DELHI JAL BOARD N.C.T. OF DELHI

Minutes of the 42nd meeting of the Delhi Jal Board held on 11.05.2001 at 12.30 P.M. in the Conference Room of Delhi Jal Board, Varunalaya Phase-II, Karol Bagh, New Delhi – 110 005.

PRESENT

1.	Smt. Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister, Delhi	Chairperson
2.	Shri Pradip Mehra, C.E.O.	Member
3.	Shri Yog Dhyan Ahuja, Member, MCD	Member
4.	Smt. Shakuntla Arya, Member, MCD	Member
5	Shri Ashok Kumar Tanwar, Member, Delhi Cantt. Board	Member
6.	Shri R.Narayan Swamy, Pr. Secy. (UD)	Member
7.	Shri S.K.Agrawal, Member(Dr.)	Member
8.	Shri K.C. Jain, Member (Water Supply)	Member

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the 41st meeting were confirmed after detailed discussion. During the course of deliberations, three members namely Shri Yogdhyan Ahuja, Smt. Shakuntla Arya and Sh. Ashok Kumar Tanwar objected to the reference in the minutes about Smt. Shakuntla Arya's vote not being considered on ground of her not being physically present at the time of voting. It is mentioned that she had left the meeting before the agenda item No. 937 was discussed and put to vote in the 41st meeting of the Board. These members wanted that her vote should be considered against the Agenda item since she had clearly stated before leaving that her vote should be counted in support of her party colleagues. They wanted that the precise tally of voting of 6 in favour and 5 against the motion, inclusive of Smt. Arya's vote, should be mentioned. It was clarified to them that it is a universally established practice that the vote of only those present and voting is considered whenever a vote is taken on any proposal. However, the members continued to insist that her vote too must be counted against the aforesaid agenda item, notwithstanding the fact that the agenda item would still have the support of a majority of the members. The Chairperson did not agree to that on the ground that it was against

the established norms and would set a bad precedent. While there would be no objection to specifying the precise tally of 6 in favour and 4 against the motion, there was no question of including the vote of a Member who was not present at the time of voting. The minutes were thereafter confirmed with support of the majority, with the three members dissenting.

At this juncture the above mentioned 3 members started shouting and openly declared that they would not allow the meeting to proceed any further, if the minutes were not amended in accordance with their viewpoint. The Chairperson took up the next agenda item, but these members stood up and obstructed any further transaction of business. As a result, consideration of the pending agenda was deferred.

SECRETARY CHAIRPERSON