰਤਰਣ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ