

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works and Electricity Department)

Sub: Formation of Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board - Bifurcation of staff and works between the Public Health Engineering and the Board.

Ref: The Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board Act 1973 (Karnataka Act No.25 of 1974).

2. Correspondence ending with letter No.KUB/EST/75-76 dated 26-6-75 from the Managing Director, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board, Bangalore.
3. Letter No.IPH/EST(3)/CTE/64/74-75 dated 4-3-75 from the Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Public Health Engineering, Bangalore.---

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO.PWD 13 SCD 75 BANGALORE
DATED 29TH JULY 1975

Preamble;

The Mysore Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board has been constituted consequent on the promulgation of the Mysore Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board Act, 1973, by virtue of which, all Public Health Engineering works in Urban areas will come under the jurisdiction of the Board.

2. The Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Public Health Engineering, has recommended bifurcation of the existing staff of the Public Health Engineering under his control suitably between the Board and the Public Health Engineering without any extra cost to Government excepting the posts of Chairman and Managing Director and therefore, in the circumstances explained, recommended transfer of certain circles, Divisions and Sub-Divisions, as shown in the Annexure to this order, to the Board.

O R D E R

The recommendation of the Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Public Health Engineering, has been considered and sanction is accorded to the transfer of Circles, Divisions and Sub-Divisions, as shown in the Annexure I to this order to the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board, Bangalore, with effect from 14-8-75. The services of the Officers indicated in Annexure II appended to this order are placed at the disposal of the said Board for a period of five years. Annexure III to this order containing the list of Circles, Divisions and Sub-Divisions and the Officers continued in Public Health Engineering zone.

2. The terms and conditions of the staff to fill up the posts transferred to the Board will be issued separately.

3. Since the Board has already come into existence, it was felt that whatever steps are necessary to get the work of the Board off the ground should be taken. With this overall objective in view, further action may be taken on the following lines:-

a) The Rural Development and Co-operation Department have agreed that National Rural Water Supply Schemes in progress in municipal areas would also be transferred to the Board. This will make for a rational division of work between the Board and Government.

(b) In the case of Deposit contribution works, the estimates include 15 percent towards establishment charges. Therefore, it will not be correct to transfer funds equivalent to the entire expenditure to be incurred on the establishment proposed to be transferred to the Board, from the budget provision under '282. However, to enable the Board to commence operation Rs.25 lakhs will be passed on to the Board on an adhoc basis to cover expenditure for the first three months. Within this period, the exact amount to be transferred to the Board during the year should be worked out.

(c) The budget for 1975-76 makes the following provisions:-

482 - Rs.49 lakhs for water supply schemes being executed departmentally.

682 - Loan of Rs.20 lakhs for sewerage schemes and Rs.30 lakhs for Water Supply Schemes.

Since Water Supply and Drainage Schemes now being executed by the Government will be transferred to the Board, the provision under '482' will have to be made available to the Board. To begin with, 25 per cent of the budget provision will be released to the Board. As regards loan provision, the Urban Water Supply and Drainage Act provides that the Board will finance Municipalities. Therefore the loan provision shall be released to the Board in two instalments. So far as the Board is concerned, repayment liability will start from the respective dates of release of loans to the Board.

(d)(i) Detailed instructions will have to be drawn up regarding the accounting procedure to be followed by the Board. The Act mentions that the funds of the Board shall be maintained in the Public Account of the Government or in Banks. Consistent with the provisions of the Act, the procedure has to be worked out. Since there will be a basic change in the accounting procedure, it is desirable that the Board immediately appoints an officer of the appropriate rank as Financial Adviser/Chief Accounts officer of the Board.

(ii) With the transfer of the Divisions to the Board, the Executive Engineers will cease to operate on Government funds and will have to operate on Board funds. Also, amounts now lying in deposit for deposit contribution works will have to be transferred to the Board. In order to ensure a smooth transition, detailed instructions will have to be drawn up by the Health Municipal Administration Department. These instructions will have to be issued well in advance of the appointed day on which the transfer of staff and the switch-over to the new accounting system will take place.

(e) It is imperative that complete inventories are drawn up regarding the assets of Government which will be transferred to the Board. This should not be a difficult task. As far as materials are concerned, they will get transferred along with the works. In respect of works executed departmentally (i.e. other than deposit contribution works), the value of materials transferred will also be relevant. While every effort should be made to compile the inventory before the date of transfer, the transfer shall not be held up on this account. The inventory should be completed within one month of the issue of this Government Order.

(f) Government emphasises the need for properly organised accounts Staff in the Board. With the transfer of works to the Board, the Accountant General will no longer have the responsibility for the accounts and even for audit (except to the extent that he is statutorily entitled to). It is therefore all the more necessary that the Board should have arrangements for systematic maintenance of accounts and internal audit.

(g) The Urban Water Supply Works/Schemes which are now being maintained by Public Works Department shall also be transferred to the Board. This is necessary because, all the staff dealing with Urban Water Supply Schemes are being transferred to the Board. Obviously funds provided in the Government budget for this purpose will be made available to the Board.

(h) In respect of staff transferred to the Board, the question of leave and pension contribution will be settled separately.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.FD/SCFC/515/73 dated 24-6-75.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Karnataka,

SD. K.T. Vittal
Under Secretary to Government,
Public Works & Elec. Department.

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