

MINUTES OF THE 157TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

B. M. R. D. A.

DATE : 9th August, 1994 (Tuesday)
TIME : 11.00 A.M.
PLACE : Chief Secretary's Committee Room,
5th Floor, Mantralaya

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Shri N. Raghunathan - Chairman
Chief Secretary to Government
Shri Shirish B. Patel - Member
Shri R.Y. Tambe - Member
Shri I.M. Kadri - Member
Shri D.T. Joseph - Member
Secretary (TPWSS) to Government
Urban Development Department
Shri Ajit Warty - Member
Secretary to Government
Housing & Special Assistance
Department
Shri D. Mehta - Member
Metropolitan Commissioner

INVITEES :

Shri Venkat Chary
Principal Secretary (ULB) to Government
Urban Development Department
Shri B.K. Agarwal
Secretary to Government
Industries Department
Shri A.K. Mago
Secretary to Government
Environment Department and
Chairman, MEIP Technical Committee
Shri K.S. Baroi,
Additional Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay

SPECIAL INVITEES :

Shri Vishwas Dhumal
Chief Executive Officer,
Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation
Shri D.R. Rasal
Member Secretary
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
Shri P. Manchekar
Municipal Commissioner
Thane Municipal Corporation, Thane

Shri T. Chandrashekar
Administrator
Kalyan Municipal Corporation
Kalyan

Shri P.M. Bayas
Director
Environment Department

Shri G.N. Warade
Scientist-I and National
Programme Co-ordinator, MEIP

Item No.1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Policy Committee.

As no comments had been received on the minutes already circulated, the minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2 : Action taken on the minutes of the last meeting of the Policy Committee.

Secretary (Environment) informed the Committee that the study on alternative fuels for public transport in Greater Bombay could not be initiated due to non-availability of funds under the BUDP Project. He also mentioned that the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) had initiated a project on use of CNG by taxis and a small study in this regard was also being undertaken by IIT, Bombay. Chief Secretary mentioned that controlling pollution from public transport is an important aspect and a study on use of alternative fuels for public transport needs to be carried out. He further mentioned that in addition, we should also study the possibility of using electrically operated buses, rationalizing routes of BEST and other related aspects. Commissioner, BMRDA mentioned that suitable funds for such a study could be made available by BMRDA. Further action should be taken in this regard in consultation with BEST and BMRDA for carrying out the necessary study.

(Action : Department of Environment)

Item No.3 : Report of the study on Environmental Management Strategy & Action Plan for Bombay Metropolitan Region.

Secretary (Environment) explained that as per the decision of the Policy Committee, a study for Environmental Management Strategy and Action Plan had been entrusted to M/s. Coopers & Lybrands. Over a period of nearly one and half year, the Consultants had studied the various aspects and submitted reports on Environmental Status of the Bombay Metropolitan Region, Options for Action, Preferred Options and the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan. They have identified 31 agencies and 14 sectors under the Action Plan for Environmental Management Strategy. Recommendations concerning various sectors and sub-sectors involving these organizations had been made along with the institutional, legal, fiscal and financial changes which need to be undertaken.

Detailed discussion was held on the report submitted by the Consultants. It was decided that the various recommendations need to be studied and assessed about their acceptability and implementation by a smaller Committee. It was further decided that a Committee consisting of Secretary (Environment), Secretary (Urban Development), Secretary (Housing & Special Assistance), Secretary (Industries), Commissioner, BMC and Commissioner, BMRDA should go through the recommendations in depth and submit a report to the Policy Committee on the acceptability and implementation of the recommendations as also time frame in this regard.

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

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