

**Minutes of 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority to be held on 06.07.2023 at 9.00 AM in the Committee Room under the Chairmanship of Sh. Karan Avtar Singh, Chairperson.**

**Present: Sh. Sushil Gupta, Member and Dr. Surinder Singh Kukal, Member.**

**In attendance: Rajpal Singh PCS, Secretary and Mr. J.K. Jain, Additional Secretary.**

**Item No. 67.01: Confirmation of the Minutes of 66<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PWRDA.**

The Minutes of 66<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 15.06.2023 was circulated to all concerned. No comments received. The Minutes may be confirmed.

**Decision:** *Confirmed with some changes in item no. 66.S.1 as detailed in the Action Taken Report.*

**Item No. 67.02: Action Taken Report:**

Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in 64<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Authority is as under:

*Item No. 64.08: Audited balance sheet and filing of Income Tax Returns for Financial Year 2022-23.*

Please see item no. 67.05.

*Item No. 64.09: Renewal of contract for the post of Manager Accounts, PWRDA.*

The Performance Review Report of Mr. Davinder Singh, Manager Accounts has been completed and placed on record.

*Item No 64.10: Regarding Staff Cars.*

Pending.

*Item No.65.03: Renewal of contract for the post of Technical Manager (Groundwater).*

Decision has been placed on record.

*Item No.65.04: Outstanding Ground Water Extraction Charges as on 31.01.2023.*

System of issuing monthly notices to all type of arrears and follow up the recovery thereof will be incorporated in the Payment Module being developed by NIC.

*Item No. 65.05: Corrigendum in "Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation.*

Please see Item No. 66.04.

*Item No. 65.06: Quarterly Statement of Authority Fund placed in Fixed Deposit.*

No further action is required.

*Item No. 65.07: Annual Statement of Receipts & Payments for the year 2022-23.*

No further action is required.

*Item No. 66.03: Reimbursement of time barred Mobile and Broadband Bills of Sh. Karan Avtar Singh, Chairperson and Sh. Surinder Singh Kukal, Member, PWRDA.*

Payment has been made on 23.06.2023.

*Item No. 66.04: Extension of timelines for the industries to apply for permission.*

The amendments as approved by the Authority, have been published in the official gazette of the State of Punjab on 19.06.2023 and updated 'Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation 2023' have been uploaded on the PWRDA website.

*Item No. 66.05: Hosting of PWRDA Permissions Portal.*

The payment for production server space at PSDC released on 05.06.2023. Letter regarding renewal of the pre-production server has been issued to DGR issued on 15.06.2023.

*Item No. 66.06: Payment of Rs. 11.09 lakh only (Rs. Eleven lakh and nineteen thousand only) for execution of IEC activities proposed by Water Resources Department (WRD) in co-ordination with SCERT.*

Funds were released. SCERT has been requested on 23.06.2023 to submit financial and physical progress along with Utilization Certificate for the said amount at the earliest.

*Item No. 66.07: Renewal of contract for the post of Administrative Officer, PWRDA.*

Offer letter was issued to Mr. Balwinder Singh Thind on 19.06.2023 and he has joined on 20.06.2023 (FN).

*Item No. 66.S.1: Directions U/S 33 A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974 in the matter of M/s Malbros International Pvt. Ltd., Village Mansoorwal, Tehsil Zira, District Ferozepur.*

Necessary orders as per decision of the Authority have been issued on 16.06.2023.

Further, the following discrepancies have inadvertently crept in while recording the decision.

In the decision, the reference to Directions in the end of first paragraph be read as "Punjab Guidelines for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation, 2020, in particular paragraph 5.1 in place of "Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation, 2023, in particular Paragraph 3.1".

In the subsequent paragraph, in the last line after the word date "10<sup>th</sup> June 2021" be added.

*Item No. 66.T.1: Corrigendum in 'Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation 2023'*

The amendments as approved by the Authority, have been published in the official gazette of the State of Punjab on 19.06.2023 and updated 'Punjab Directions for Groundwater Extraction and Conservation 2023' have been uploaded on the PWRDA website.

**Decision:** *Noted.*

**Item No.67.03: Regarding Operation & Maintenance of “Application for Granting online Permission for Ground Water Extraction, for PWRDA”.**

The development of "Web Application for Granting online Permission (noc) for Ground Water Extraction, for PWRDA has been completed and security audit has also been done. As per the project proposal submitted by NIC and approved by Authority under the head “Project duration and Major Milestones” says that ‘26 months will be the maintenance phase’. The table appended to this head at serial no. 11 reads that, for maintenance of the modules for 26 months, resource and manpower will be provided by the department separately and no cost of maintenance and operation included at present in the project. A copy of Approved project proposal is at **Annexure-A67.03.01**. For this purpose, NICS I has submitted the proposal/invoice for deploying 2 persons at cost of Rs 24,66,009.00 (including taxes and GST). The details are given in **Annexure-A67.03.02**.

2. Authority may approve NIC proposal to deploy 2 persons and approve the cost of their deployment as per NICS I invoice/proposal during O&M phase of 26 months. The expenditure for this purpose will be met out of the budget provision of Rs. 200.00 lakh kept for financial year 2023-24 under the head “2.7 Computerization/Software and website development and maintenance”. The requisite funds are available.

Placed before authority for consideration.

**Decision:** *Proposal para 2 approved with the observation that Secretary shall release the funds after confirming the date of commencement of O&M from NIC.*

**Item No. 67.04: Canal Water based Groundwater Recharge Schemes.**

The groundwater level in Punjab is declining rapidly and to arrest the rate of groundwater level decline, Canal Water Recharge Schemes are being implemented by the Department of Water Resources (WRD), Punjab. PWRDA approved #129 number Canal Water Recharge Schemes in the 61<sup>st</sup> Authority meeting (Item No. 61.09: Canal Water Recharge Schemes). The relevant part of the 61<sup>st</sup> Authority meeting minutes is annexed as **Annexure A67.04.01**. As per demand from WRD, Punjab an amount of Rs. **2, 63, 78, 136/-** was released vide No. 43019: PWRDA-PWRDA0GENL/13/2020-PWRDA/BR/524-528 dated 22.03.2023 for implementation of these Canal Water Recharge Schemes i.e., Rs. 2,37,08,976/- for execution of 88 number Canal based Recharge Schemes not covered under MGNREGA and Rs. 26,69,160/- for installation of 30 number ultra sonic flow meters on the previously implemented #30 number canal water recharge schemes of WRD, Punjab. The progress of the Canal Water Recharge Schemes funded by PWRDA as received on 12-06-2023 from WRD, Punjab is attached as **Annexure A67.04.02**.

2. WRD, Punjab via e-mail dated 05 May 2023 (**Annexure A67.04.03**) had requested to provide funds for #86 number new canal water recharge to groundwater schemes (Non-

MGNERGA Component - items which are not covered under the MGNERGA Scheme). The breakup of the #86 number canal water recharge schemes and the funds demanded is as under:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount in Rs. (Lakh)</b>
#56 Number Tail End Schemes	151.20
#30 Number Canal Rest House Schemes	84.00
<b>Total Number of Schemes #86</b>	<b>235.20</b>

3. On perusal of the schemes, it was observed that the said proposal consisted of schemes for the blocks which stand categorised as Safe, Semi-Critical, Critical and Over Exploited as per the Groundwater Resource Estimate Studies, March 2022. Presently, water conservation initiatives are being prioritized for the Over Exploited (OE) assessment units only. Therefore, WRD, Punjab was asked to revise the proposal for OE assessment units.

4. A revised proposal was received from the Superintending Engineer, GWMC, WRD, Punjab via letter no. 416-17, dated 12.06.2023 (**Annexure A67.04.04**). The details of the schemes and funds demanded are as under:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount in Rs. (Lakh)</b>
Estimated Cost per Artificial Recharge Structure (NON-MGNREGA Component only)	2.80
Cost of #37 number Canal based Recharge Schemes	103.6.0
Cost of #23 number Canal Rest House Recharge Schemes	64.40
<b>Total Numbers of Schemes #60</b>	<b>168.00</b>

The details of expected volume of recharge for the schemes are as under:

- Infiltration rate of 1 well @5 LPS : 18 m<sup>3</sup>/Hr
- Infiltration rate of 1 scheme (2 wells) : 36 m<sup>3</sup>/Hr
- Minimum running days : 50 Days
- Volume of recharge in a year by 1 scheme : 43, 200 m<sup>3</sup>
- Volume of recharge in a year by 60 schemes : 25, 92 ,000 m<sup>3</sup>

5. Subsequently, a DO letter (**Annexure A67.04.05**) has been received from Sh. Krishan Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Water Resources, Punjab requesting for release of above funds for #60 new Canal Water based Groundwater Recharge Schemes.

6. Authority has kept Rs. 6420.30 lakh for water conservation schemes in its budget estimates for the FY 2023-24 and the funds are available.

7. In view of above, the proposal for funding of #60 number Canal Water Recharge Schemes as submitted by WRD, Punjab amounting to Rs. 168.0 lakh (NON-MGNREGA Component only) is placed for consideration of the Authority.

**Decision: 1. The proposal is approved with the following observations:**

- a. *The department shall submit technically sanctioned estimates (at the appropriate level) at the time of seeking funds.*
- b. *The Secretary, PWRDA is authorized to release the funds as per requirement of the department, within the overall approved amount.*
- c. *The work be completed within six months from the date of release of funds.*
- d. *Utilization Certificate be submitted within 90 days from the date of completion of the project along with scheme wise drawings as per actual measurements on site.*
- e. *The department will submit a consolidated monthly physical and financial progress report to the Authority.*
- f. *The department will work out a system to collect data of all digital ultrasonic and mechanical water flow meters installed on the structures.*

**2. Regarding canal water recharge schemes already sanctioned by Resolution no. 61.09, the Authority observed that the department will ensure early completion thereof.**

**Item No. 67.05: Hiring of services of Chartered Accountant for preparation of Audited Balance Sheet and filing of Tax returns.**

Authority by Resolution No.64.08 (**Annexure-A1**), decided as under:

*“Fresh Quotations be called from Chartered Accountant firms with an office in Chandigarh, Mohali or Panchkula for preparation of balance sheets and for filing income tax returns (ITR) for the years 2022-23,2023-24 and 2024-25. The quotation notice be prepared on the same lines as previously and be uploaded on the website of the Authority and a copy be delivered to the local office of the institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The summary of the quotations received be placed before the Authority for approval of award of work.”*

2. To comply with the above decision, a public notice for hiring services of Chartered Accountant was published in The Tribune and Jagbani newspapers dated 18.05.2023. Public notice was also emailed to the Institute of Chartered Accountant of India Chandigarh. In total 13 quotations as detailed below were received.

Sr. no	Name of the Firm (CA)	The firm must have at least 10 years of experience in the required field and out of which at least 5 years of experience must be of working with a government	The firm must have empaneled with CAG	The firm must Have a Register office in Chandigarh/ Mohali / Panchkula	Rates per annum	Remarks

		department/ organization /public sector undertaking.						
		Exp. With Govt. organization	Exp. With others	Total experience				
1	B.M. Varma & Co. SCO No. 80-81, Sector- 17 C, Chandigarh	Yes (25 years)	20 years	45 years	Yes	Yes	95,400/-	Qualified
2	S.Jain & Co. Red Cross Bhawan, Mall Road, Ludhiana	Yes (30 years)	33 years	33 years	Yes	yes	73,200/-	Qualified
3	Som Kansal & Associates SCO 7-8, opp. Milan Palace, Circular Road, Nabha-147201	Yes (3 months)	14 years 9 months	15 years	Yes	Yes	6,00,000/-	Not Qualified as experience In Govt. organisation is only 3 months)
4	DMSG & Associates 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Harshita Complex, Near Anandpur Ashram,22 No. Phatak, Patiala	Yes (25 years)	29 years	29 years	Yes	Yes	3,00,000/-	Qualified
5	Mukesh Raj & Co. 114, Sector-11 A, Chandigarh	Yes (6 years)	40 years	40 years	Yes	Yes	3,42,000/-	Qualified
6	<b>Mehan Associates #27, Basement, Sector-19 A, Chandigarh</b>	Yes (14 years)	38 years	38 years	Yes	Yes	<b>36,000/-</b>	<b>Qualified</b>
7	KKMK & Associates #1716, Sector-4, Panchkula	Yes (5 years)	22 years 9 months	22 years 9 months	Yes	Yes	2,82,000/-	Qualified
8	Rajiv Goel & Associates SCO- 823-824, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Sectro- 22 A, Chandigarh	Yes (30 years)	30 years	30 years	Yes	Yes	47,500/-	Qualified
9	Montek S & Associates B.O 524-L, Model Town Opp. Bawa	Yes (11 years)	13 years	13 years	Yes	Yes	93,400/-	Qualified

	Bakery, Ludhiana							
10	JKSS & Associates 91, Siddhartha Enclave, Near Ashram Chowk, New Delhi	Yes (10 years)	28 years	28 years	Yes	yes	79,995/-	Qualified
11	Kamal Batra & Associates H. No-3355, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Sector-37 D, Chandigarh	Yes (8 years)	18 years	18 years	Yes	Yes	49,000/-	Qualified
12	Davinder pal Singh & Co. H. No-933, HIG Independent Sector-70, Mohali	Yes (15 years)	24 years	24 years	Yes	yes	88,400/-	Qualified
13	Avneep Singh & Co. #1006, Rajdhani Apartments, Sector-49 A, Chandigarh	No (3 years)	9 years	9 years	Yes	Yes	61,000/-	Not Qualified due to Less experience and quotation not received within stipulated time.

3. Applicants at serial no. 3 and 13 do not qualify for the reasons given in the remarks column. Applicants at serial no. 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 are qualified as they fulfill all the requisite conditions.

4. M/S Mehan Associates #27, Basement, Sector-19 A, Chandigarh quoted the lowest annual fee of Rs 36,000/- plus GST. Therefore, the quotation of Mehan Associates Sector-19A, Chandigarh may be accepted being the lowest. Chairperson may be authorised to approve the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Manager Accounts may be authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the PWRDA.

5. Since, the TDS and TDGST returns for the first quarter of FY 2023-24 were to be filed in a time bound manner, hence, these were got prepared and filed through previously engaged CA. Accordingly, the current contract with the lowest bidder may commence from 1st. day of July 2023 for three years so for as filing of TDS and TDGST returns are concerned.

Placed before the Authority for approval.

**Decision:** *Approved as proposed. Authority further decided to keep second (serial no. 8) and third (serial no. 11) lowest bidder in the waiting list.*

**Item No. 67.06: Specifications of Flow Water Meters**

The Punjab Groundwater Extraction and Conservation Directions, 2023 were published on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and came in effect on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. As per Para 5.1 sub-para-A and B;

*“A User requiring Permission for groundwater extraction under the Directions shall install volumetric water meters on each extraction structure. All water meters shall conform to the technical specifications, performance parameters and connectivity standards etc. as required by the Authority. It shall be the responsibility of the User to ensure that each water meter including the telemetry device (if required) is fully functional and in proper working order at all times.*

*A User shall install a water meter at each extraction structure depending on the volume of groundwater permitted to be extracted by the Unit as follows:”*

**Table 5.1: Type of Water Meter**

<b>Permitted Volume of Groundwater Extraction</b>	<b>Type of Water Meter</b>
Up to 1,500 cubic metres per month	Mechanical meter or Digital flow meter with or without telemetry
More than 1,500 cubic metres per month	Digital Flow Water Meter with Telemetry

As per Para 5.1 C of the Directions:

*“A User shall install the required water meters within three months of the date of Permission. For the period (within the time limit of three months) that the Unit extracts water without installing Water meters as required, it shall pay groundwater extraction charges for the entire volume permitted.”*

2. A committee was formulated to decide the specifications of water meters (Mechanical as well as Digital Flow Meters with telemetry). Suggestions received from water meter manufacturers on the Draft Water Meter Specifications were discussed in the committee meetings. The committee submitted its recommendations vide Memo No.72245: PWRDA-SECY/MISC/9/2021-O/o SECY-Y-PWRDA/I/29268 Dated, Chandigarh:11/11/21.
3. In the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Authority, the specifications for Digital Water Flow Meters and Mechanical Water Flow Meters (with telemetry and without telemetry) and specifications of Digital Water Level Recorders (DWLR's) were approved with minor changes (**Annexure A67.06.01**).
4. The CGWA also finalised its specifications for digital water meters which are available at <https://cgwa-noc.gov.in/> (**Annexure A67.06.02**). These specifications were considered by the Committee and the draft specifications finalized by the Committee were similar to CGWA with following differences:

<b>Provisions as per Specifications of CGWA</b>	<b>Provisions as per Specifications of PWRDA</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
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<p><b>Test certificate</b> : The meter manufacturer shall submit the latest test/calibration certificate of the meter, from Fluid Control Research Institute (FCRI) / National Physical Laboratory (NPL) or any third-party laboratory accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), for every meter.</p> <p><b>3.4 Lab Testing / calibration:</b></p> <p>Testing or Calibration of meters shall be performed at ISO 17025: 2017 accredited laboratory. The accuracy of meter shall be within <math>\pm 2</math> % in the operating range. The meter shall have valid model approval certificate.</p> <p>The meter shall have model approval from India or abroad. Every meter should be calibrated / tested for accuracy in the operating flow range (10% to 100%). At least 4-point calibration at 10%, 40%, 70% and 100% of maximum/rated flow shall be performed.</p>	<p><b>XX. Lab Testing/ calibration:</b></p> <p>a. Meter shall have valid model approval certificate (not more than 3 years old as on date of installation of Meter) from Fluid Control Research Institute (FCRI) / National Physical Laboratory (NPL).</p> <p>b. Each meter shall be calibrated by equipment's certified by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) or from any laboratory accredited by NABL as specified below:</p> <p>i. Meters installed in units permitted to extract groundwater from 750 cubic meter per month to 1500 cubic meter per month, shall be calibrated before completion of 2 years of installation and every 2 years thereafter.</p> <p>ii. Meters installed in units permitted to extract groundwater more</p>	
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	<p>than 1500 cubic meter per month, shall be calibrated before completion of one year of installation and every subsequent year thereafter.</p> <p>c. Calibration reports for the entire life cycle of meter should be readily available on data management software.</p>	
<p><b>Parameters to monitor:</b> The meter (since installation of the requisite watermeter) shall transmit the following parameters to a secure cloud</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timestamp</li> <li>• Cumulative forward flow volume</li> <li>• Cumulative reverse flow volume</li> <li>• Cumulative Net volume</li> <li>• Cumulative pump working hours</li> <li>• Meter serial number</li> <li>• Device last calibration date</li> <li>• Borewell ID (Provided by CGWA)</li> </ul>	<p><b>XII. Parameters to monitor:</b> Meter shall record and transmit the following parameters to a secure cloud:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Timestamp</li> <li>b. Cumulative Volume</li> <li>c. Meter serial number</li> <li>d. Device last calibration date (This should be a Coloured coded intimation; The date shall be displayed in Red if certificate expired.)</li> <li>e. Tube well ID (as provided by PWRDA)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>a) Power Source:</b> The meter shall be battery operated or UPS powered supply with provision of power OFF Detection.</p>	<p><b>III. Power Source:</b> a. Meter and Pump/Motor should have same power source. Power source of Pump and Meter shall be interlocked in such a way that Pump/Motor shuts off if power to the meter is disconnected.</p>	
<p><b>Battery life:</b> In case of battery operated meters the battery shall run at least for a period of 3 years with 2 transmissions per day. The battery shall be replaceable without any data loss.</p>	-	
<p><b>Transmission Frequency:</b></p>	<p><b>XV. Transmission frequency:</b></p>	

The data shall be transmitted minimum 2 times in a day	a. Data should be transmitted on real time basis by Meters b. All data transmitted to the Authority shall be date and time stamped.	
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5. Many queries have been received from the Users as well as manufacturers regarding the FCRI/NPL model test certificate, which is not available with the manufacturers. The condition of a model test certificate has not been mandated by CGWA. As on date, 270 applications have been received wherein no user has provided a FCRI/NPL model test certificate.
6. As the Authority is in the process of granting Permissions to the Users, it is anticipated that this will become a major compliance issue in the near future.
7. Therefore, for the convenience of Groundwater users and to ensure compliance of the Directions, 2023, it is proposed that in the specifications for Digital Water Flow Meters, provisions under the heading ‘Lab Testing/Calibration’ and for Mechanical Water Flow Meters, provisions under the heading ‘Testing/Calibration’ may be replaced with:

*“Meters shall be calibrated by equipment's certified by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) or from any laboratory accredited by NABL as specified below:*

- i) *Each meter shall either have been calibrated less than one year prior to the date of application or within three months from the grant of permission and thereafter, each time before applying for renewal of Permission.”*

Placed before the Authority for consideration.

**Decision:** *Proposal para 7 approved as under:*

*Meters shall be calibrated from any laboratory accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) or by an equipment certified by NABL as given below:*

- i) *Each meter shall either have been calibrated less than one year prior to the date of application or within three months from the grant of permission. Thereafter, the meter shall be calibrated each time before applying for renewal of Permission.*

**Item No. 67.07: Resignation Notice by Mr. Rishamdeep Singh, Technical Manager (Agriculture).**

Mr. Rishamdeep Singh, was appointed Technical Manager (Agriculture) on contract basis initially for one year on a monthly remuneration of Rs. 50,000/- by Resolution No. 58.13 (**Annexure A 67.07.01**). He assumed the charge of the post of Technical Manager (Agriculture) on 23.02.2023.

2. Mr. Rishamdeep Singh has served a notice of two months on 01.06.2023 for resignation from this post by stating that:

*“I, Rishamdeep Singh, joined as Technical Manager (Agriculture) under contractual employment via Memo no. 36599: PWRDA-PWRD0GENL/6/2020-PWRDA/BR/I/44451/2023 dated 08.02.2023. Due to personal unavoidable circumstances, I want to resign from the post of Technical Manager (Agriculture). I hereby give two month notice on 01.06.2023. Kindly accept my notice. I shall be very thankful”*

3. Para 8 of the offer letter says that:

*“You may resign from service by giving a notice of two months or depositing of requisite pay in lieu of the notice period”.*

4. Para 6 (4) of the Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority (Appointment & Service Conditions of Employees) Regulations, 2020 provides: -

*“The Authority may terminate the Services of any employee engaged on Contract basis with a notice of two months without assigning any reasons, and the employee may also terminate the contract by giving a notice of two months, unless the terms of contract provide otherwise.”*

5. The two months’ notice period will mature on Monday, 31.07.2023. As per condition of the contract & service regulation 6(4) the resignation can be accepted by the Authority and he may be relieved on 31.07.2023 (A.N).

Placed before the Authority for consideration.

**Decision:** *Approved as proposed. Authority perused the merit list of the shortlisted candidates prepared by three-member committee headed by Dr. Surinder Singh Kukal and decided to offer contractual appointment to the candidate at serial no. 2 (Mr. Anil Kumar) of the merit list initially for a period of one year at a fixed monthly remuneration of Rs. 50,000/- only. The other terms and conditions of the contract shall be same as approved by the Authority in the earlier case.*

#### **Item No. 67.08: Recruitment to the one post of Manager (Legal).**

Authority in its 63rd Meeting held on 29.03.2023 approved to fill one post of Manager (Legal) on contract basis at the monthly remuneration of Rs. 1.00 lakh (fixed) by calling applications from both Public & Private Sectors. The qualification/ experience from Public/ Private Sector were decided as follows (in brief):

##### **I. Public Sector:** Candidate should be:

A Law Officer who is working as or has retired from the post of Deputy District Attorney or equivalent.

##### **II. Private Sector:** Candidate should be:

LLB from recognized University/ Institute and at least 10 years’ experience of legal work out of which at least five years should be as a practicing Advocate in a High Court.

2. The post was advertised on 16.05.2023 and the last date of receipt of application was 06.06.2023 at 02:00 PM. As per the report of the Scrutiny Committee (**Annexure A 67.08.01**) a

total of three applications from Private Sector were received via email till the cut-off time and none was received from the Public Sector. All the three were considered eligible as per qualification and experience required for the post.

3. A committee consisting of Sh. Sushil Gupta, Member, PWRDA, Sh. JK Jain, Additional Secretary, Sh. Rajesh Vashisht, Technical Advisor, Mr. Maninder Singh, XEN and Sri H S Sitta, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab as Domain Expert (nominated by the office of Advocate General, Punjab) was constituted in terms of Resolution No. 61.06 of the Authority.

4. The three eligible candidates were informed via email and telephonically for interactive session to be held on 15.06.2023 at 10:00 am in the committee room of the Authority.

5. The above committee (except Mr. Maninder Singh, XEN who was on leave on that day) interacted with the candidates on 15.06.2023 in the committee room of the Authority and reported that *“None of the candidates fulfilled the minimum qualifying marks. Hence, the Committee does not recommend any of the three candidates interviewed for appointment to the post of Manager (Legal)”*. The detailed report is at **Annexure A.67.08.02**.

Placed before the Authority for consideration.

**Decision:** *Noted.*

**Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.**