

DELHI JAL BOARD
GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI

Dispatch. No.1353

Dated : 14 -08-2024

Minutes of the 169th Board Meeting of Delhi Jal Board held on 02nd August, 2024 (Friday) at 11:00 AM and 05th August, 2024 (Monday) at 06:00 PM in the office of Hon'ble Chairperson, DJB at 6th Floor, Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110 002.

P R E S E N T

1.	Ms. Atishi Marlena, Hon'ble Minister (Water)	Chairperson
2.	Sh. Manish Kumar Gupta (IAS) Addl. Chief Secretary (U. D.)	Ex-Officio Member
3.	Sh. A. Anbarasu (IAS) Chief Executive Officer, DJB	Member
4.	Mr. Azimul Haque (IAS) Member (Admn)	Member
5.	Ms. Ruchika Katiyal (IAS) Member(Finance)	Member
6.	Sh. Ashok Kumar Patre, Scientist ' E'	Representative of CGWB
7.	Sh. Amit Kumar Jain	Secretary, DJB

The Board Meeting started as scheduled on 2nd August, 2024 after completion of quorum (six members). After completion of discussion on Agenda Item No. Admn. -655 at the meeting, Additional Chief Secretary (U.D.) requested for leave as he had to attend an urgent meeting. After he left for the meeting, the number of members present at the meeting fell below the quorum required for the conduct of the meeting and accordingly the meeting was adjourned to meet again on Monday i.e. 5th August, 2024.

The adjourned Board meeting had resumed the proceeding at 06:00 PM on 5th August, 2024 and finished the business. The records of proceedings and Minutes of meeting are as under:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 168th Board Meeting held on 19/07/2024 were confirmed.

ACTION TAKEN NOTE

Action Taken Notes in respect of some of the decisions taken in 168th Board Meeting of DJB held on 19/07/2024 were placed before the Board and the same were taken on record. Further, the Board was apprised that remaining action taken notes would be placed before the Board at the next Board Meeting and the Board took note of the same.

During the discussion on the ATR of 166th Board Meeting, Hon'ble Chairperson, DJB raised the issue regarding non-submission of ATR on contractual engagement which was to be placed at the last meeting of the Board. CEO, DJB apprised that there were certain issues to be examined from the relevant file in the matter and ATR would be placed before the Board soon.

RESOLUTION NO.1385

ITEM NO. ADMN.-655: Revision in domestic & commercial water tariff.

The Board was informed about the dire need for revision in domestic & commercial water tariff in detail as contained in the Proposal No. DJB/DOR/Tariff/2024/4102 dated 01/08/2024. Hon'ble Chairperson expressed her views that the proposal should be further examined to explore some options for lower-

income-group and higher-income-group consumers separately and, thereafter, be placed before the Board.

During the discussion on the status of water meters, it was decided that in supersession of previous decision, henceforth, the meter installation (including cost of meter) shall be undertaken only by the consumer. It was further decided that an order to this effect be issued and suitable IEC activities including advertisement containing the information regarding empanelled brands be published in the media. A list of authorized firms for installations of meter should be displayed on the DJB website and also shown on social media for the purpose.

RESOLUTION NO.1386

ITEM NO. ADMN.-656.- To apprise the Board about the Financial status of DJB for Plan and Revenue.

The Board was apprised of the proposal in detail as contained in Proposal No. DJB/B&A/2024/1320 dated 01/08/2024 regarding financial status of DJB for plan and revenue. The Board took note of the proposed financial status of DJB for plan and the need for augmentation of revenue. During the discussion on the item, Hon'ble Chairperson suggested that details of total revenue and total revenue expenditure be brought on record along with revenue deficit. It was also discussed that steps be taken to liquidate the arrears of commercial and bulk dues against the Government and private institutions.

It was also decided that request for release of next instalment of ways & means be sent for DJB until such times the new schemes of GIA are approved by the Government.

RESOLUTION NO.1387

ITEM NO. ADMN.-657.- Revised Budget Estimates for the year 2023-24 and Budget Estimates for the year 2024-25.

The Board considered and discussed the proposal contained in Proposal No. DJB/B&A/2024/1318 dated 01/08/2024 regarding revised budget estimates for the year 2023-24 and budget estimates for the year 2024-25. The Board resolved to approve the proposed budget estimates. It was recommended by the Board that the requirement for additional budget too be required due to undischarged liability coming forward from last financial year be arrearred at the stage of RE estimation by Government.

RESOLUTION NO.1388

ITEM NO. ADMN.-658: Annual Action Plan of the Delhi Jal Board for the financial year 2024-25.

The Board was apprised of the proposal in detail as contained in Proposal No. DJB/B&A/2024/1319 dated 01/08/2024 regarding Annual Action Plan of the Delhi Jal Board for the financial year 2024-25. The Board was also briefed on the Annual Action Plan. It was apprised to the Board that Finance Department has written to U.D. Deptt. vide D.O. Letter dated 12th June, 2024 which has been communicated to DJB that from this year onwards, Finance Department will continue to release funds for ongoing works subject to required information from DJB. However, no funds shall be released for new works unless proper schemes for capital works are prepared and approved by the Government and a proper shelf of project/works is submitted through Annual Action Plan.

It was recommended by the Board that critical capital works which cannot be put on hold owing to emergency nature, should be permitted to be taken up as per the existing scheme and accordingly the same should be taken up with U.D. Department/Finance Department.

RESOLUTION NO.1389

ITEM NO. ADMN.-659: New Scheme of Grant in Aid to DJB for meeting their Revenue Expenses and Capital Works.

The Board was apprised of the proposal contained in Proposal No. DJB/B&A/2024/1321 dated 01/08/2024 regarding New Scheme of Grant in Aid to DJB for meeting their Revenue Expenses & capital works, and the Board resolved to approve the same.

RESOLUTION NO.1390

ITEM NO. T-438: Status note on sewer overflow across the city during monsoon season- causes, impact and solutions.

The Board was apprised of the proposal in detail as contained in Proposal No. DJB/CE(South)-01 dated 01/08/2024 regarding status note on sewer overflow across the city during monsoon season- causes, impact and solutions. The Board was also apprised of the decision taken at the previous Board meeting to appoint a PMC on competitive basis to prepare a comprehensive sewerage maintenance plan for Delhi. CEO, DJB apprised the Board that actually no diagnosis on the status of sewerage system has been done for the last 20 years to resolve this issue which is the main cause of sewer overflow situation. CEO, DJB further stated that a Unit Rate System is proposed to be brought in to speed up maintenance work by the Engineering Wing. Hon'ble Chairperson also suggested that the following measures be taken to cope with the sewer overflow situation in the city:

- I. Desilting process must be done in a more effective manner.
- II. Upgradation of Sewer Treatment Plant.
- III. Deployment of more "Dikki Machines".
- IV. A deep study for reasons & solution of continuous sewer overflow be done.
- V. Disconnection of drains be done immediately.
- VI. A list of departmental labour (aged above 50 years and below 50 years) be prepared to address the issue.

VII. Desilter machines are not available to cope with the sewer overflow situation.

Therefore, it may be clarified and these machines be deployed immediately.

Hon'ble Chairperson expressed her deep concern on this issue and suggested to prepare a concrete action plan to resolve the issue effectively and the same be placed at the next Board Meeting.

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



CHAIRPERSON, DJB



SECRETARY, DJB