

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON 08.02.2021

Members Present

Shri Kashi Nath Saha, Vice President
Smt. Sikta Das
Smt. Arpita Bhattacharjee
Smt. Tulilekha Ganguly
Shri Shib Shankar Adhikari
Shri Kalyan Choudhary
Shri Madhusudan Shaw

Members Absent

Brig A K Kutty , President
Brig Alok Chandra , SEMO
Rep. of DM - (Resigned)
Maj. Enoch Daniel, GE

Shri Anant Aakash, **IDES**, CEO & Member Secretary

Since the President, Cantonment Board was absent, as per section 39 of the Cantonments Act, 2006, Vice President Shri Kashinath Saha presided over the meeting.

AGENDA No.1: DEVOLUTION OF POWERS OF VICE PRESIDENTS OF CANTONMENT BOARDS AND CONSTITUTION OF THREE COMMITTEES

Reference DG.DE letter No.29/Business Regulation/C/DE/2021 dated 03.02.2021, MoD, GoI letter dated 23.12.2019 and CBR No.4 dated 28.12.2019

To consider and approve the following amendments in the draft Business Regulations regarding Devolution of powers of Vice Presidents of the Cantonment Boards and constitution of three committees:

A. Business regulations of the Civil Area Committee and its power and duties under section 48(1)(e) of the Cantonments Act, 2006.

- i) Clause 52 may be read as under:
The Minutes of the Civil Area Committee shall be recorded in a separate book kept for the purpose and placed before the Board at its next meeting for consideration and approval. Until approved by Board, decision of Civil Area Committee will be recommendatory in nature. Provided that the minutes of the Civil Area Committee shall, in so far as such minutes relate to matters mentioned in sub-section (3) of section 47 of the Cantonments Act, 2006 and clause 43(i) e) of this Business Regulations of Civil Area Committee shall be construed as decision of the Cantonment Board.


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B. Business regulations of the Finance Committee and its power and duties under section 48(1)(e) of the Cantonments Act, 2006.

i) Clause 57(a) may be read as under:

To prepare and approve the annual Budget in accordance with the directions contained in the Cantonment Board Accounts Rule, 2019;

b. Clause 57(d) may be read as under:

To give approval on the matters effecting collection and expenditure of revenue;

c. Clause 65 may be read as under:

The minutes of the Finance Committee shall be recorded in a separate book kept for the purpose and all decisions of the Finance Committee shall be construed as decision of the Cantonment Board.

C. Business regulations of the Health & Environment Committee, and its power and duties under section 48(1)(e) of the Cantonments Act, 2006.

i) Clause 78 may be read as under:

The minutes of the Health & Environment Committee shall be recorded in a separate book kept for the purpose and all decisions of the Health & Environment Committee shall be construed as decision of the Cantonment Board;

D. Business regulations of the Education Committee and its power and duties under section 48(1)(e) of the Cantonments Act, 2006.

i) Clause 91 may be read as under:

The minutes of the Education Committee shall be recorded in a separate book kept for the purpose and all decisions of the Education Committee shall be construed as decision of the Cantonment Board;


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In this regard draft Business Regulations already approved by the Board vide its CBR No.3 dated 05.06.2020 and as amended vide CBR No.4 dated 28.12.2020 alongwith ibid DGDE and MoD letters are placed on the table for perusal and approval.

RESOLUTION:

- A. Business regulations of the Civil Area Committee and its power and duties under section 48(1)(e) of the Cantonments Act, 2006.

The amendments proposed in the agenda side wrt the Business Regulations of Civil Area Committee **are accepted.**

- B. Business regulations of the Finance Committee and its power and duties under section 48(1)(e) of the Cantonments Act, 2006.

Considered and discussed. After detailed discussion the Board has resolved following:

Smt. Sikta Das, Member opined that as she is not a member of the current Finance Committee, so she has no say in its proceedings. But in the current disposition, as a member of the Board she could give her suggestion/objection on any points passed by the Finance Committee.

Smt. Arpita Bhattacharya is also of the same views of Smt. Sikta Das. If an elected member is not part of Finance Committee, then any developmental work in their ward might be ignored in the Budgetary process and their ward may suffer.

Shri Kalyan Choudhary, Chairman of the present Finance Committee opined that there are so many demands of the Ward Members. He felt that before passing the Budget, consent of all elected members is very essential. So, the opinions of all elected members are necessary for passing of the Budget.

Shri Madhusudan Shaw, Member & Smt. Tulilekha Ganguly, Member opined that the proposed amendments in the Business Regulations of Finance Committee is not required and the minutes of the Finance Committee should be recommendatory in nature.


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Shri K. N. Saha, VP & Shri Shib Sankar Adhikari, Member opined that the proposed amendments are contradictory to the Cantonments Act, 2006 and the proposed amendments in the agenda side seems to be not democratic, since all elected members would not be part of the Finance Committee. So, they are not in agreement over this proposal.

Above mentioned proposed amendments in Clause 57(a), 57(d) & 65 wrt draft Business Regulations of Finance Committee **are not accepted**, since Finance Committee would consist of only 3 elected members and there would be no say of remaining 4 elected members in the matters of Finance Committee. The minutes of the Finance Committee should be recommendatory in nature as passed in the Draft Business Regulations vide CBR No.3 dated 05.06.2020 and as amended vide CBR No.4 dated 28.12.2020.

C. Business regulations of the Health & Environment Committee, and its power and duties under section 48(1)(e) of the Cantonments Act, 2006.

Shri K. N. Saha, VP and all other elected members opined that all the elected members are not the member of Health & Environment Committee, hence there would be no say of remaining other elected members in matters pertaining to Health & Environment Committee.

Considered and resolved that proposed amendments in the agenda side **are not accepted**. The minutes of the Health & Environment Committee should be recommendatory in nature as passed in the Draft Business Regulations vide CBR No.3 dated 05.06.2020 and as amended vide CBR No.4 dated 28.12.2020.

D. Business regulations of the Education Committee and its power and duties under section 48(1)(e) of the Cantonments Act, 2006.

Shri K. N. Saha, VP and all other elected members opined that all the elected members are not the member of Education Committee, hence there would be no say of remaining other elected members in matters pertaining to Education Committee.

Considered and resolved that proposed amendments in the agenda side **are not accepted**. The minutes of the Education Committee should be recommendatory in nature as passed in the Draft Business Regulations vide CBR No.3 dated 05.06.2020 and as amended vide CBR No.4 dated 28.12.2020.


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AGENDA NO.2: PROCEEDINGS OF CIVIL AREA COMMITTEE

To consider and approve the Proceedings of Civil Area Committee meeting held on 03.02.2021.

RESOLUTION: Considered and approved.

AGENDA NO.3: PROCEEDINGS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

To consider and approve the Proceedings of Finance Committee meeting held on 03.02.2021.

RESOLUTION: Considered and approved.

AGENDA NO.4: VARY OF CONSTITUTION OF 56 CANTONMENT BOARDS - REGARDING

To note DG.DE letter No.76/38/Ordinary Election/C/DE/2019 Vol-III dated 01.02.2021 and PDDE, EC letter No.362503/Election/Varied Boards/2021/LC-3/DE/2 dated 02.02.2021 regarding vary the constitution of 56 Cantonment Boards for a period of one year w.e.f 11.02.2021 or till such time the Boards are constituted, whichever is earlier.

In this regard ibid letters are placed on the table.

RESOLUTION: Noted.



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