

Minutes of 71st Meeting of Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority held on 28.09.2023 at 02.30 PM in the Committee Room under the Chairmanship of Sh. Karan Avtar Singh, Chairperson.

Present: Mr. Sushil Gupta, Member and Shri Surinder Singh Kukal, Member.

In attendance: J.K. Jain, Additional Secretary.

Item No. 71.01: Confirmation of the Minutes of 70th meeting of PWRDA.

Minutes of 70th meeting held on 25.09.2023 was emailed to all concerned on 25.09.2023. No comments received. The minutes may be confirmed.

Decision: Confirmed.

Item No. 71.02: Action Taken Report.

Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the previous meeting of the Authority will be put up in the next meeting.

Decision: Noted.

Item No. 71.03: Representations from various units and Punjab Dyers Association regarding payment of Groundwater Charges etc.

Representations from various dyeing units and Punjab Dyers Association have been received by registered post and by email, namely:

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| 1. Punjab Dyers Associations | 22. Hari Om Processor |
| 2. G.K Finishing | 23. Capital Dyeing Company |
| 3. Shree Balaji Processors | 24. M.K. Aggarwal Fabrics Pvt. Ltd. |
| 4. R.R. Fabrics | 25. M/s K.B. Dyeing |
| 5. Flora Dyeing House | 26. Adarsh Proccsors |
| 6. Famina Fabrics | 27. Sharma Woolen Mills Private Limited |
| 7. Styllia Garments | 28. Koutton Dyeing House |
| 8. Royal Coating | 29. Sun Shine Dyeing Private Limited |
| 9. Balak International | 30. Mahadev Washing |
| 10. N.V Processors | 31. Perfect Dyeing & Finishing Industries |
| 11. Prabhat Dyeing and Finishing Industries | 32. Shivam Processors |
| 12. Shri Krishna Industries | 33. Media Impex (P) ltd. |
| 13. Krishna Industries | 34. Keshav Scientific Dyers |
| 14. Royal Processors | 35. Sat Sahib Dyeing House |
| 15. Mahabir Dyeing House | 36. Perfect Dyeing & Finishing Industries II |
| 16. Dyefab Processors | 37. Berry Scientific Dyers |
| 17. Aman Processors | 38. Flora Dyeing House |
| 18. M-Tec Processors | 39. C.K. Processors |
| 19. Madhok Scientific Dyers | |
| 20. Samrat Dyeing House | |
| 21. Vishu Fabrics | |

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| 41. Gopal Ji Garments Private Limited | 40. Aggarwal Scientific Dyers |
| 42. Sea Fashion | 55. Rasila Processors |
| 43. Sunrise Dyers & Processors Private Limited | 56. M.R. Dyeing & Finishing Mills |
| 44. AV Processors | 57. G.P. Dyeing |
| 45. Fashion Fast | 58. Blue Star Processors Pvt. Ltd. |
| 46. H.C Dyeing Works | 59. NK Washing |
| 47. Vishnu Fabrics | 60. A. K. Dyeing House |
| 48. New Amba Dyeing Unit No. 2 | 61. Ramson Processors |
| 49. New Amba Dyeing Unit No. 1 | 62. S.K. Udyog |
| 50. Woolco Dyers | 63. R.R. Fabrics |
| 51. Onkar Industries | 64. Vidhata Processors |
| 52. Ponahari Dyeing | 65. BL Processor |
| 53. G.R. Woolen Mills | 66. Aashish Dyeing |
| 54. New Ashok Dyeing Factory | 67. A.D. Dyeing & Finishing Mills |
| | 68. Lakshmi Processors |
| | 69. Golden Enterprises |
| | 70. H.M International |

Compiled representations are placed at **Annexure A 71.03.01**.

2. All the representations were examined and found to be stereotyped. One of the representations is reproduced below:

“With due regards we submit we are a small-scale dyeing industry at Ludhiana, working on job work basis and draw water through a tube well.

As per your direction dated 27 Jan 2023, we are required to apply for permission to draw ground water by 30.09.2023.

The requirement for filing complete application include deposit of sum equal to two months water charges as security deposit and payment of charges for ground water drawl from 1st Feb 2023 till 30.09.2023.

As you may be aware we have filed a writ petition no. 20930 before Hon’ble Punjab & Haryana High Court for quashing/setting aside of above referred direction dated 27 Jan 2023. During the hearing of the matter today i.e., 25.09.2023, Hon’ble court was pleased to issue notice to you and State of Punjab in the matter. On our request to allow us to deposit arrear of charges w.e.f., 01.02.2023 till sept 2023 in instalments and charges w.e.f. 01.10.2023 regularly, subject to outcome of the petition, Hon’ble court was pleased to observe in open court that such an application may be made to the Authority who will consider the same. Ld. DAG, State of Punjab, present during hearing assured that the Authority will consider the application, if made to the Authority.

We request that we are facing extreme hardship to pay arrears of charges and security amount along with application by 30.09.2023. Dyeing industry is presently hard pressed due to national and international upheavals. We are badly suffering money crunch.

We therefore request you to allow up to submit the arrears of ground water charges from 01.02.2023 to 30.09.2023 in 16 equal monthly instalments to be paid along with monthly charges each month till the arrears are liquidated. We also request you to kindly waive off deposit of security amount during pendency of said writ petition.

We request you to kindly consider our above request and decide the same before 30.09.2023, the last date of submission of our application for ground water extraction before your good office."

3. Punjab Dyers Association through their email dated 27.09.2023 (**Annexure A 71.09.02**) have requested to decide on the above representation before the last date i.e. dated 30.09.2023 or extend the date for submission application for Groundwater Extraction till their representation is decided.
4. In view of the above, the requests raised by the Associations are summed up as follows:
 - i. Payment of the arrears of ground water charges from 01.02.2023 to 30.09.2023 in 16 equal monthly instalments to be paid along with monthly charges each month till the arrears is liquidated.
 - ii. Waive off deposit of security amount during pendency of the CWP 20930 of 2023 in Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court.
 - iii. Extend the last date for submission of Application of Permission for Groundwater Extraction.

Placed before the Authority for consideration.

Decision: *i) For the Units seeking permission to extract a volume of Groundwater more than 1,500 cubic meters and up to 15,000 cubic meters per month, the last date to apply for permission is September 30, 2023. This is hereby extended by two months i.e., up to November 30, 2023.*

ii) The amended time line be published in three daily newspapers with wide circulation in the State for information of the public and it be uploaded on the website of PWRDA.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Approved
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