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| <p>(എ) മുൻ സർക്കാരിന്റെ കാലത്ത് കേരള മാരിടൈം ബോർഡ് രൂപീകരിച്ച് ആയതിന്റെ നിയമം അവതരിപ്പിച്ചപ്പോൾ പ്രസ്തുത ബോർഡിന്റെ ചെയർമാനായി മുഖ്യമന്ത്രിയെയാണ് തീരുമാനിച്ചിരുന്നത് എന്നതും ഈ സർക്കാർ അധികാരത്തിൽ വന്നശേഷം രൂപീകരിച്ച മാരിടൈം ബോർഡിന്റെ ചെയർമാനായി മുഖ്യമന്ത്രിക്ക് പകരം മറ്റൊരാളെയാണ് നിയമിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത് എന്നതും സർക്കാരിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആയതിനുള്ള കാരണം വ്യക്തമാക്കാമോ ;</p> <p>(ബി) സർക്കാരിന് പുറത്തുനിന്നുള്ള ഒരു വ്യക്തിയെ പ്രസ്തുത ബോർഡിന്റെ ചെയർമാനായി നിയമിച്ചത് മാരിടൈം സംരക്ഷയ്ക്കുതന്നെ ഭീഷണി ആകാൻ സാധ്യതയില്ലേ; വ്യക്തമാക്കാമോ ;</p> <p>(സി) കേരള മാരിടൈം ബോർഡിൽ ചീഫ് ഓപ്പറേറ്റീംഗ് ഓഫീസർ, വിജിലൻസ് ഓഫീസർ, ലീഗൽ അഡ്വൈസർ, സ്റ്റാന്റിംഗ് കൗൺസിൽ (രണ്ട് എണ്ണം) എന്നീ തസ്തികകൾ സൃഷ്ടിച്ച് നിയമനം നൽകിയതിന് സർക്കാരിന്റെ മുൻകൂർ അനുമതി ആവശ്യമായിരുന്നോ; അല്ലെങ്കിൽ മുൻകൂർ അനുമതി ലഭിക്കാതെ നിയമിച്ചവരെ പിരിച്ചുവിടുന്നതിന് വേണ്ട നടപടി സ്വീകരിക്കുമോ ;</p> <p>(ഡി) കേരള മാരിടൈം ബോർഡ് രൂപീകരിച്ച ശേഷം തുറമുഖ വകുപ്പിലെ ജീവനക്കാരെ ബോർഡിലേക്ക് മാറ്റി നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;</p> | <p>(എ) ഉണ്ട്. 2017-ൽ കേരള നിയമസഭയും പാസ്സാക്കിയ കേരള മാരിടൈം ബോർഡ് ആക്ടിലെ വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ ക്ലോസ് ചെയ്തതായാണ് ചെയർമാനേയും അംഗങ്ങളെയും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്.</p> <p>(ബി) 2017-ലെ കേരള മാരിടൈം ബോർഡ് ആക്ട് 14(2) വകുപ്പ് പ്രകാരം സർക്കാരിന്റെ ലിഖിതമായ മുൻകൂർ അനുമതിയോടുകൂടി മാത്രമേ പുതിയ തസ്തികകൾ സൃഷ്ടിക്കുന്നതിന് മാരിടൈം ബോർഡിന് കഴിയുകയുള്ളൂ. മുൻകൂർ അനുമതി തേടാതെ നിയമനങ്ങൾ നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ സർക്കാർ പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതാണ്.</p> <p>(സി) 02/5/2019-ലെ സ.ഉ.(പി) നമ്പർ 20/2019/മതുവ പ്രകാരം തുറമുഖ വകുപ്പിലെ ജീവനക്കാരെ ബോർ</p> |
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ഇപ്രകാരം മാരിടൈം ബോർഡിലേക്ക് മാറ്റി നിയമിച്ച തുറമുഖ വകുപ്പിലെ ജീവനക്കാരെ സർക്കാർ ജീവനക്കാരായിത്തന്നെ നിലനിർത്തുമോ; ആയതിന് എന്തെങ്കിലും തടസ്സം നിലവിലുണ്ടോ; വിശദമാക്കാമോ;

(ഇ) കേരള മാരിടൈം ബോർഡ് എന്നാണ് നിലവിൽ വന്നത്; ആയത് നിലവിൽ വന്ന ശേഷം ഇതുവരെ എത്ര ബോർഡ് യോഗങ്ങൾ ചേർന്നു; ചേർന്ന യോഗങ്ങളിൽ എത്ര തീരുമാനങ്ങൾ എടുത്തു; ഇവയിൽ തുറമുഖ വികസനം, ചരക്കു നീക്കം എന്നിവ സംബന്ധിച്ച് എടുത്ത തീരുമാനങ്ങൾ എന്തൊക്കെ; പ്രസ്തുത തീരുമാനങ്ങളുടെ പകർപ്പ് ലഭ്യമാക്കാമോ

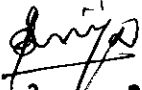
(എഫ്) തുറമുഖ വികസനം, ചരക്കു നീക്കം എന്നിവ സംബന്ധിച്ച തീരുമാനങ്ങൾ പ്രസ്തുത യോഗങ്ങളിൽ എടുത്തിട്ടില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഈ ബോർഡിന്റെ പ്രസക്തി നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നുവെന്ന് വിലയിരുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ വിശദമാക്കാമോ ;

(ജി) കേരള മാരിടൈം ഡെവലപ്മെന്റ് കോർപ്പറേഷൻ, കേരള മാരിടൈം സൊസൈറ്റി എന്നിവ മാരിടൈം ബോർഡിന് കൈമാറിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്നാണ് കൈമാറിയത്; വിശദാംശങ്ങൾ ലഭ്യമാക്കാമോ ?

ഡിലെ ജീവനക്കാരായി നിയമിച്ച് വിജ്ഞാപനം പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. മാരിടൈം ബോർഡിലേക്ക് കൈമാറ്റം ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ട ജീവനക്കാരുടെ സേവന വേതന വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ മാറ്റമില്ലാതെ നിലനിർത്തുന്നത് സംബന്ധിച്ച വിഷയം സർക്കാർ പരിശോധിച്ചു വരികയാണ്.

(ഇ) കേരള നിയമസഭ 16/09/2017-ൽ യു. പാസ്സാക്കിയ നിയമത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലാണ് കേരള മാരിടൈം ബോർഡ് നിലവിൽ വന്നത്. 02/02/2018-ലെ ജി.ഒ(എം.എസ്) നമ്പർ 01/2018/മതുവ ഉത്തരവ് പ്രകാരം കേരള മാരിടൈം ബോർഡ് അംഗങ്ങളെ നിയമിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് വിജ്ഞാപനം പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. മാരിടൈം ബോർഡ് നിലവിൽ വന്ന ശേഷം ഇതുവരെ 5 യോഗങ്ങൾ ചേർന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. യോഗങ്ങളുടെ മിനിട്ട്സ് അനുബന്ധമായി ചേർത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(ജി) ഈ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ കേരള മാരിടൈം ബോർഡിന് കൈമാറ്റത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി സർക്കാരിൽ നിക്ഷിപ്തമാക്കി വിജ്ഞാപനം പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. തുടർ നടപടികൾ സ്വീകരിച്ചുവരുന്നു.


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KERALA MARITIME BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF MEMBERS OF KERALA MARITIME BOARD HELD ON MONDAY THE 30TH DAY OF JULY 2018 AT 10:00 AM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, KERALA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

Present

1.	Sr. Adv. V. J Mathew	Chairperson
2.	Shri. B.C. Harindranath, Law Secretary	Member
3.	Adv. M.K. Uthaman	Member
4.	Adv. N.P. Shibu	Member
5.	Adv. V. Manilal	Member
6.	Shri. Prakash Iyer	Member
7.	Dy. Jayaramar, MD & CEO VISL	Member

1. Introduction of the Members

Sr. Adv. V. J Mathew occupied the seat of the Chairman. After ascertaining the quorum, the meeting was called to order. He welcomed the members and members of staff and of them to the meeting. Thereafter, a prayer song was taken up by the Chairman.

2. Notice of the Meeting of the Board

The notice of the Board Meeting was taken as read and confirmed.

3. Apology for absence

All Gazette notified members of the Board were present. No leave of absence was given by the special invitee Mr Venkatesapathy IAS (Eastwhile Director Ports) though the Principal Secretary of ports confirmed by e-mail that he will be attending the board meeting.

4. Remarks from the Chair

The Chairman informed the members that as per GO (Ms.) No.1/2018/F&TD dated 07/02/2018 the Chairman and the Board Members has assumed charge with effect from-24/07/2018 at the Regional Office of Kerala Maritime Board (Eastwhile Port Directorate) vide Govt. order No.5/L2/2018/F&TD dated 24/07/2018 issued by Principal Secretary to Government. The Chairman

congratulated the Government, and thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Ports, and the Principal Secretary (Ports) and Liaison Secretary for the efforts taken by the Government for the formation of the Kerala Maritime Board and raising its profile. The Chairman requested the Government to inform all the board members and the Government and officials of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Ports, and the Principal Secretary (Ports) for taking this board to greater heights.

5. Regional-wise meeting of the staff of erstwhile Port Directorate, Ports, offices, Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation (KSMDC), Kochi State Maritime Society (KSMS).

As invited by the Chairman for getting details and clarifications on the functioning of the erstwhile Directorate and Ports, Mr.A.Retnakumar, Mechanical Marine Engineer (MME) of the erstwhile Port Directorate attended the meeting along with Liaison officer Mr.John Christopher as invited by the Chairman. Mr.A.Retnakumar explained the details of Frame work and structure of Port Directorate, establishments, Ports and functions and operations of the erstwhile Port Directorate and Ports. He explained that there are 18 offices with own permanent establishments across the length and breadth of Kerala. He immediately from the board room itself emailed to the Chairman, the list of employees and such other details on the structure of Port Directorate and Ports. According to him, there are 302+1 employees working under the Port Directorate and 12 employees of the Port Department were on deputation to Hydrographic Survey Department. He submitted that in Trivandrum Port Directorate office there are 40 employees and in Kollam approximately 62 employees, Alleppey 15, and rest of the employees are from other Ports towards Northern Kerala like Calicut - 112 - 2, Azhikkal 9, Kasaragod- 4, Beypore, and other Ports. The Board authorized Chairman to peruse all the details given by Mr.A.Retnakumar and all other required documents and files from Port Directorate, Port offices and Institutes which comes under KSMS and related establishments and decided to call Regional wise meetings of all the staff of the erstwhile Port Directorate, Ports, related offices and of establishments like Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation (KSMDC) and Kerala State Maritime Society (KSMS).

"RESOLVED that the approval of the members of the Board be and is hereby given to authorize Chairman to peruse all the documents provided by Mr. A.Retnakumar MME, and call for and peruse all required documents and files from Port Directorate and other offices of Ports and Institutes and related establishments and decided to call Regional wise meetings of all the staffs of the erstwhile Port Directorate, Ports, related offices and of establishments



like Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation (KSMDC) and Kerala State Maritime Society (KSMS)

6. Study and call for reports on the status, on-going projects, vessels, dredgers, equipments and similar assets and activities of Ports, offices, and related establishments.

The Board, concerning the members of the Board, decided to visit the institutes of related institutions including Neendakara Institute of Port and Transportation and Neendakara Institute of the earliest after studying about the proposed courses, reports on the status of on-going projects, vessels, equipments and similar assets and activities of ports, offices, and related Maritime Institutes proposed to commence its course at Neendakara and Kodungalloor from the Port Directorate, Ports and respective Institutes. It was also decided to start Neendakara Institute at the earliest after studying about the proposed courses and institutes.

"RESOLVED that the approval of the members of the Board be and is hereby given to authorize Chairman to call for all required documents and files from Port Directorate, Port offices and related Institutes status and related establishments on the proposed courses to be commenced at the Maritime Institutes at Neendakara and Kodungalloor Ports. It was also decided to start Maritime courses @ Neendakara and Kodungalloor Institutes in a professional manner at the earliest after studying about the proposed courses, curriculum, functioning of institutes, faculty and facilities available at the institutes and such course's legal backing and benefits of the proposed 4 day certificate courses to be commenced at Kodungalloor on 6th August 2018 as submitted by Mr.A.Rajmukumar."

7. Study and call for the status, on-going projects, vessels, dredgers, equipments and similar assets and activities of Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation (KSMDC) and Kerala State Maritime Society (KSMS).

Mr. Vinothu, Managing Director, KSMDC, who was invited to attend the Board Meeting for clarification on the activities of KSMDC, had submitted rough details of the ongoing projects of KSMDC at various ports and submitted a written note on the same. The Board decided to authorize Chairman to peruse the same and report in the next Board Meeting. It was also discussed and decided that any future and on going dredging work, and other work on account of the dredges, CSD Neendakara, TSD Sindhura], CSD Chandrapiri and its maintenance and repair, dry docking or breaking, selling and / or any extension of sub contract dredging work of KSMDC if any, to be proceeded only after placing the proposal to the Chairman or in the board and its approval of the Chairman or Board, and also study the sea worthiness of those dredgers owned by-KSMDC-and-validity-of the contracts. It was also decided to authorise

Chairman to call for status and records, etc. files of all other on going projects including dredging work of KSMDC direct or by sub contract with all details.

RESOLVED that the approval of the members of the Board be and is hereby given to authorize Chairman to peruse all the documents submitted by Mr. Vinothu, MD of KSMDC and report in the next Board Meeting. It was also decided that any future and on going work on account of the dredges, CSD Neendakara, TSD Sindhuraj, CSD Chandragiri including its maintenance, repair, dry docking, or breaking, selling and or any extension of sub contract work if any pending to be proceeded only after placing the proposal with the Chairman or in the Board, and its approval, only after studying the seaworthiness of those dredgers owned by KSMDC and validity of the contracts. It was also decided to authorise Chairman to call for status, records and files of all other on going projects including dredging work of KSMDC direct or sub contract with all details.

8. Office space for Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) at Cochin:

The Chairman explained that to establish the Head office of the Kerala Maritime Board at Kochi after discussing with the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Minister for Ports and Principal Secretary - Ports initially he located an office space and visited KSINC's office at Kochi and the same was reported to the Principal Secretary vide letter dated 28/06/2018. Since the office space in the KSINC building, which is an old building may not be sufficient for our Head Office and for the office of the Chairman, CEO, Board Room and General Meeting Room, and for minimal staffs. The Chairman has further identified another office space in the building of Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), Gandhi Nagar near to KSINC office, having free office space approximately 8103 sq.ft. in the 2nd floor and 4000+ sq.ft. in the 3rd floor. It was also informed to the Government through Principal Secretary by his letter that the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) is also ready to lease out 4000 + sq.ft. on the 2nd floor or 3rd floor. Thereafter the Chairman met the Principal Secretary - Ports at his office and as advised by him Chairman issued a letter to the Regional Manager, Central Warehousing Corporation, Cochin on 4th July 2018 to Principal Secretary expressing Board's interest in the office space of around 4000+ sq.ft. or to take the entire space of 8103 sq.ft. subject to approval of the Government.

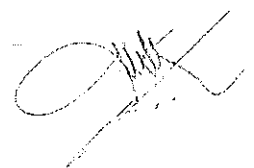
Thereafter Chairman received a letter dated 6th July 2018 from the Regional Manager, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) whereby they quoted approx. Rs.39-40 per sq.ft. and also the floor plan and draft lease agreement etc. for the office space. Principal Secretary agreed to negotiate on the rates with MD of CWC, New Delhi. Thereafter the Chairman forwarded the entire

documents and the letter received from Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) to the Principal Secretary (Ports) along with his covering letter and on enquiry after 2 weeks the Chairman was told by Principal Secretary that he has forwarded the proposal to the Government for its perusal.

On the above report of the Chairman, after discussion among the Board members it was unanimously decided to take the office space approx. 4000+ sq.ft. at 3rd Floor on lease in the building owned by Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) subject to approval of Govt. It was also decided to request the Principal Secretary (Ports) to discuss with the Central Warehousing Corporation's higher level officers so as to get a better rate and to get the approval of Govt. at the earliest and finalise the lease of KMB office space with the Govt. without delay. The Board members also decided to visit the office space at CWC after the meeting. The Liaison officer Mr. John Christopher of the erstwhile Port Directorate, Trivandrum who was invited to be present in the meeting is authorised to co-ordinate with Govt. for getting necessary approval.

"RESOLVED that the approval of the members of the Board and be hereby it was unanimously decided to take the office space approx. 4000+ sq.ft. on the 3rd floor of the building owned by Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) with the approval of Government. It was also unanimously decided to authorize the Chairman to visit CWC Regional office along with available members after the board meeting and negotiate the rate with Regional Manager - CWC and go forward to take the office space in the CWC building on lease and after discussing with the Principal Secretary -Ports with the approval of Govt. to complete the furnishing at the earliest so as to start functioning of the Head Office of the Kerala Maritime Board in the building of CWC after executing suitable lease agreement with Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) at the earliest and to take possession of 4000+ sq.ft. of office space on the 3rd Floor. It was also decided to write to the Govt./ Principal Secretary -Ports for getting necessary approval from Govt. The Board meeting authorised Chairman to intimate CWC Regional Manager about the Board's decision and interest in the office space 4000+ sq.ft. on the 3rd Floor immediately, to avoid the losing of that office space. It was also decided to request the Principal Secretary (Ports) to discuss with the Central Warehousing Corporation's higher level officers so as to get a better rate and to get the approval of Govt. at the earliest to complete the lease. The Liaison officer Mr. John Christopher of the erstwhile Port Directorate, Trivandrum who was invited to be present in the meeting is authorised to co-ordinate the subject matter with Government for getting necessary approval."

9. Conveyance for the Chairman and Board members. _____



Mr. John Christopher, Liaison officer of the erstwhile Port Directorate was invited for the meeting for getting clarification on the status vehicles and the status of the extra vehicles available at the erstwhile Port Directorate which can be used by the members of the Board. He explained as of now the Port Directorate is having only 2 small old vehicles (cars) which are being used for the day to day office work and he suggested to take a decision by the Board to buy new vehicles for the Chairman and Members of the Board from other sources with approval of the Government. The members of Kerala Maritime Board including the ex-officio members, Law Secretary who attended the meeting were of the opinion that a suitable vehicle to be provided to the Chairman and the Board Members as they have to make extensive travel. Law Secretary suggested to buy initially a new vehicle - Innova Crysta with full option facilities for the exclusive use of the Chairman of Kerala Maritime Board. The Board unanimously accepted the suggestion and authorised the Chairman in the absence of CEO to represent on behalf of the Board to the Principal Secretary (Ports) to buy a new vehicle - Innova Crysta with full option facilities for the exclusive use of the Chairman of Kerala Maritime Board using the funds of the Port Directorate or other establishments which has now become part of the Board or from other sources of the Government. The Liaison officer Mr. John Christopher of the erstwhile Port Directorate, Trivandrum who was invited to be present in the meeting is authorised to co-ordinate with Principal Secretary- Ports / Government for getting necessary approval.

After detail discussions and deliberations, the following resolution was passed

"RESOLVED that with the approval of the Board members, the Board unanimously decided to buy a new vehicle - 'Innova Crysta' with full option facilities, for the exclusive use of the Chairman of Kerala Maritime Board using the funds of the Port Directorate or other establishments which has now become part of the Board or from other sources of the Government. The Liaison officer Mr. John Christopher of the erstwhile Port Directorate, Trivandrum who was invited to be present in the meeting is authorised to co-ordinate with Principal Secretary - Ports / Government for getting necessary approval."

10. Conveyance and other facilities for the Govt. Nominated Members of the Board:

After discussions among the members on the conveyance and other facilities to be provided for the nominated members, all members are of the view that suitable conveyance facilities has to be provided to all the nominated members for discharging their official duties and hence decided to buy cars for all nominated members with the approval of Government using the funds of the Port Directorate or other establishments which has now become part of the

Board or from other sources of the Government. After due discussions and deliberations the following resolution was passed.

"RESOLVED by the Board that with the approval of the Board members, the Board hereby authorize the Chairman in the absence of CEO to write on behalf of the Board to the Government through Principal Secretary (Ports) to lay cars to the govt. nominated members of the Board and for providing suitable conveyance for discharging their official duties. The Liaison officer Mr. John Christopher of the erstwhile Port Directorate, Tricamrnam who was invited to be present in the meeting is authorised to co-ordinate with Govt. for getting necessary approval."

11. Other facilities for the Chairman and the members of the Board:

After discussion among the board members on the Conveyance, Accommodation, TA & and other allowances, the Law Secretary proposed that the Chairman and the Members are entitled for using conveyance by flight for official duties and are also entitled for re-imburement of all expenses incurred by them including standard accommodation of good hotels during their discharge of official duties and that the Chairman and members are also entitled for TA & DA and other allowances from the date they have taken charge and a decision has to be taken to that effect. Chairman and all other members also agreed to the said proposal. It was also proposed by the Law Secretary that the sitting fee, allowances, salary or honorarium for the Chairman and the Govt. nominated members shall be fixed after discussion in the next Board Meeting and hence the following resolution was passed :

"RESOLVED by the Board that with the approval of the Board members , board hereby decided that the Chairman and the Members are eligible for Conveyance by flight for travel during official duties and also entitled for standard accommodation in good Hotels and TA & DA and other allowances. The Chairman and members are also entitled for re-imburement of all expenses including standard accommodation incurred by them during their discharge of official duties from the date they have taken charge (25/07/2018) .

It was also decided by the Board that the sitting fee, allowances, salary or honorarium for the Chairman and the members shall be fixed after discussion in the next Board Meeting "

12. Any other matters with the permission of the Chair :-

- a) Kerala Maritime Board logo to be approved:

The Chairman circulated the new logo of the Kerala Maritime Board which he has shown to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Ports. All the

members also expressed their acceptance of the Logo and unanimously decided to approve the circulated logo as the official logo of the Kerala Maritime Board. It was also decided to use the said official logo and name of Kerala Maritime Board forthwith in all the name boards of Regional offices at Trivandrum and Calicut and at all the Ports and Port offices, Institutes, other related establishment official website, vehicles of the Board, letter heads, visiting cards, all stationaries, files, and communications and other publicity materials of the Kerala Maritime Board. The Liaison officer Mr. John Christopher of the erstwhile Port Directorate, Trivandrum who was invited to be present in the meeting is authorised to co-ordinate all the above matters with all offices including erstwhile Directorate - Regional office of KMB, after getting approval of the Chairman on the draft designs and finalise the printing and other activities and execute the decisions of the Board.

"RESOLVED by the Board that the new Logo circulated by the Chairman was unanimously accepted and decided to use the said logo as the official logo of the Kerala Maritime Board. It was also decided to use the said official logo and name of Kerala Maritime Board forthwith in all the name boards of Regional offices at Trivandrum and Calicut and Head office at Kochi, and at all the Ports and Port offices, Institutes, other related establishments like KSMDC & KSMS, official website, vehicles of the Board, vehicles of the Chairman and members, letter heads, visiting cards, all stationaries, files, and communications and other publicity materials of the Kerala Maritime Board, and for all purposes of Kerala Maritime Board. The Liaison officer Mr. John Christopher of the erstwhile Port Directorate, Trivandrum who was invited to be present in the meeting is authorised to co-ordinate all the above matters with all offices after getting approval of the Chairman on the draft designs of name Boards and Stationaries and finalise the printing and other activities and execute the decisions of the Board".

b) Photo ID card, Letter head, Visiting cards and change of Name Boards.

The members of the Board requested the Chairman the necessity for issuing Photo ID cards, visiting cards and letter heads both for the Chairman and the Board members in their official capacity as Chairman, and Members of the Board. After due discussion among the members, it was decided to print visiting cards, letter heads for the Chairman and the Board members in their official capacity as Chairman, and Members of the Board by the Board itself and authorize the Chairman in the absence of CEO to write to the Principal Secretary (Ports) - Government to issue Govts. Photo ID cards for the Chairman and Board members and decided to change the Name Boards with the logo of the Board, at the erstwhile Port Directorate - present Regional office at Trivandrum, Calicut Regional office, and all Ports, all port offices, 2 establishments & Institutes and

the Liaison officer Mr. John Christopher of the erstwhile Port Directorate, Trivandrum, who was invited to be present in the meeting, is authorised to co-ordinate all the above matters with Chairman and after getting approval of the draft designs finalise the printing and activities and execute the decisions of the Board.

"RESOLVED by the Board that it was unanimously decided to print calling cards, letter heads for the Chairman and the Board members in their official capacity as Chairman, and Members of the Board with name and logo and authority of the Chairman in the absence of CEO to write to the Principal Secretary (Ports) - Government to issue Govt's. Photo ID cards of the Govt. to the Chairman and Board members and further decided to change the Name Boards of the erstwhile Port Directorate - present Regional office of Kerala Maritime Board at Trivandrum, Calicut Regional office, Head office at Kochi and all Ports, all port offices, 2 establishments KSMDC and KSMS & Maritime Institutes with the name and new logo of the Kerala Maritime Board, and Liaison officer Mr. John Christopher of the erstwhile Port Directorate, Trivandrum who was invited to be present in the meeting is authorised to co-ordinate all the above matters with Chairman and respective offices after getting approval of the draft designs finalise the printing and activities and execute the decisions of the Board"

c) Creation of Website for the Board

The Chairman has informed the Board about the necessity of developing a model website for Kerala Maritime Board of International standards, which should be the face of Kerala Maritime Board and the maritime face of the State of Kerala, which can also be used as a marketing arm of the Board and all the members supported the proposal and after discussion among the members, it was unanimously decided to entrust the Chairman in the absence of CEO creation of website using a suitable agency. After due discussions and deliberations it was decided to pass the following resolution.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously to authorize the Chairman to entrust the creation of website for Kerala Maritime Board of International standards to suitable agencies of good repute".

d) Appointment of Vice Chairman & CEO for the Board.

The members of the Board proposed the need to request the Govt. to speed up the appointment of Vice Chairman and CEO at the earliest as without a CEO it is challenging to execute the decisions of the Board and co-ordinate the activities of the Board under one roof. After due discussion it was unanimously decided to authorise Chairman in the absence of CEO to request the Government to speed up

the above appointment of Vice Chairman and CLO for the smooth and effective functioning of Kerala Maritime Board at the earliest

"RESOLVED by the Board that it was unanimously declared by the Board to authorise Chairman in absence of CLO, to request the Government to speed up the above appointment of Vice Chairman and CLO at the earliest for the smooth and effective functioning of Kerala Maritime Board."

- c) Re-Notification of the Board members including Vice Chairman, rep. of Navy & Coast Guard as Board members. All Ex-officio members of the Board to be notified by designation instead of by name.

The Chairman informed the members about the necessity of Re-notification of Board members including Vice Chairman, rep. of Navy & Coast Guard (whose details given to Port Dept. in 2017 itself by Navy), and all Ex-officio members by designation. After discussion it was explained by the Chairman that when the constitution of the Kerala Maritime Board was published in the Government Gazette notification dated 02/02/2018, by mistake the ex-officio members were published by name of those officers instead of by their designation of office. Chairman submitted that he has already written to Principal Secretary (Ports) to re-notify the Board members after making such corrections including spelling and other mistakes that has crept in his address and that of ex-officio members by designation. Mistakes in the address of the Chairman and members to be corrected after cross checking with respective persons before the new Gazette publication is made. Since ex-officio members were notified in the earlier Gazette by name even the new Principal Secretary (Ports) could not legally attend the Board meeting (though invited by the Chairman) as the former Port Secretary Mr.P.H Kurien's name was published in its personal capacity. Therefore the Board unanimously decided to pass following resolution.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously to re-notify the name and address of the Chairman, nominated Board Member, Vice Chairman and the ex-officio members including officer in charge of Navy & Coast Guard by designation instead of by their names without delay and decided to request the Government through Principal Secretary (Ports) to speed up the said notification".

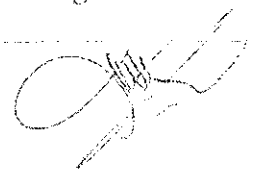
- f) Directions from Government to erstwhile Port Directorate, Ports and related offices.

Chairman informed the Board that after assuming charge of office on 25th July 2018, he has send many letters and emails to erstwhile Port directorate and its Director in charge on many matters copy to Principal Secretary including notice of the board meeting. Since the Director Incharge Mr. Venkitesapathy -IAS didn't shown the courtesy to reply to any of the emails, Chairman send a letter to Principal Secretary-

Ports on 27th July 2018 that since the port directorate is not in existence, I have requested Mr. Venkatesapathy to act as CEO in charge of the Kerala Maritime Board till permanent appointment of CEO is effected and notified to the Government. Chairman also informed the Board that he had discussed with Principal Secretary - Ports, apart from the letter issued to Director Ports to take necessary instructions from Principal Secretary to support Kerala Maritime Board as CEO in charge. Chairman in the latter requested Principal Secretary to instruct Mr. Venkatesapathy IAS, Director Emeritus who is in charge of Directorate of Ports and was CEO in charge of Kerala Maritime Board for all purposes till such permanent arrangements are made by the Government and Board.

Chairman reported to the Board that Port Directorate staffs are still confused whether to act on Maritime Board's and Chairman's instructions or not and that is why they didn't arrange the booking of Guest House for our Board meeting and other arrangements as directed by Chairman. According to them they have not received any clear instructions on that account from the Govt. / Ports Dept. Some are using the absence of clear written instructions from Port Depts. office as an instrument to discard the instructions of the Chairman and the Board and majority are afraid that if they act on Chairman's instructions whether they may have to face any disciplinary action or displeasure from erstwhile Port Directorate or Principal Secretary's office. Hence Chairman was constrained to instruct KSMDC - MD to arrange the booking and other arrangements for the Board meeting and he was courteous enough to make booking at Guest House, arrange staff and all support. Thereafter Chairman wrote to Principal Secretary-Ports on 27th July 2018 copy to CM's office and Minister for Ports office to give clear written instructions to the directorate and staffs and related offices of the state to avoid confusion that the directorate and ports and related offices have already become part of the Kerala Maritime Board as per the Act, and since as per Govt. order we have assumed office they shall hereafter act on the instructions of the Board and Chairman without fail. Chairman said he received an email from Principal Secretary on Saturday, that Mr. Venkatesapathy-IAS would attend the meeting and my other request to give charge of CEO and instructions to directorate as required in my letter are in the process.

Board discussed the same in detail and expressed its concern on the attitude of the Director in charge and erstwhile Directorate and few staffs even after the Board members assumed charge of office and authorised Chairman to take up the issue with the Principal Secretary (Ports) and Hon'ble Minister for Ports and that of Hon'ble Chief Minister so to maintain a good relation with the Dept. and Directorate and ensure that Board's decisions are implemented by the erstwhile Directorate. After discussion it was unanimously decided to communicate to the Port Dept. and the Directorate that before intervening into any matters affecting the functioning of Kerala Maritime Board which is a statutory one, shall also be heard



"RESOLVED by the Board and unanimously expressed its concern on the attitude of the Port Director in charge and Directorate to the Chairman and the Board even after assuming charge of office and unanimously decided to authorize the Chairman to express concern of the Board on the attitude of the Director in Charge and Directorate on the matters of the Chairman on the Board, and board authorized Chairman to take up the issue with the Principal Secretary (Ports) and Hon'ble Minister for Ports and that of Hon'ble Chief Minister so to maintain a good relation with the Dept. and Directorate and ensure that Boards decisions are implemented by the Directorate. It was also unanimously decided to communicate to the Port Dept. of Govt. of Kerala and Directorate of Ports that before intervening into any matters of the Board including that are affecting the present independent functioning of the Kerala Maritime Board which is a statutory body, the Board shall also be heard".

g) Appointment of Controller of Finance and Accounts.

After discussion among the members it was decided that the appointment of Controller of Finance and Accounts has to speed up and the following resolution was passed by the Board.

"RESOLVED by the Board to authorize the Chairman to represent the Government to issue suitable request letter for the appointment of Controller of Finance and Accounts for the Kerala Maritime Board".

h) Intimation to all Central Government & Agencies and all Maritime State Governments, Kerala State Govt. Depts., Agencies and Boards on the formation and presence of the new Kerala Maritime Board:

The members of the Board proposed that it is highly necessary to intimate about the formation and presence of the new Kerala Maritime Board to the Kerala State Government Departments, Ports, Government Agencies & Boards of the State, Sea Ports, Fishing Harbour, Major and PPP Ports in the Kerala State that Kerala Maritime Board has been formed and started full functioning and all matters coming within the purview of the Kerala Maritime Board in Kerala coasts and coastal sea, maritime industry, sea going ships, vessels, yachts, dredging sea, break waters and such related matters, shall be routed and enforced only through Kerala Maritime Board to avoid conflict of jurisdiction with other depts.

It was also proposed by the members to intimate Union of India, Ministry of Shipping, New Delhi, Director General of Shipping, Mumbai, MMD's offices in all Ports in the Country, MRCC Mumbai and all Maritime Coastal States, Port Dept. Coastal State Maritime Boards, related Central and State Government Govt. Agencies and Boards, including Navy, Coast Guards, Coastal Police, Investigation Agencies like State Police Head Quarters, Depts, Coastal Police in the State on the formation and presence of the new Kerala Maritime Board and for extending

support and assistance to the Board to enforce its official statutory duties. After discussions among the Board members it was unanimously decided to pass the following resolution.

"RESOLVED and unanimously decided by the Board to intimate officially about the formation and presence of the new Kerala Maritime Board to Kerala State Government Departments - Ports, Government Agencies & Boards of the State and sea Ports, Fishing Harbour, Minor and PPP Ports in the State that Kerala Maritime Board has been formed and started full functioning and all matters coming within the purview of the Kerala Maritime Board in Kerala coasts, maritime industry, sea going ships, vessels, yachts, dredging of sea, breakwaters and such related matters, shall be routed and enforced only through Kerala Maritime Board to avoid conflict of jurisdiction with other depts.

It was also decided by the Board to request the Govt. - Port Department to intimate Union of India, Ministry of Shipping, New Delhi, Director General of Shipping, Mumbai, MMD's offices in all Port's in the Country, MRCC Mumbai and all Maritime Coastal States, Port Dept, Coastal State Maritime Boards, related Central and State Government Govt Agencies and Boards, including Navy, Coast Guards, Coastal Police, Investigation Agencies like State Police Head Quarters, Depts, Coastal Police in the State on the formation and presence of the new Kerala Maritime Board and for extending support and assistance to the functioning of the Board and to enforce its official statutory duties. It was also decided to request the Government to give suitable intimation to all State Govt. Government Departments and other Government agencies to intimate and discuss with KMB on any matter connected with the Kerala Maritime Board functional areas before taking any decision".

- i) Visit of Chairman and members of Board to all establishments of Port Directorate, Ports, Port offices, dredging sites, KSMDC and KSMS and related Maritime Institutes functioning under the above organisations.

After detail discussion among the members of the Board, it was decided that the Chairman and members of the Board shall visit the erstwhile Port Directorate offices (now the Regional office of Kerala Maritime Board at Trivandrum), all the Ports and Port offices in Kerala, dredging sites KSMDC and KSMS on time bound basis with the approval of the Chairman and call for any file and records and peruse the same and report the status of various activities happening there and the action to be taken for the improvement of the situation in the next Board meeting.

"RESOLVED by the Board and decided that the Chairman and members of the Board shall visit the erstwhile Port Directorate offices (now the Regional office of Kerala Maritime Board at Trivandrum), all the Ports and Port offices in Kerala,

involving sites KSMDC and KSMV, maritime institutes on time bound basis with the approval of the Chairman and call for any file and records and peruse the same and report the status of various activities happening there and the action to be taken for the improvement of the situation in the next Board meeting."

j) Details of Survey:

The Chairman has informed the Board that since various agencies are involved with data back up & survey and study on various Ports in Kerala including major ports, and our Kerala Ports, limits and waters it was decided to authorize the Chairman in the absence of CEO to represent the Government through Principal Secretary- Ports so as to collect the back up of data survey reports and the various aspects in connection with all the Kerala Ports, land owned by respective ports, Port and other govt. departments, Major Ports at Cochin and PPP Ports and land owned by the respective minor and major ports with supporting revenue records and Govt. Notifications of State and Union of India and on coastal waters and fixing and extension of Port waters limits.

"RESOLVED by the Board and decided that since various agencies are involved with conducting data back up and survey and study of various Ports in Kerala including major ports, and Kerala ports it was decided to authorize the Chairman in the absence of CEO to represent to the Government through Principal Secretary- Ports, to collect the data back up and survey reports and the various records and details in connection with above collection of data and survey of all the Kerala Ports, including Land owned by respective ports, Port and other Govt. departments, Major Ports at Cochin and PPP Port's limits of coastal land and port limits, limit of port waters, within the State of Kerala and the data bank on the land owned by the respective minor and major / PPP ports with supporting survey reports, datas, revenue records and provide supporting Govt. Notifications of State and Union of India on fixing the port limits, water limits and consent if any given by the state government depts. and also on inland and coastal waters and fixing and extension of Port waters limits."

k) Details of Union and State Govt. orders, notifications and such details on Cochin Port's (Major Port) water limits in Kochi, Vizhinjam Container Port and other Ports (Kerala Ports), Coastal limits of the State and details of any survey if any conducted so far.

The Chairman has informed the members about the necessity of perusal of each Union and State Govt. orders, Notifications, Gazette publications and such details on Cochin Port's (Major Port) port water limits and ownership of costal land, Jetty, Ferry in Kochi, Vizhinjam (VJSL) and other Ports in Kerala; Coastal limits of the State and details of any survey if any conducted and datas in hand for the use of the Board. It was decided to represent the Government through Principal

Secretary-Ports to collect State Govt. orders, Notifications, Gazette publications and such other details on Cochin Port's (Major Port) port water limits fixing and extension and costal land limit of Cochin Port having possession of etc with supporting govt. notifications and revenue records, Vizhinjam Container Port and other minor Ports in Kerala, Coastal limit of the State and details of any survey if any conducted and data in hand for the use of the Board and report in the next Board meeting.

After due discussions and deliberations it was decided to pass the following resolution.

"RESOLVED that approval of the members of the Board be and is hereby given to authorize the Chairman of the Board to represent the Government through Principal Secretary-Ports to collect State Govt. orders, Notifications, Gazette publications and such other details on Cochin Port's (Major Port) port water limits fixing and extension and costal land limit of Cochin Port having possession in Kochi with supporting govt. notifications and revenue records, Vizhinjam Container Port and other minor Ports in Kerala, Coastal limits of the State and details of any survey if any conducted and data in hand for the use of the Board and report in the next Board meeting ".

- l) List of Agencies / Depts. who have control over the kerala coastal sea waters, break waters, shores, basins, harbour and beaches, and do various kind of work such as construction of sea wall, new Geo Tubes, and coastal protection, dredging, reclamation etc.

The Chairman has informed the members about the necessity to collect the List of Agencies / Depts. who have present control over kerala coastal sea waters, break waters, shores, basins, harbour and beaches, and do various kind of work such as construction of sea wall, new geo tubes, and costal protection, dredging with supporting government orders and decided to request the Govt. through Principal Secretary Ports to provide the said details.

"RESOLVED to collect the List of Agencies / Depts. who have control over kerala coastal sea waters, break waters, shores, basins, harbour and beaches, and do various kind of work such as construction of sea wall, new geo tubes, and costal protection, dredging with supporting government orders and decided to request the Govt. through Principal Secretary Ports to provide the said details ".

- m) Jurisdiction of Harbour Engineering Dept. and their scope of work.

The Chairman has informed the members about the necessity of getting detail information and understand the role and jurisdiction of Harbour Engineering Dept. in coastal waters and their nature and scope of work and decided to request Principal Secretary Ports to collect and provide all the said details on Harbour

Engineering and to inform the Board. Would also like to know the extent to which the Engineering Dept's activities are confined only to Fishing Harbour work, or do they trespassing beyond their scope of work into the jurisdiction of other departments and establishments of Ports, KSMDC and present Kerala Maritime Board.

"RESOLVED by the Board and directed to request Principal Secretary Ports to collect and provide to the Board the details on the structure of Harbour Engineering Dept and scope of work and its funding source and whether the Harbour Engineering Dept's activities are confined only to Fishing Harbour work or are they intruding beyond their scope of work into the jurisdiction of other departments and establishments including Ports, KSMDC and present Kerala Maritime Board.

- n) Regulations to be drafted by the KMB in consultation with Law Department.

The Chairman has informed the members about the necessity of drafting regulations for the efficient functioning of the Board. The Law Secretary Government of Kerala is of the view that this assignment may be outsourced to the retired hands having sufficient experience who were working with the Law department, Government of Kerala at moderate rates which can be vetted by Law Dept. After due discussions and deliberations it was unanimously decided to pass the following resolution.

"RESOLVED that approval of the members of the Board be and is hereby given to authorize the Law Secretary, Government of Kerala, to outsource the assignment of drafting the regulations for Kerala Maritime Board to the retired hands who were working with the law department, Government of Kerala, having sufficient experience at moderate rates and to be vetted and finalised by Law Dept. and place in the Board for approval of Govt."

- o) Formation of Local Committee at various ports as per KMB Act.

The Chairman has informed the members about the necessity of Formation of local committee at various ports as per the Act for the efficient administration and local co-ordination request erst while Port Director to co-ordinate the formation of local committees with due consultation with the Chairman.

"RESOLVED that approval of the members of the Board it was decided to speed up formation of Local committees' at various ports as required under the Act for the efficient administration and local co-ordination of function of local ports and request erst while Port Director to co-ordinate the formation of local committees with due consultation with the Chairman"

p) Development Kollam Port.

The Chairman has informed the members about the advantages and necessity for the Development of Kollam Port on war footing basis with the special permission from the Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Hon'ble Chief Minister so as to bring cargo and passenger vessels to Kollam.

"RESOLVED that approval of the members of the Board it was decided to initiate scientific plan of action for the Development of Kollam Port on war footing basis with the permission of the Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Hon'ble Chief Minister.

q) Ship Repair and Building yard @ Kannur & Trivandrum.

The Chairman has informed the members about the necessity of setting up of suitable small size ship repair and building yards at Kannur & Trivandrum in the land available with the erstwhile port department or state so that we can bring more business and income for Kerala Ports - Maritime Board and for the same it was decided to call for interest from business entrepreneurs and proceed with the permission of the Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Board.

"RESOLVED by the Board and unanimously decided to take necessary steps for setting up of suitable small size ship repair and building yards at Kannur & Trivandrum in the land available with the erstwhile port department or state so that we can bring more business and income for Kerala Ports - Maritime Board and for the same it was decided to call for interest from business entrepreneurs and proceed with the permission of the Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Board."

r) INS Veerat - Maritime Museum + 5th Hotel + Engg College - Convention Centre @ Cochin - Joint venture with GCDA in consultation with CM and Port Minister.

The Chairman has informed the members about the availability of INS Veerat, decommissioned Naval War ship - Aircraft carrier having 800 + rooms which that can be converted into Maritime Museum, + 5th Hotel + Marine Engg. College + Convention Centre to be berthed or permanently fixed at Cochin. He also informed that if we prepare a detailed project report for conversion of INS Veerat into a maritime museum, we would get financial support from the Tourism Dept. Government of India and Kerala Tourism Dept. and the said project can be taken forward jointly in association with GCDA. He further explained that we need to obtain advance approval from Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Ports and the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism before proceeding further. The Board authorised Chairman in the absence of CEO to co-ordinate with Navy, GCDA, and Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Ports and the Hon'ble Minister

for Tourism and discuss with them on behalf of Board how to take the project forward.

"RESOLVED by the Board and unanimously decided to authorize Chairman of the Board in the absence of CEO to prepare a detailed project report for conversion of the INS Aerial de-commissioned Naval War ship - Aircraft carrier into a Maritime museum + 5th Road + Marine Engg. College + Convention Centre to be berthed or permanently fixed at Cochin and possibility of getting financial support from the Tourism Ministry, Government of India and Kerala Tourism dept. and to take the project forward jointly in association with GCDA and submit a report to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Ports and the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism before proceeding further. The Board authorised Chairman in the absence of CEO to co-ordinate with Navy to ensure its availability, GCDA, and Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Ports and the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism and discuss with them on behalf of Board how to take the project forward".

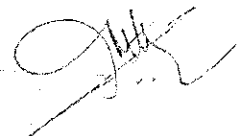
- s) Take possession of Island Ramanthurth (13.5 Acres) owned by Kerala State near Cochin Port for KMB activities.

The Chairman has informed the members that he has taken up a proposal to Hon'ble Chief Minister to take possession of an Island at Ramanthurth near Cochin Port owned by State Govt. for carrying out the activities of the Board and understand that CM has instructed Chief Secretary to do take the file forward. The Board authorised Chairman to co-ordinate with Chief Minister's office and Chief Secretary's office to get the Island owned by State Govt. for the activities of the Kerala Maritime Board.

"RESOLVED by the Board and decided to authorize Chairman to co-ordinate with Hon'ble Chief Minister's office and Chief Secretary's office to get the Ramanthurth Island owned by State Govt. for the activities of the Kerala Maritime Board.

- 1) Cable Car Project at Cochin starting from Marine Drive - Bolgatty-Ramanthuruth - Vypeen - Fort Cochin - Joint venture PPP project with GCDA in with the approval of Hon'ble Chief Minister and Port Minister and related Depts.

The Chairman proposed a tourism potential project of starting a Cable Car service at Cochin - Marine Drive - Bolgatty - Ramanthuruth - Vypeen - Fort Cochin in association with GCDA will be a land mark for the state and generate income to the Maritime Board. He also informed that before preparing the detailed project report we need to obtain approval from Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Hon'ble Minister for Ports & Tourism before proceeding further.



RESOLVED to authorise Chairman in absence of CEO to study the possibility of starting of Cable Car service - at Cochin, starting from Marine Drive - Bolshetti - Kammathurath - Vypren - Fort Cochin in association with GCDA. It was also decided to authorise Chairman to prepare a detailed project report for the same after obtaining approval from Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism & Ports before proceeding further. It was also decided to study the possibility of getting financial support from the Tourism Ministry, Government of India and Kerala Tourism dept. and to take the project forward jointly in association with GCDA and submit a report to the Board. The Board authorised Chairman in the absence of CEO to co-ordinate with Navy, GCDA, and Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Ports and Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, GCDA and initiate discussion with them on behalf of Board how to take the project forward".

- u) Marine Drive Development / Ernakulam Boat Jetty at Cochin to be developed as joint venture with GCDA in consultation with CM and Port Minister and related Depts.

The Chairman proposed a project of starting a Marine Drive Development / Ernakulam Boat Jetty at Cochin to be developed as joint venture with GCDA. He also informed that before proceeding further on the project report we need to obtain approval from Hon'ble Chief Minister.

RESOLVED to authorise Chairman in the absence of CEO to co-ordinate with GCDA and Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Ports and Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, and initiate discussion with them on behalf of Board how to take the project forward.

- v) Ro - Ro facilities @ Cochin Port. Letter received from Port users to the Board.

The Chairman placed in the Board a letter received from Cochin Port Users forum that Ro- Ro facility at Cochin Port and Vallarpadam is not functioning now and the same is adversely affecting the shipping trade in Kerala and State economy. Chairman is of the view that starting of Ro - Ro facilities in Cochin port will not come under the Board and since we got a representation from Cochin Port Users forum as an agency in the maritime sector in the state we can take up the issue with Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Port Minister and Chief Secretary's office so as to try to redress their grievance after co-ordinating with Cochin Port Trust.

RESOLVED by the Board to take up the issue of Cochin Port Users forum with Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Port Minister and Chief Secretary's office so as to try to redress the grievance of Cochin Port Users Forum after co-ordinating with Cochin Port Trust, State Govt.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman extended thanks to all members of the Board and special thanks to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Chief Law Secretary, Mr. P. Venkatesan Pillai IAS, Director, Fisheries, Mr. S. S. S. Pillai, Port Director, Mr. P. J. Prabhakaran, MD & CEO of the Board, for their support and assistance for the functioning of the Board, assuring charge of other members of the activities of the Board. Chairman also thanked the other members of the Board for their sincere efforts to make Kerala Maritime Board prosper in its work.

There being no other item pending the Board meeting concluded at 4.00 P.M. with vote of thanks by the chair.

Sr. Adv. V.J. Mathew

Chairman, Kerala Maritime Board.

CP

Adv. M.K. Uthaman

- Member

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Adv. N.F. Shibu

- Member

B.C.

Adv. V. Manilal

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Shri. Prakash Iyer

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Dr. Jayakumar, MD & CEO - VISL

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KERALA MARITIME BOARD

MINUTES OF THE 2nd BOARD MEETING OF KERALA MARITIME BOARD HELD ON MONDAY THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2018 AT 2.30 PM AT THE CONFERENCE HALL, KERALA GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE, ERNAKULAM

Present:

1.	Sr. Adv. V. J. Mathew	Chairman
2.	Shri. B.G. Harindranath, Law Secretary	Member
3.	Dr. Jayakumar, MD & CEO - VISL	Member
4.	Adv. V. Manilal	Member
5.	Shri. Prakash Iyer	Member
6.	Adv. M.K. Uthaman	Member
7.	Adv. N.P. Shibu	Member

1. Notice of the Meeting of the Board

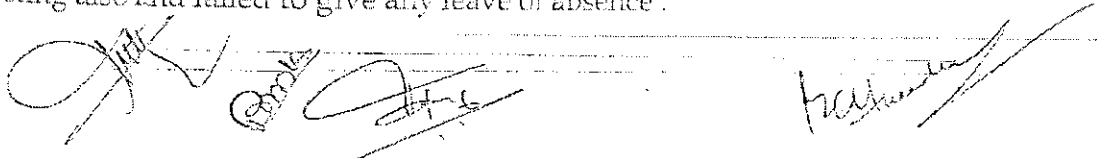
The notice of the Board Meeting was taken as read and confirmed.

2. Remarks from the Chair

The Chairman informed the members that after the 1st Board Meeting, since the CEO was not co-operating with the Chairman and Board to communicate decisions taken by the Board, the Chairman was forced to issue various letters to the Principal Secretary- Ports and CEO on various issues and to implement decisions taken in the last Board Meeting. The Chairman also reported that the present CEO, even though he was appointed as per the order No. G.O.(Ms) No.34/2018/F&PD dtd.20/9/2018 of the Governor, he is not co-operating with the Chairman and the Board and failed to communicate to the Chairman matters related with Ports and offices and meetings called by various depts. and agencies and is acting against the interest of the Board. The Chairman mentioned that office of the Minister for Ports and Hon'ble Chief Minister's office is giving full support to the Board.

3. Leave of absence

Principal Secretary - Finance and Principal Secretary - Ports did not furnish any leave of absence to the Chairman or Board. Both of them did not attend the 1st Board meeting also and failed to give any leave of absence.



6. Appointment of new CEO for Kerala Maritime Board

Through the notice of the 1st Board Meeting was forwarded to the CEO of the Kerala Maritime Board - Shri Venkatesapathy IAS, the Chairman should have discussed the board meeting and informed the Chair about his leave or absence. He did not attend the 1st Board Meeting held on 30th July 2018.

It was discussed in the Board that CEO without discussing with the Chairman deputed Shri. M.S. Sheji, Finance Officer - Port Directorate, Shri. P. Vinodh, Managing Director - Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation, and Shri. John Christopher, Port Conservator, representing Port Directorate and has issued a memo to them to the effect that the above 3 persons have to attend the 2nd Board meeting representing the Port Directorate without discussing with the Chairman. The Chair and the Board Members condemned the action of the CEO on issuing such a memo in the name of the Port Directorate which is not in existence. As per G.O. No.5/E2/2018/F&PD dated 24/07/2018 whereby the then Principal Secretary (Ports) have issued direction to Shri. Venkatesapathy IAS, to facilitate take over the charge of Chairman and it was stated in the said GO that nominated members on 25/07/2018 and he has also further directed the then Port Director (present CEO) to change the name board of Port Directorate to Kerala State Maritime Board's, Regional Office at Trivandrum. This Govt. order itself is sufficiently clear to show Port Directorate ceases to exist when the Chairman and members assumed charge of office.

Thereafter the Government has issued an order No.G.O.(Ms)No.34/2018/F&PD dated 20/09/2018 stating that the Kerala Maritime Board Act has come into force with effect from 16/09/2017 with the object of administration, control and management of all non-major ports in the State except fishing harbours and fish landing centers in the State. The said G.O. further says ... *"The government has constituted Kerala Maritime Board and appointed Chairman and other members of the Board in accordance with the provisions under Sec.3 of the Kerala Maritime Board Act and the Chairman and the members of the Kerala Maritime Board have assumed charge of office on 25/07/2018 and "Board has started functioning". In this circumstances, the government are pleased to appoint the officer in charge of the Director of Ports to officiate as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Kerala Maritime Board as provided under section 15 (1) of the Kerala Maritime Board Act..."*

The above two Govt. orders and the relevant provisions of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017 speaks that the Port Directorate is not in existence legally and the above memo issued by the so called Port Director (CEO) is illegal perse and even after his appointment as CEO of the Board, he has not discussed anything with the Chairman and Board and acted against the government order which was issued by the order of the Governor.

Apart from the above, the CEO Sri.Venkatesapathy IAS, ever since he took charge as the CEO of Kerala Maritime Board was acting against the interest of the Kerala Maritime Board and had never discussed any matters of the Maritime Board with the Chairman. After taking charge without discussing with the Chairman of the Board, the CEO unilaterally issued a letter to the Principal Secretary - Ports that the Revenue generated from dredging and sand-mining and its sale at various ports which is the main source of income for the maritime board, need not be deposited in the head of account of Kerala Maritime Board and the same can be remitted with the State

Government Treasury directly as per the practice followed before the formation of the Maritime Board. The character of CEO without discussing the issue with the Board of the Maritime Board is procedurally and internally incorrect. The fact that the CEO has issued orders of complete stoppage of operations of the Board is highly irregular.

It is reported that the CEO has also issued orders to the Principal Secretary - Ports without discussing with the Board, at the same time the present Chairman of the Board and KV Puda, implementation powers of the Kerala Maritime Board devolved in Maritime Board vide GO (NS, No. 2001 CE/3437/07/2009) need not be retained with the Kerala Maritime Board and it can be shifted to the Kerala Coastal Shipping and Inland Navigation department. The above acts of the CEO on the above 2 issues was without discussing with the Chairman of the Maritime Board or with the Hon'ble Minister for Ports. Hon'ble Minister for Ports had already expressed his strong concern on the above 2 issues and had taken up the same with the Hon'ble Chief Minister's office.

Similarly the Alleppey Port Officer has issued a letter to the Chairman showing that the Alleppey Port has listed out the Vehicle operation at Alleppey beach which is well within the port notified area which was a income generating activity for the port and the District Collector of Alleppey has stayed the said operation and as a result of the dispute between the Alleppey Port office and the District Collector which has to be settled amicably. Chairman informed CEO that the above issue has to be discussed within Board. This issue was never brought to the attention of the Board by the CEO of the Maritime Board and again he unilaterally attended the meeting with the Collector and DTTC without the knowledge of the Chairman and the Board and stated that the operations of Terrain Vehicle operation in the Alleppey beach can be given to the District Collector and the District Tourism Promotion Council under the chairmanship of the Collector can operate the same. The above act of CEO is intended to weaken the Board financially as well as to curtail the activities of the Kerala Maritime Board. The operator of the terrain vehicle approached the High Court of Kerala by filing a writ petition and obtained a stay and it is highly necessary to implead into the writ petition and inform the court the view of the Maritime Board.

It was reported that after the 1st Board Meeting the Chairperson has issued many letters to the CEO as well as the Principal Secretary - Ports on the implementation of the board's decision and to none of the letters or the decisions of the board, the CEO has taken a favourable position and failed to act upon such decision of the board and reply to the Chairman of the board.

Similarly the Liaison officer Sri. John Christopher who was assisting the Chairman during his visit to Trivandrum was transferred to some other post without the knowledge and consent of the Chairman and immediately the Chairman has issued a letter to the CEO that the transfer order against Sri. John Christopher be kept in abeyance.

Recently the CEO has unilaterally issued an order No. B1-4455/18/DP dated 01/12/2018 whereby Shri. Prasanth R Nair, Confidential Assistant Grade II of Directorate of Ports is put in additional charge as Confidential Assistant to the Chairman of Kerala Maritime Board in addition to the duties and responsibilities borne by him and this order was

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issued without discussing with the Chairman. It is pertinent to note that the Chairman has never requested the CEO for appointing any Confidential Assistant for him. In the same order, though Shri. Prasadath P. K. was appointed as Confidential Assistant to the Chairman, the subject portion of the order further says that posting of Confidential Assistant and Liaison Officer to the Chairman, Kerala Maritime Board by removing present Liaison officer Sri. John Christopher who was assisting the Chairman during his visit to Trivandrum. These kind of arbitrary and mischievous orders of CEO are highly condemnable and bear clear sign of the attitude of the CEO towards the Board and the co-operation with the Board and the Chairman.

In the recent memo No.C2 - 4304/18 DP dated 16/12/2018 issued by the Director of Ports authorizing three persons of the Port Directorate to attend the Board meeting, it is seen that Shri. John Christopher who was the Liaison Officer of the Board / Chairman of Kerala Maritime Board was designated as the Port Conservator, Port Directorate without the consent of the Board. The Board has viewed these actions of the CEO as unfortunate and condemn the same and since he has proved himself acting totally against the interest of the Kerala Maritime Board and not cooperating with the Board, the Board unanimously decided to recommend to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Addnl. Chief Secretary (Ports) and Chief Secretary of the State of Kerala, to replace Sri. Venkatesapathy IAS from the charge of CEO of the Kerala Maritime Board by a new CEO and the Board to recommend to the government to replace the present CEO with Shri. Dr. Jayakumar, Managing Director and CEO of VISL, who is well versed with Port development and management activities and administration to officiate as CEO of Kerala Maritime Board for the time being to start functioning till a full time CEO is appointed by the Govt. to support the Board.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously decided to recommend to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Addnl. Chief Secretary (Ports) and Chief Secretary to remove and replace Shri. Venkatesapathy IAS from officiating as CEO of the Kerala Maritime Board and to recommend to the Government to appoint Dr. Jayakumar, Managing Director and CEO of VISL, who is well versed with Port development, administration and management activities to officiate as CEO of the Kerala Maritime Board for the time being to start functioning till a full time CEO is appointed by the Govt. to support the Board."

5. Office of the Kerala Maritime Board, Ernakulam and Trivandrum

The Chairman mentioned that he has discussed with the office of the Hon'ble Chief Ministers and Hon'ble Minister for Ports for taking new office for Kerala Maritime Board on lease at Trivandrum as well as at Ernakulam and the Board unanimously decided to proceed and find out a suitable office space for Kerala Maritime Board on lease at Trivandrum as well as at Ernakulam which is the shipping hub of the state for the effective functioning of the Board's office and have meetings with various prospective business shipping companies and take the same on lease.

"RESOLVED BY THE BOARD and unanimously decided to proceed and find out suitable office space on rent for Kerala Maritime Board at Trivandrum as well as at Ernakulam at the earliest."

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6. Appointed day Notification of the Kerala Maritime Board 2017.

As per Sec.2 (A) of the Kerala Maritime Board Act the 'appointed day' is defined as follows: means the day as may be appointed by the Government by notification in the Gazette for ceasing and transfer of the 'undertaking'

and the 'undertakings' are defined under section 2 (j) means Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation (KSMDCC) and Kerala State Maritime Society (KSMS) transferred and vested in the Government under section 10 of the Act

Thus appointed day notification mentioned in the act is only for the limited purpose of fixing of date on the merging of the assets and liabilities by the above two 'undertakings' with the maritime board and not the Port Directorate. Port Directorate has already become part of the Kerala Maritime Board when the Act was passed and board started functioning. The Law Secretary who was present in the board meeting assured the Board that "appointed day" Gazette notification can be done immediately in consultation with the new Addnl. Chief Secretary to Govt. (Ports).

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously to request the Govt. and Addnl. Chief Secretary - Ports to make Gazette notification of the "appointed day" as above to regularise the functioning of the Board."

7. Ex-officio members notification by designation :-

Even though Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017 was published in the official gazette on 16/09/2017, the ex-officio member's names were published in the gazette by their personal name instead of by designation and hence the new ex-officio members for the respective designated post are unable to attend the board meetings. Therefore it is proposed by the Board to the Port Dept. to publish in the gazette the following ex-officio members immediately:

- Secretary to Govt. (Ports)
- Secretary to Govt. (Finance Department)
- Law Secretary (Dept. of Law)
- Managing Director & CEO, Vizhinjam International and Sea Ports Ltd.
- Representative of Indian Navy who is in charge of Kerala Coast
- Representative of Indian Coast Guard who is in charge of Kerala Coast.

"RESOLVED by the Board and unanimously decided to publish in the gazette the following ex-officio members by designation:

- Secretary to Govt. (Ports)
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8. Rules for the Kerala Maritime Board :-

The Chairman explained the present status of the framing of Rules for the Board to which the Law Secretary added that as per the directive of the Hon'ble Chief Minister's office, the Rules has to be finalised on a joint sitting with the Law Secretary and Principal Secretary - Ports and law secretary expressed his concurrence to finalize the same within a week or so at the convenience of the new Adml. Chief Secretary, Port Department.

"It was RESOLVED that the Rules for the Board has to be finalised on a joint sitting with the Law Secretary and Adml. Chief Secretary to Govt. - Port Dept. at the convenience of the Secretary, Port Department."

9. Review of various activities of all the Ports under the Board :-

The Chairman explained to the Board that he has written various letters to the various Port officers and the office of the Principal Secretary and CEO calling for providing details of the various activities at the ports and related activities happening in and around each port as decided in the 1st Board meeting and Chairman also mentioned that he did not get any reply from the Port officers office and the CEO's office.

"RESOLVED BY THE BOARD and unanimously it was decided to direct the Port officers and CEO to make available the details called for by the Chairman as decided by the Board in the 1st Board meeting."

10. Commencement of various training courses at Maritime Institutions:-

The Chairman explained to the Board that after the last board meeting the chairman and the board members visited Port of Kodungalloor and Kollam to understand various activities happening at the respective ports and also the respective Kerala Maritime Institutes. It was reported that they have examined and verified the records of the various training courses said to have been conducted at both the institutes for more than a decade and the Chairman and the members could not find any proper registers or records to show how many trainees have undergone training at the both the institutes and how much amount have been collected and how many certificates have been issued on various dates. The Chairman also explained that the courses conducted at those institutes were not having any approval of the government or any university and as discussed among the board members, on behalf of the Board the Chairman had submitted a report to the offices of Hon'ble Minister for Ports and Hon'ble Chief Minister and issued a letter to the institutes and CEO to stop the training courses and unscientific issuance / distribution of such certificates until otherwise decided by the Board after getting approval from the office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Ports.

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The new website of the maritime institutes created recently after the 1st board meeting meets the genuineness of the training courses and benefices of the officers of the institute responsible in running both the institutes. It was a unanimous decision by the Board to request the Govt. and Chief Secretary to enquire into the irregularities at both the Institutes. Already it was brought to the attention of the Board that there was an enquiry report of the Secretary Finance into malpractices connected with the said 2 Maritime Institutes and the same has also to be looked into by the Govt.

"RESOLVED by the Board and unanimously decided by the Board to request the Govt. to enquire into the irregularities occurred at both the maritime institutes based on the inspection and report submitted by the Board to the office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Ports and further steps has to be taken by the Govt. on the report of the Secretary Finance connected with the Maritime Institutes".

The Chairman also reported that the Director of Cochin University as well as Director of CIFNET (Central Institute of Fisheries Technology) have approached the Chairman expressing their interest to conduct various training courses at the Maritime Institutes of the Kerala Maritime Board. The board members unanimously decided to call for expression of interest for conducting professional training and job oriented courses with the approval of Hon'ble Minister for Ports and Hon'ble Chief Minister.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously agreed to call for expression of interest for conducting professional training and job oriented courses at the Maritime Institutes at Kollam and Kodungalloor and other centers with the approval of Hon'ble Minister for Ports and Hon'ble Chief Minister."

11. Incentives and concessions being given to Coastal Shipping Lines :-

The Chairman explained to the Board based on the Government order No.G.O. (RT No.24/2013/F&PD dated 16/01/2015 government have accorded sanction for providing operational incentives for the promotion of coastal cargoes as well as coastal shipping and the expenses in this regard will be met from the head of account of development of coastal shipping. Even though the incentives was initially given for one year subsequently the said incentives was extended until further orders without studying the ground reality. Subsequently, the Principal Secretary (Ports) have again issued an order No. G.O.(Ms) No.15/2018 /F & P dtd. 02/06/2018 based on the report of the Director of Ports, since he has reported that the number of ships and volume of cargo may increase if the incentives is increased to Rs.3/- per km / per tone from Rs.1/- per km /per tone and the incentives liability payable may increase to Rs.9 Crores and accordingly the government has issued an order enhancing the incentive for container cargos from-Rs.1/- to Rs.3/- from 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2019 and the order further says on account of the increase of incentives govt. will have an additional burden of approx. Rs.9 Crores.

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During a recent meeting called by the Minister for Labour and Minister for Ports and During a recent meeting called by the Minister for Labour and Minister for Ports and the trade union of Beypore Port and the officers of Beypore Port to discuss on a long pending labour issue at Beypore Port it was revealed by the Port Officer Beypore that the incentives given by the government to port to such shipping line as per a port order to promote coastal shipping for one container would be approximately Rs.14,000 to Rs.15,000 plus and the income received by the port on account of the terminal handling and port charges per container is admittedly less than Rs.2000. In most of the ports in India or abroad, it is unheard that such incentives are given to the shipping lines and the importers beyond the income generated at the Port and why incentives has to be given to a particular shipping line and importer all these years since 2013 @ Rs.14500 - 15000 per container without any increase in coastal shipping activities at Kerala Ports. The Board expressed its concern that without conducting a proper study how the Director of Ports reported that the number of ships and volume of cargo may increase if the incentives are further increased to Rs.3/- per km / per tone from Re.1/- per km / per tone. Number of ships and volume of cargo have not increased as stated in the report.

The Chairman also submitted that Major Ports like Cochin and other Major ports in India concessions and incentives are given to the shipping lines from the profit / income they received and not expending substantial public money like this for no use, other than to enrich particular shipping line and importer. The Chairman called from port officers for a statement of the income generated Beypore Port and Kollam Port on account of port charges and the expenses incurred on account of the incentives given to these shipping lines / importers since 2013. Though a statement was given from 2017-2018 by Port officer admittedly that statement is not correct even according to the officer who has given the same, still the same shows substantial amount has been looted by few shipping lines (name not given) on account of incentives and there are allegations that such amounts given as incentives by govt. are being given only to selected lines.

The Board love to believe that above fact is not known to the government and no one has made any attempt from the department side to stop this day light looting of public money. Even if such substantial incentives are not given the particular shipping lines/ importers they will be compelled to bring their containers to Beypore as they are doing only coastal shipping particularly to Beypore. Both the statements given by Beypore and Kollam Port officers will show that though such substantial incentives are offered, no other foreign ships even after the lifting of cobotage law or any other Indian coastal shipping lines were being attracted to these ports showing these attractive incentives. More over, there are allegations that such incentives given by govt. are not shared with all the coastal shipping lines who bring cargo to the kerala ports particularly at Kollam and Beypore but are confined only to very few selected shipping lines for unknown reasons.

After detail discussion the Board members unanimously opined that all these aspects has to be seriously examined studied and audited by the finance department of the Kerala Govt. or C&AG from the beginning and the above ref. government orders Government order No.G.O. (RT No.24/2013/F&PD dated 16/01/2013 and No.




G.O.(Ms) No.15/2018 /F & P dtd. 02/06/2018 on account of incentives are issued without understanding the facts and figures and conducting any proper study of the present shipping business and the government is sustaining huge loss all these years for no use to Ports to Govt. Therefore the Board has unanimously decided to recommend to the Government and Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Ports to conduct Financial Auditing by Finance Department of the Kerala Govt. or C&AG and to examine all the above mentioned activities at the Port of Beypore and Kollam and other Kerala ports from the beginning on the incentives given by the above Kerala ports based on the above Government orders and submit a report to the government and request the Govt. to take appropriate action and study the need to review the above Government orders.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously decided to recommend to the Government and Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Ports to conduct a Financial Auditing from the beginning 2013 by finance department of the Kerala Govt, or C&AG and examine all the shipping and related activities at the Port of Beypore and Kollam and other ports in Kerala related with incentives given by ports / govt. based on the above 2 government orders and submit a report to the Government and request the Govt. to take appropriate action and also study the need to review the above Government orders."

12. Head of Account of Kerala Maritime Board.

It was reported by the Chairman based on the letter issued by the Chairman to Principal Secretary - Ports a file was opened by the dept. to start Head of account for the Board and Finance department accorded sanction for the same. CEO Sri.Venkaatesapathy IAS, ever since he took charge as the CEO was acting against the interest of the Kerala Maritime Board and had never discussed any matters of the Maritime Board with the Chairman. After taking charge without discussing with the Chairman of the Board and the Hon'ble Ministers office, the CEO unilaterally issued a letter to Principal Secretary that the revenue generated from dredging and sand mining and its sale from the Port notified area need not be deposited in the Head of Account of Kerala Maritime Board and the same can be remitted with the State Governments Treasury directly. The above act is intended to weaken the Maritime Board financially as a result of conspiracy with others who wanted the Maritime Board not to function. The Ports are running at huge loss because of unscientific incentives being given to Shipping lines / importers and without self generated income being deposited in our Kerala Maritime Board's head of account the Board will be forced to approach Port dept. / Govt. for each and every activity to meet the expenses of the Board. Thus it was decided by the Board to request the Govt. and Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Ports that all income generated from the various ports and related notified areas including revenue generated from dredging and sale of sand has to be remitted in the head of account of Kerala Maritime Board enabling the Board to take their developmental activities forward.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously to request the Govt. and Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Ports that all income generated from the various ports and port notified areas including revenue generated from dredging and sale of

said has to be remitted in the head of account of Kerala Maritime Board, instead of Treasury enabling the Kerala Maritime Board to take their developmental activities forward."

13. Implementation of KIV Rules 2010.

The Chairman reported that the CEO of the Board has issued a letter No.C2-5006/2009 dt. 09/11/2008 to the Principal Secretary -Ports without discussing with the Chairman of the Board and the Hon'ble Ministers office that the present Licensing and KIV Rules implementing power of the Kerala Maritime Board need not be retained with the Maritime Board and it can be shifted to the irrigation department. The above acts of the CEO was without discussing with the Chairman or the Hon'ble Minister for Ports. Hon'ble Minister had already expressed his strong views on the above 2 issues of Revenue remittance with the Board and KIV Rules implementation and had taken up with the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The Kerala Inland Vessel Rules 2010 was being implemented by the Port Directorate and as per a government order G.O.(Ms) No.06/2010/ CSIN dt.17/07/2010, it was mentioned that the port director has to implement KIV Rules 2010 till the Kerala Maritime Board come into existence. Now the Kerala Maritime Board has come into existence but unfortunately the CEO Shri. Venkatesapathy has unilaterally written to the Principal Secretary - Ports that the implementation power of KIV rules may be shifted to Kerala Coastal Shipping and Inland Navigation department. The above is intended to take away rights and powers of Kerala Maritime Board. It was unanimously decided by the Board to request the government to nullify the letter issued by the CEO regarding KIV Rules implementation right as the same was issued without discussing with the Board, Chairman and Hon'ble Minister for Ports.

"RESOLVED that it was unanimously decided by the Board to request the Government and Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Ports to nullify the letter No.C2-5006/2009 dt. 09/11/2008 issued by the CEO regarding KIV Rules 2010 implementation right of Kerala Maritime Board as the same was issued without discussing with the Board, Chairman and Hon'ble Minister for Ports and the implementation right has to be retained with the Kerala Maritime Board as per Government order G.O.(Ms) No.06/2010/ CSIN dt.17/07/2010."

14. Other matters.

a) Appointing of Legal Advisor and Standing Counsel for Kerala Maritime Board.

The Board discussed the need to appoint a Legal Advisor and Standing Counsels for the Kerala Maritime Board to appear before the High Court of Kerala and other Courts & Tribunals as port matters are now being attended by general Govt. pleaders who are not familiar with port/ shipping matters. The Board unanimously decided to appoint Senior Advocate P.K. Suresh Kumar as Legal Advisor for the Kerala Maritime Board.

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It was also unanimously decided by the Board to appoint Adv. K.P. Sudheer and Adv. Basil Mathew as Standing Counsels of the Board in the High Court of Kerala and other Courts & Tribunals and Adv. K.P. Sudheer is authorized to receive notices in all cases wherein Kerala Maritime Board, erstwhile Port Directorate, K. S. State Maritime Development Corporation and Kerala State Maritime Society are parties. It was also decided by the Board to call for all the pending cases against Kerala Maritime Board, erstwhile Port Directorate and Port Director, Ports, Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation, Kerala State Maritime Society and hand over the files to new standing counsels and file fresh vakalatnamas in all such cases and if newly constituted Kerala Maritime Board is not a party to any of the pending cases, the Kerala Maritime Board has to be impleaded into the respective writ petitions, and all other legal cases and file respective statements on behalf of the Board to protect the interest of Kerala Maritime Board and Kerala Ports. The said order of appointment of Legal Advisor and Standing Counsels shall be communicated by CEO of the Board to the respective Senior Advocate P.K. Suresh Kumar, and Standing Counsels and the Registrar General of the High Court of Kerala and other Courts and Tribunals.

RESOLVED that the Board unanimously decided to appoint Shri. P.K. Suresh Kumar, Senior Advocate as Legal Advisor for the Kerala Maritime Board. It was also unanimously decided to appoint Adv. K.P. Sudheer and Adv. Basil Mathew as Standing Counsels of the Board in the High Court of Kerala, other courts and Tribunals and Adv. K.P. Sudheer is authorized to receive notices on behalf of the Board in all cases wherein Kerala Maritime Board, erstwhile Port Directorate & Port Director, Kerala State Development Corporation and Kerala State Maritime Society are parties. It was also unanimously decided to call for all cases pending against Kerala Maritime Board, erstwhile Port Directorate & Port Director, Ports, Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation, Kerala State Maritime Society from the present lawyers and hand over to the standing counsels of the Board and file fresh vakalatnamas in all such cases and in those cases if Kerala Maritime Board is not a party to any of the pending cases Kerala Maritime Board has to implead into the respective cases wherever necessary and file respective statements on behalf of the Kerala Maritime Board to protect the interest of the Kerala Maritime Board and Kerala ports. The said order of appointment of Legal Advisor and Standing Counsels shall be communicated to the respective Senior Counsel & Standing Counsels and the Registrar General of the High Court of Kerala, other courts and Tribunals.

b) Fixing of Sitting fee for Board members :-

It was reported discussed among the board members that even though sitting fees and allowances payable to members were discussed in the 1st board meeting, no decision was taken then and it was unanimously agreed to discuss and decide in the next board meeting and accordingly the board has proposed to fix the sitting fee of Rs.7500/- to each board member and Rs.10,000/- for the Chairman. Apart from the sitting fee, a monthly honorarium of Rs.25,000/- shall be payable to the board members and Rs.30,000/- to the Chairman. The Chairman and the Board members are also entitled to get refund of travelling expenses and other allowances and hotel accommodation expenses as decided in the 1st Board meeting, from the date they assumed charge of office and the CEO has to take steps to settle the same without

delay from the Head of Account of the Board or erstwhile Port Directorate till accounts are regularised."

"RESOLVED and unanimously decided by the Board to fix the sitting fee of Rs.7500/- to each board member and Rs.10,000/- for the Chairman. Apart from the sitting fee, a monthly honorarium of Rs.25,000/- shall be payable to the board members and Rs.50,000/- to the Chairman. The Chairman and the Board members are also entitled to get refund of all travelling expenses and hotel accommodation expenses as decided in the 1st Board meeting, and other allowances such as TA & DA from the date they assumed charge of office and the CEO has to take steps to settle the same without delay from the Head of Account of the Board or erstwhile Port Directorate's Head of Account till accounts are regularised."

c) Meeting with Adani Vizhinjam Port

Dr. Jayakumar, Managing Director and CEO of VISL, member Maritime Board proposed to call for a joint meeting with the Kerala Maritime Board and Adani Vizhinjam Port to discuss on the continuation and extension of agreement to use Kollam Port's Berth to construct a temporary ramp for loading rocks, rubbles for the construction of Vizhinjam Port.

"It was RESOLVED to authorize Dr. Jayakumar to fix a date for a joint meeting with the Kerala Maritime Board and Adani Vizhinjam Port to discuss on the continuation and extension of agreement to use Kollam Port's Berth to construct a temporary ramp for loading rocks, rubbles for the construction of Vizhinjam Port at the earliest."

d) Budget allocation to Kerala Maritime Board for the year 2019/20

It was discussed among the members the need to write to the Govt. for budget allocation and unanimously decided to request the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Finance through Minister of Ports to allot necessary sufficient funds in the next budget 2019/20 for the developmental activities of Kerala Maritime Board and all the 17 minor ports.

"RESOLVED unanimously by the Board to meet the Hon'ble Minister for Ports and the Hon'ble Chief Minister and request the Govt. to allot necessary funds in the next budget 2019/20 for the developmental activities of Kerala Maritime Board and all the 17 minor ports of Kerala Maritime Board."

e) Letter from Alleppey Port Officer

In connection with the dispute between the Alleppey Port Officer and the District Collector on the cancellation of permission in connection with the Alleppey Terrain Vehicle being used at Alleppey Beach port notified area a writ petition pending before the High Court of Kerala. Even though the Chairman was not informed by the Port Directorate, about the dispute and writ petition by the CEO of the Board it was



decided to implead Kerala Maritime Board into the said writ petition and submit a statement on behalf of the Maritime Board through the newly appointed standing counsel.

"RESOLVED and unanimously decided to implead Kerala Maritime Board into the said writ petition pending before High Court of Kerala in connection with the dispute with District Collector on the Terrain Vehicle being used in Alleppey Beach port notified area and submit a statement on behalf of the Maritime Board through the newly appointed standing counsel."

f) Printing of Photo Identity Cards with tags for the Chairman and members of the Board, letter heads and visiting cards for the members of Kerala Maritime Board.

The members requested the need to provide Photo ID cards with tag for the Chairman and members of the Kerala Maritime Board and unanimously decided to authorize the Chairman as CFO of the board is not supporting the Board activities, to arrange and print professional Photo ID cards for the Chairman and the members of the Kerala Maritime Board using the name and logo of the Board and the Govt. Emblem being a statutory Board, and claim refund of costs from the Board.

It was also reported by the Chairman that sample of the Logo of the Kerala Maritime Board was designed and already shown to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Hon'ble Minister for Ports before the 1st Board meeting and subsequently to all Board members during the 1st Board meeting and the Logo was approved by the Board and after the 1st Board meeting, letter head of the Kerala Maritime Board with the logo of the Board and the Govt. Emblem was printed by the Chairman as decided by the Board with the Emakulam address of KSMDC as temporary head office address of Kerala Maritime Board at Emakulam. The Board members unanimously opined that logo of the Kerala Maritime Board and emblem of Govt. of Kerala used in the letter head can be used in the ID Cards of Chairman and members as the Kerala Maritime Board is a Govt. of Kerala undertaking and a statutory Board constituted under the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017.

"RESOLVED and Board unanimously decided to authorize the Chairman to arrange to print professional Photo ID cards for the Chairman and the members of the Kerala Maritime Board using the name and logo of the Kerala Maritime Board and Kerala Govt. emblem being a statutory board."

g) Conveyance for the members of the Board:

All members are of the view that suitable conveyance facilities has to be provided to all the nominated members and vehicles available with the Maritime Board has to be allotted to the members. As decided in the last Board meeting though sanction was given by Finance Dept. to buy a new Innova Crysta (full option) for the Chairman, erstwhile Port Directorate FO informed that the same is still pending due to lack of funds in the head of account of Maritime Board and they have written to govt. The Board decided to request the Govt. to provide sufficient funds to buy a new vehicle for

the Chairman and members as above. After due discussions and deliberations the following resolution was passed.

"RESOLVED with the approval of the Board members, Board unanimously decided to request the Govt. to provide sufficient funds to Kerala Maritime Board's head of account to buy a new vehicle for the Chairman as decided by the Board and its sanctioning by Finance Dept. State of Kerala, and also to provide vehicles for members of the board as mentioned above and as decided in the last Board meeting".

h) Reactivate Engineering workshop of Kerala Maritime Board at Kollam Port.

It was reported that even though Kollam Port has a full fledged Engineering workshop, and Board have experienced Mechanical Engineers and workers, the same is idling for years and no major work is being carried out at the workshop except greasing of cranes and equipments and major engineering and repair works are being outsourced and executed by availing services from outside private agencies. Therefore it was decided by the Board to revive the engineering workshop at Kollam Port and reactivate the Engineering workshop in full swing and avail the services of the expertise and Mechanical Engineers and staffs of the Board (erstwhile Port Directorate) and develop business and activities at the workshop.

"RESOLVED with the approval of the Board members, Board unanimously decided to revive the present engineering workshop at Kollam Port and reactivate the Engineering workshop in full swing and avail the services of the expert Mechanical Engineers and staffs of the Board (erstwhile Port Directorate) and take necessary steps to make Engineering workshop at Kollam Port a full fledged Engineering workshop and use its maximum potential and develop business and activities at the workshop so as to make it profitable."



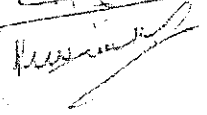

i) Identify the Port notified areas where free flow of water into sea are blocked due to piling up of sand and to do dredging wherever required and find out places where unauthorised sand mining and grabbing taking place if any.

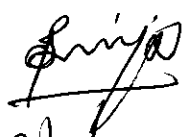
It was reported in the Board that many Port notified areas sands are piled up and disturbing free flow of water into the sea and affect traffic movements and unauthorised dredging and mining of sand is being noted by the Board. From places like Munambam, Kodungalloor, Board has received various complaints to channelize the free flow of water after doing proper dredging and remove sand as the area was flooded during the recent flood, because the free flow of water into sea was blocked due to the piling up of sand. The above matter was discussed among the Board and it was unanimously decided to study and locate the Port notified areas in the State where river sand is piled up and disturbing free flow of water into the sea and navigation and find out places where unauthorised dredging and mining of sand are being noticed and take appropriate steps to dredge and remove the sand within the port notified areas and take necessary steps to stop unauthorised dredging and grabbing of sand.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Board members, Board unanimously decided to identify the Port notified areas where free flow of water into sea at the river mouth and other areas are blocked due to piling up of sand and obstructing navigation and find out places where dredging is required and also find out places where unauthorised dredging and mining and grabbing of sand are being carried out if any and take necessary steps to dredge and remove the sand within the port notified areas in the time whenever required for the benefit of the Board as are being done at Pommanur Port and other places and take necessary steps to stop unauthorised dredging and grabbing of sand."

There being no other item pending the Board meeting concluded at 4.00 P.M. with vote of thanks by the chair.

- Sr. Adv. V.J. Mathew - Chairman 
- Adv. V. Manilal - Member
- Dr. Jayakumar, MD & CEO - VISL - Ex-officio Member 
- B.G. Harindranath - Law Secretary - Ex-officio Member 
- Sri. Prakash Iyer - Member 


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MINUTES OF THE 3RD BOARD MEETING OF THE KERALA MARITIME BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, 11TH MARCH 2014 AT 11:00 AM AT THE GOVT GUEST HOUSE, ERNAKULAM.

Present :-

1. Mr. Adv. V. J. Mathew	Chairman
2. Shri. B.C. Harmeranath, Law Secretary	Member
3. Dr. Jayakumar, MD & CEO - VISL	Member
4. Adv. V. Manilal	Member
5. Shri. Prakash Iyer	Member
6. Adv. M.K.Uthaman	Member
7. Adv. N.P.Shibu	Member
8. Shri. Varghese Panicker - IAS	Director Ports

1. Notice of the meeting of the board

The notice of the Board Meeting was taken as read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence .

No leave of absence was given by the Principal Secretary (Finance) and other ex-officio members Principal Secretary- Ports and rep of Navy & Coast Guard could not attend due to delay in re-notification by designation. Thankfully Mr. Varghese Panicker, IAS, Director of Ports attended the meeting as invited by the Chairman.

3. Approval of minutes of the last board meeting

The minutes of the 1st Board meeting was approved in the 2nd Board meeting and minutes of the 2nd Board Meeting was approved by the 3rd Board meeting and Director of Ports Mr. Varghese Panicker, IAS who attended the meeting was requested to implement the decisions taken in the last 2 Board meetings by taking up the same with the appropriate authorities and offices.

4. Status of offices for Kerala Maritime Board at Trivandrum and Ernakulam.

After discussion on taking a new office for the Kerala Maritime Board at Trivandrum the Board Members opined that for the time being present Port Director's/ office Port directorate office at Valiyathura, Trivandrum can be well furnished using a good interior designer in such a way that the chambers for the Chairman, CEO, Board Members and the conference hall to be restructured, renovated and furnished elegantly. The Director Ports opined that proper compound wall has to be constructed for the

former Port Directorate office / new office of Kerala Maritime Board. In order that outsiders will not trespass into the compound

As far as Kochi / Ernakulam office is concerned, the Chairman discussed the matter with the Minister for Ports, and the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary. The Chairman has met the Managing Director of KSINC (former KLS CO) and briefed the outcome of the meeting and the MD KSINC was supportive and agreed to provide the 2nd floor for their office. Based on the discussion the Company Secretary for KSINC issued a letter to the Chairman, Kerala Maritime Board that they are willing to provide sufficient space of 2400 sq.ft. on the 2nd floor for KMB's office. The said offer letter from KSINC was handed over to the Mr. Varghese Parickker, IAS Director of Ports for discussion with the Company Secretary / MD KSINC on the rates and to negotiate the same and to finalise the deal. The Board unanimously decided to take the 2nd floor office space on the said premises of KSINC on lease and furnish the same in such a way that proper cabins for Chairman, CEO and Board meeting room and partitions and cubicles for the board members and staffs has to be executed using good interior designers and architect

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RESOLVED that with the approval of the Members of the Board the Board decided to authorize the CEO / Director Ports to negotiate the rate with the Management of KSINC with KSINC, and to take the 2nd floor of the KSINC building on lease at KMB's office at Kochi in such a way that proper cabins for Chairman, CEO and Board meeting room and partitions and cubicles for the board members and staffs and to co-ordinate the furnishing of office space elegantly at the earliest availing the services of good interior designers and architect."

5. Status of the 2 "Appointed day" notifications under Sec. 10, 11 of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017, pertaining to Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation (KSMDC) and Kerala State Maritime Institute (KSMI) and that of Ports and Directorate of Ports under Sec. 16 & 17 of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017.

It was reported by the CEO of KMB/Director of Ports that the 2 appointed day notifications under Sec. 10, 11 of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017, pertaining to Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation (KSMDC) and Kerala State Maritime Institute (KSMI) and that of Ports and Directorate of Ports under Sec. 16 & 17 of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017 has been approved by the Addnl. Chief Secretary (Ports) and finalised in the joint meeting with Chief Secretary and Law Secretary and final draft vetted by the Law Department was given to the Department of Ports for Gazette Publication. The Board requested the CEO / Director of Ports to enquire why the same was not published by Port dept. till date and to follow up the same and ensure that it is published without any further delay.

RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the CEO / Director of Ports is authorized to follow up the publication of the said 2 specified re-notifications under Sec. 10, 11 of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017 pertaining to Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation (KSMDC) and Kerala State Maritime Institute (KSMI) and that of Ports and Director of Port, under Sec. 10 & 11 of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017 has been covered by the Adml. Chief Secretary (Ports) and finalised in the joint meeting with Chief Secretary and Law Secretary and final draft vetted by the Law Department was given to the Department of Ports for Gazette Publication. The Board authorised CEO / Director of Ports to enquire why the same was not published by Port dept. till date and requested to follow up the same and ensure that it is published in the Gazette at the earliest.

6. Status of Ex-officio members re-notification by designation

The Directorate of Ports reported that the said ex-officio members / re-notification has been drafted by the dept. of port and approved by the Adml. Chief Secretary (Ports) and subsequently vetted by the Law Secretary was given to the Port Department for Gazette Publication and CEO, Director of Ports is authorized to follow up the ex-officio members re-notification which was approved by Adml. Chief Secretary (Ports) and finalised and vetted by the Law Department is pending publication by the Dept. of Ports in the Gazette.

RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Directorate of Ports is authorized to follow up the notification of ex-officio members / re-notification by designation which has been drafted and approved by the Adml. Chief Secretary (Ports) and subsequently vetted by the Law Secretary and given to the Port Department for Gazette Publication is pending with the port dept. The Board authorised CEO / Director of Ports to enquire why the same was not published by Port dept. till date and to follow up the same and ensure that it is published in the Gazette at the earliest.

7. Status of Kerala Maritime Board's Rules .

It was reported that as advised by the Hon'ble Chief Minister's office, the Adml. Chief Secretary (Ports) Dr. Asha Thomas- IAS, Mr. B.G. Harindrenath Law Secretary and Shri. Tom Job - IAS, Chief Secretary had a joint meeting to finalise the draft of Kerala Maritime Board Rules and the same was approved by the Law Secretary and Adml. Chief Secretary (Ports) and Chief Secretary and forwarded to the Chief Minister's office, after getting the approval and signature of Hon'ble Minister for Ports. It was reported that the said rules is now pending with the Chief Minister's office awaiting his signature and once the same is signed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Port department has to publish the same in state Gazette-without delay and CEO/- Director Port is authorized to follow up the same with the Port Dept.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Director of Ports is authorized to follow up the Kerala Maritime Board Rules approved by the Board Secretary and Asst. Chief Secretary (Ports) and Chief Secretary and to forward the same to the Hon'ble Chief Minister's office for the Chief Minister's approval and signature and once the same is signed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, CEO / Director Port is authorized to follow up the same with the Port Department to publish the Rules of the Kerala Maritime Board in the Gazette without any further delay."

8. Review of various activities at all the Ports under the Board

The Chairman reported that even though he has written letters to the various Port officers and former director of ports on the various activities of various ports, and the decisions taken in the last 2 Board meetings he has not received any reply so far. After discussion, the Board authorized the present director of ports to write to the respective port officers and port dept. and collect the entire details pertaining to all Port activities at the various ports and the details of assets and liabilities of various Ports. The CEO of the Board shall actively monitor, evaluate and review the activities at each and every port and decided to ensure that the main operating ports in Kerala like Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal maintain a minimum draft of 6 to 7 meters throughout the year and necessary steps has to be taken to attain the same immediately.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board authorized the Director of Ports / CEO to write to the respective Port officers and collect the entire details of all activities at each Port and the details of Assets and Liabilities of various Ports. The CEO of the Board shall actively monitor, evaluate and review the activities at each and every port and decided to ensure that the main operating ports in Kerala like Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal shall maintain a minimum draft of 6 to 7 meters throughout the year."

9. Status of the Training Courses at Maritime Board Institutions :-

After discussion on the present training institutes at Kodungalur and Kollam, as decided in the earlier board meetings it was unanimously decided to call for expression of interest for conducting various courses at the Kerala Maritime Institutes in a professional way from reputed institutions like CUSAT, CIFNEI for conducting proper training courses and certificates has to be issued by the Maritime Board for applicants who successfully complete the training. It was also decided to maintain proper records for the fee collected and the candidates / applicants who attend the course.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board it was unanimously decided to call for expression of interest from reputed institutions like CUSAT, CIFNEI for conducting proper training courses at the Kerala Maritime Institutes in a professional way and certificates has to be issued by the Kerala Maritime Board for those applicants who successfully complete the training."

maintain proper records of the applicants who undergo training, including fee collected and the details of candidates who attend the course and to issue a certificate by the Board."

10. Issuance of KIV Licenses by the Port Directorate / KMB sea side.

The Port Director Mr. Varghese Parakkal and Mr. Vinodhu, the former Managing Director of KSMDC who is the authority under KIV Rules reported that the Government has extended the term of survey consultants vide a recent G.O. upto 29/05/2019. Mr. Vinodhu who was present also reported that the number of surveyors and supporting staffs has to be increased considerably for the smooth functioning and implementation of KIV Rules. It was also decided to conduct proper survey and issue licenses to those genuine applicants who have passed all the statutory and safety formalities and requirements and it should be transparent.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board authorized the Director of Ports / CEO that the number of surveyors and supporting staffs has to be increased for the smooth functioning and implementation of KIV Rules and it was also decided to conduct proper survey and issue licenses to those genuine applicants who have passed the statutory formalities and requirements and there shall not be any loophole while issuing licenses and it should be transparent".

11. Head of account of Kerala Maritime Board .

The CFO and the Port Director reported that even though the head of account for Maritime Board has been opened in July 2018 there is no sufficient funds in the account and they have written to the Port Department for transferring sufficient funds to the head of account of Maritime Board and this has to be followed up on war-footing.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board authorized the Director of Ports / CEO and Chief Financial officer - CFO to closely follow up with the Port dept. and other depts. and minister's office if necessary to get sufficient funds transferred to the head of account of Maritime Board for the smooth functioning of the Board".

12. Status of implementation Authority of KIV Rules 2010 related matters and the letter issued by the then CEO dated 09/11/2018

The Board unanimously decided that the implementation of KIV Rules has to be retained by the Kerala Maritime Board and the unilateral letter dated 09/11/2018 issued by the former CEO cum Director of Ports Mr. Venkitesapathy-IAS without discussing with the Board or Chairman has to be withdrawn and a letter to that effect has to be issued by the present Port Director / CEO to the Port Department and the offices of Hon'ble Minister for Ports and Hon'ble Chief Minister with immediate effect to ensure

that the implementation right of KIV Rules has to be retained with Kerala Maritime Board.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board unanimously decided that the Implementation authority of KIV rule no. 7 is retained with the Kerala Maritime Board and the unilateral letter dated 09/21/2018 issued by the former CEO cum Director of ports without discussing with the Board has to be withdrawn and a letter to that effect has to be issued by the present Port Director / CEO to the Port Department and the offices of Hon'ble Minister for Ports and Hon'ble Chief Minister with immediate effect to ensure that the implementation right of KIV Rules has to be retained with Kerala Maritime Board."

13. Sand mining and sale of sand at various port destinations to be made

The Port Directorate and Chairman reported that they have received few complaints on the lack of transparency in the mining of sand and its sale and on payments to workers are made manually instead of online payments. The Chairman suggested that the decision taken in the joint meeting had with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Speaker regarding sand mining and its sale followed in Ponnani has to be implemented with immediate effect to ensure that transparency is being followed in all ports. The Board decided to follow the guide lines of KITCO by installing CCTV camera and weigh bridge at the site and GPS on vehicles, has to be installed in all such areas and passes has to be issued to those trucks and vehicles which passes through the weigh bridge and close monitoring is required to ensure that 100% transparency is being followed in all ports and Kadavu pertaining to sand mining and sand selling at various ports / banks / Jetty (Kadavu). It was also decided that all the payments that are being done manually at all ports particularly Azhikal has to be stopped with immediate effect and all such payments including to that of workers has to be made online to avoid allegations and the movements of trucks etc. pertaining to sand mining and selling should be made transparent as per guide lines of KITCO and based on the spirit of the decision taken in the above joint meeting held with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Speaker at speaker's chamber at the Assembly and close monitoring is required to ensure that the entire system works transparent.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board unanimously decided to implement the decisions taken in the above joint meeting held with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Speaker at speakers chamber and that all the payments that are now being done manually at all Ports particularly Azhikal port if any pertaining to sand mining and sale has to be stopped with immediate effect and all such payments and the movements of trucks etc. pertaining to sand selling should be made online and transparent as per guide lines of KITCO by installing CCTV camera and Weigh bridge at the site and GPS has to be installed in all on vehicles and passes has to be issued to those trucks and vehicles those pass only through the weigh bridge

and there shall not be any restrictions and/or preferences to any particular trade /
such services and close monitoring is required to ensure that 100% transparency is
being followed in all ports and kadams in the state and such directions are to be issued
by Director Ports / CEO to all port officers to ensure that Board's decisions are
implemented without fail, based on the spirit of the decisions taken in the joint
meeting held with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Speaker of speaker's chamber
at the Assembly and close monitoring is required to ensure that the entire system works
transparent and no one violates the board decisions."

14. Other Matters

a) Immigration facility at all active ports in Kerala

It was reported that since our Kerala minor ports doesn't have immigration facilities
from Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India it has become difficult to call passenger /
cruise vessels and yachts freely at our ports and, in order to ensure that immigration
facility has to be implemented in all ports in Kerala, Port Director / CEO has to write a
letter through Hon'ble Minister for Port's office and Hon'ble Chief Minister's office to
the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India and FRRO to ensure that Immigration
offices are being established in all active ports like Vizhijam, Kollam, Beypore and
Azhikal so that we can also invite foreign cruise / passenger vessels and necessary
arrangements has to be made for their Immigration clearance etc. Port director / CEO
shall also arrange necessary infrastructure and other facilities at Kollam, as required by
FRRO enabling them to commence functioning of their Immigration offices in Kerala
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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board authorize
the Director of Ports / CEO to write a letter through Hon'ble Minister for Port's office
and Hon'ble Chief Minister's office to the Ministry of Home Affairs Govt. of India and
FRRO and meet the concerned officers of MHA & FRRO to ensure that Immigration
offices are started in all active ports in Kerala like Vizhinjam, Kollam, Beypore and
Azhikal so that we can also bring cruise / passenger vessels and yachts. It was also
decided that Port director / CEO shall take necessary steps to arrange basic
infrastructure and facilities at Kollam as required by FRRO in their letter enabling
them to start functioning of their Immigration offices in KMB Ports for doing business
easy at Kerala Ports.

b) EDI facility to be implemented at all the Kerala Ports .

It was reported that EDI facility to be implemented at all the Kerala Ports for which
letters have to be issued to the customs authorities to facilitate EDI facility in all the
active Ports like Vizhijam, Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal.

"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board authorized the Director of Ports / CEO to write a letter to Commissioners of Customs to ensure that EIS facility to be implemented at all the Kerala active Ports like Vizhinjam, Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal.

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c) All active Ports has to be made clean, professional of par with international standards and complying ISPS codes.

It was reported by the Chairman that all active Ports in Kerala Vizhinjam, Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal has to be made clean ports, professional, digitalised with international standards and complying ISPS codes which will attract more shipping business and many foreign and Indian vessels will be attracted to our ports for safe berthing and thereby increase the business.

"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board authorized the Director of Ports / CEO to take necessary steps to ensure that all active Ports in Kerala like Vizhinjam, Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal has to be made clean, digitalized, professional ports, at par with international standards and complying ISPS codes which will attract more shipping business whereby many foreign and Indian vessels will be attracted to our ports for safe berthing and thereby increase the shipping business in our Kerala Ports."

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d) Dredging of Port's Berths and Channels at Vizhinjam, Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal, 6 to 7 meter depth on urgent basis.

It was reported by the Chairman and Mr. Prakash Iyer, member, maritime board and General Manager of the new Shipping company the ONE (largest shipping co, which is a consortium of worlds 3 largest shipping companies NYK Line, K-Line, Mitsui OSK Line) and President of the Shipping Industry in Kochi, that basic requirement a Port need to attract vessels and shipping business is sufficient depth / draft and other basic infrastructure and a clean modern port. After detail discussion it was proposed by the Board that the depths/drafts of all active ports in Kerala to be increased to minimum 6-7 meters. After discussion it was unanimously decided to dredge scientifically the berths and channels of active ports like Vizhinjam, Kollam Beypore and Azhikal, on war footing basis in the first phase with a minimum 6 to 7 meters depth so as to attract more shipping business and vessels to come in and safely berth and thereby increase the volume of shipping business in our Kerala Ports.

RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board authorized the Director of Ports / CEO to take necessary steps to ensure that berths and channels of all active Port's Vizhinjam, Kollam Beypore and Azhikal has to be scientifically dredged on war footing and the drafts / depth has to be increased to minimum 6 - 7 meter so as to attract more vessels to come in and safely berth and thereby increase the volume of shipping business in our Kerala Ports.

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c) Mapping and Digitalization of entire assets of the Kerala Maritime Board (former Port Directorate) and Ports in Kerala including fixtures, fittings and equipment's, buildings, properties and guest houses and supporting documents.

The members of the Board enquired with the Director Ports on the details of guest houses and assets including buildings and properties under the control of ports and former port directorate. After detail discussion, the Board unanimously decided to authorize CEO / Director of Ports to collect from the respective port officers and port depn. full details about the guest offices of the ports and the status of its occupancy and control and other assets of ports including buildings and properties under the ownership of Ports. It was also decided to direct the concerned port officers to provide the list on the entire assets of the Ports / Kerala Maritime Board (former Port Directorate) including fixtures, fittings and equipment's buildings, properties and guest houses and give a detail report with proper survey & plan on guest hoses and buildings and land of Ports, supporting documents and the same has to be digitalized by conducting proper survey and mapping. After discussion it was decided to authorize the Director of Ports / CEO to enquire about the guest houses belonging to the Ports/KMB and if any of the guests houses in Port's land is occupied or under the control of any third party steps has to be taken to evict them and take possession of the same with immediate effect. The Board decided to engage professional agencies to do proper survey, mapping and digitalization of entire assets of the Kerala Maritime Board (former Port Directorate) and Ports including guest houses, buildings, properties, fixtures and fittings equipment's at the port with supporting documents using the help of expert external professional agencies and to document all the assets of Ports and KMB.

"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board unanimously decided to authorize the CEO, Director of Ports to collect from the respective port officers the full details of assets of ports including buildings, properties, fixtures and fittings, equipment's at the ports with supporting documents and guest offices of the ports and the status of its occupancy, possession and control / management. It was also decided to direct the concerned Port officers to provide the entire assets of the Ports / Kerala Maritime Board (former Port Directorate) and to give a detail report with proper survey & plan and all the details and documents has to be digitalized by conducting proper survey and mapping. It was also decided to authorize the Director of Ports / CEO to collect all records and list about the guest houses belonging to the Port / KMB from the port officers and if any of the guests houses / buildings in Port land are under the control of any third party / dept. necessary steps has to be taken to evict them and take vacant possession of the same. The Board decided to engage professional agencies to do proper survey, mapping and digitalization of entire assets of the Kerala Maritime Board (former Port Directorate)

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f) Guest Houses at Trivandrum..

The Chairman and members sought details from CEO/Director Ports and CTC who were present in the meeting about the position of all guest houses of Ports which are under the control, possession and ownership of Port Directorate and Ports. It was reported by the CFO that he shall submit a detail report on the Guest Houses of the Board soon.

To a specific question about the guest houses at Trivandrum, the CFO reported that as of now all the Guest Houses at Valjathura, Trivandrum are being occupied by the staffs of the Port directorate as staff quarters without paying any rent and new Air conditioners and other fixtures were installed in the staff quarters recently at the costs of the port directorate under the cover as the same are port guest houses. The Board members directed CEO/ Director Ports to take necessary steps to take inventory of all the guest houses in the State and to submit a detail statement who is holding its possession and under which order / authority particularly Trivandrum guest houses in which staffs of port directorate are occupying the same. It was also discussed and decided to inspect the guest houses and to see whether same is worth to re-furnish and can be used as Guest Houses of Kerala Maritime Board which can be used by the Board and rented out for Board's / Govt. guests.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the members of the Board after actual discussion the Board unanimously decided to authorize the CFO and CEO of the Board to enquire and take inventory of all the Guest Houses of the Board / former Port directorate in the State of Kerala and particularly Trivandrum Guest houses and to submit a report to the Board on its status and if any one is occupying and holding its possession, its details and explain under which order and authority the port directorate staffs are occupying the Trivandrum Guest Houses of the port directorate as staff quarters and explain whether Air Conditioners and other facilities / fixtures were installed by the office of the Port Directorate at their residence / quarters (named as guest houses) under the cover as they are Port Guest Houses. The same has to be inquired in detail and reported to the Board within 2 weeks in writing with supportings by the CFO under the supervision of CEO / Director of Ports. It was also discussed and decided by the Board to inspect the Guest Houses in the state and to see whether same can be re-furnished and worth to be used as Guest Houses of Kerala Maritime Board and rented out for Board's / Govt. guests.

g) Copy of the letter of Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries received from the Port Minister's office for appointing a Special officer for Port of Kollam to develop business activity between Lakshadweep and Kollam.

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The Chairman placed before the Board, his own copy of a letter dated 17/01/2019 issued by Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries received from the Hon'ble Minister's office. Therein she has requested Hon'ble Chief Minister to appoint a Special officer for Port of Kollam to develop business activity from Lakshadweep through Kollam port. The letter was placed in the Board by the Chairman for seeking the opinion of the Board. The Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Shri. Mercykutty Amma has issued a letter dated 17/01/2019 to the Hon'ble Chief Minister requesting him to appoint Shri. Sheik Pareed IAS (Retd) who is presently Managing Director of Kerala State Coastal Development Corporation which is a corporation under the Fisheries Department constituted for the welfare of the fishermen community to be appointed as the Special officer for the Port of Kollam in order to develop business between Kollam Port from Lakshadweep. The said letter was forwarded by the Chief Minister's office to the office of the Minister for Ports and a copy of the same was given to the Chairman of the Board by the office of the Minister for Ports.

The Chairman submitted that the Hon'ble Minister for fisheries had given such a letter with a bonafide intention to develop shipping business in Kollam as she is minister from Kollam and the contents of the said letter was discussed in detail by the Board members and the Board unanimously decided to inform the office of the Hon'ble Minister for Ports and Hon'ble Chief Minister that since Kerala Maritime Board was constituted as per Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017 and Kerala Maritime Board has come into force on 12/2/2018 and Chairman and members have taken charge of office on 25/07/2018 and the Rules and appointed day notification has been finalized and awaiting gazette publication and the Board started functioning and at this stage appointment of any special officer over and above Kerala Maritime Board is unwarranted and will be clear violation of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017.

As per the said notifications and Act all the Ports in Kerala including port of Kollam and Port directorate merged with the Board and at present we have a system in all ports for its functioning and the ports are being controlled by the respective Port officers and under the new management of Kerala Maritime Board, we Kerala Maritime Board have every infrastructure and business contacts to develop shipping business from Lakshadweep and other places even out of India to Kollam and all other ports in Kerala for which service of an additional special officer from fisheries dept. as required in the above letter is not required to be appointed over and above Kerala Maritime Board which itself will a violation of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017.

Therefore after detail discussion the Board while fully appreciating the bonafides of the hon'ble minister for fisheries, unanimously decided to inform the hon'ble chief minister through hon'ble minister for ports that appointment of a special officer at this stage is not required for Kollam or any other port in Kerala and since Kerala Maritime Board

development proposals of the Hon'ble Minister for the Kerala Port and the Maritime Board shall take initiative on time bound basis for implementing the development proposals if any at Kollam Port and inviting business interest to Kollam Port without appointing any Special officer and C.O. Director or ports is authorised to communicate the Board's decision to the Hon'ble Chief Minister through the Minister for Ports. Board also have no objection to discuss any business proposals brought to Kollam port by Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries.

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RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board after detail discussion the Board unanimously decided to inform the Hon'ble Chief Minister through Hon'ble Minister for Ports that the appointment of a special officer as mentioned in the letter dated 17/01/2019 issued by Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries is not required for Kollam Port or any other Port in Kerala as the Kerala Maritime Board has every infrastructure and business contacts and projects in hand to develop business from Lakshadweep and other places every out of India to Kollam Port and other ports in Kerala for which service of an additional Special officer from fisheries dept. is not required to be appointed over and above Kerala Maritime Board which itself will be a violation of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017, and the very purpose of constitution of the Board and port operation and management is a matter which comes fully under the Maritime Board and Ministry of Ports. It was also proposed by the Board that the Kerala Maritime Board shall work in association with the Hon'ble Minister from Kollam fully understanding her bonafides with the consent of Minister for Ports and give all support and priority for the development proposals of the Hon'ble Minister from Kollam and the Maritime Board shall take initiative on time bound basis for implementing such development proposals if any received from the minister at Kollam Port and inviting business interest to Kollam Port for bringing more cargo vessels and cruise / passenger vessels and yachts from Lakshadweep and other places without appointing any additional special officer as mentioned in the letter. Board also have no objection to discuss any business proposals brought to Kollam port by the Hon'ble Minister for fisheries.

h) Study and report the scope of Cargo movements and Passenger movements Medical tourism, and related business from Lakshadweep to Kollam Port.

It was also discussed among the Board members to study the possibility of new cargo movements and passenger movements particularly for medical tourism, business and higher studies from Lakshadweep to Kollam Port has to be studied in detail and reported to the Board and proper steps has to be taken to develop that area of business from Lakshadweep and for which the Board authorized the CEO/Port Director to study the same and take necessary steps to develop business by the Kerala Maritime Board on time bound basis.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board unanimously decided to authorize CEG / Director Ports to study the possibility of air cargo movements and passenger movement from the Lakshadweep island near to Kollam particularly for medical tourism, business and higher studies to Kollam Port in detail and submit a report to the Board and proper steps has to be taken to develop this area of business from Lakshadweep by the Local Maritime Board on time bound basis.

1) To take an Apartment on rent for Maritime Board at Trivandrum.

It was pointed out before the Board the need for taking an apartment on rent for Maritime Board at Trivandrum for the stay of Chairman and members if any and the matter was discussed in detail. It was decided by the Board unanimously that a service apartment has to be taken on rent at Trivandrum for the stay of Chairman and members as and when they visit Trivandrum instead of spending substantial amount for hotel rent.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that the Board unanimously decided to take a service apartment on rent for Maritime Board at Trivandrum for the stay of Chairman and members when they visit Trivandrum. The Board authorized the Port Director / CEO to co-ordinate and liaison the same through the Liaison officer / John Christopher to find out a suitable service apartment near to the Secretariat and take the apartment on rent for Maritime Board, so that the Chairman and members can stay during their visit to Trivandrum.

1) Incentives and concessions being given to Coastal Shipping Lines :-

It was reported that the Board decided in the 2nd Board meeting held on 17th December 2018 as item No.11 board discussed on the incentives and concessions being given to coastal shipping companies and the Board has unanimously decided to recommend to the Govt. to conduct a financial auditing into payment of incentives and concessions being given since 2015 and submit a report and requested the Govt. to study the need to review the above concessions and incentives given GO (RT No.24/2018 F& PD dtd.16/1/2018 and G.O.(Ms) No.15/2018/F & P dtd.02/06/2018. Pending financial auditing by finance dept. or C&AG as decided in the last board meeting dtd.17/12/2018, the Board unanimously decided to request the Govt. to extend the validity of the G.O.(Ms) No.15/2018/F & P dtd.02/06/2018 for a period of 3 to 6 months on condition that the shipping lines to whom incentives / concessions are given shall give an undertaking to the Govt./ Board that they will bring minimum 8 calls / (voyages of ships) to Beypore and Azhikal, to ensure that progress is shown in the business for which incentives are given. Further extension of incentives and concessions and review of the Govt. orders shall be decided after the financial auditing and submission of report by finance dept or C &AG as decided in the last board meeting.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the members of the Board after detailed discussion the board unanimously decided pending financial auditing by finance dept or C & AG as decided in the last board meeting dated 17/12/2017, the board unanimously passed a day to request the Govt. to extend the validity of the G.O.(Ms) No.15 / 2015 / F & P dated 02/06/2018 for a further period of 3 to 6 months on condition that the respective shipping lines to whom concessions are given shall give an undertaking to the Govt./ Board that they undertake to bring minimum 5 calls per month (3 voyages of ships per month) to Beypore and Azhikal, to ensure that progress is shown in the business for which incentives are given. Further extension of incentives and concessions as above and review of the Govt. orders shall be decided after the financial auditing and submission of audit report by the finance dept or C&AG as proposed in the last Board meeting."

k) Digitalization of Ports.

All ports in Kerala initially Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal has to be computerized / digitalized to meet with International Standards , enabling tracking of all import and export containers / cargo movements, including coastal shipments, billing and payments, including incentives paid to shipping lines and all transactions are to be met as per international standards and transparent . This online digitalization of ports will facilitate the importer/ consignee and shipper/ exporter and shipping lines and ports to track the containers / cargo and their position. This digitalization has to be implemented at all ports within a period of 3 months.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the Members of the Board that all ports in Kerala initially Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal has to be computerized / digitalized to meet with International Standards , enabling tracking of all import and export containers / cargo movements, including coastal shipments, billing and payments , including payments towards incentives to shipping lines and all transactions and activities are to be met as per international standards and transparent . This online digitalization will facilitate the importer/ consignee and shipper/ exporter and shipping lines and ports to track the containers / cargo and their position and all payments and transactions through ports online. This digitalization has to be implemented at all ports within a period of 3 months."

l) Communications to High Court of Kerala and respective Standing Councils of the Kerala Maritime Board about their appointment .

The Chairman reported that necessary communications has to go to the respective Legal Adviser Shri. PK Suresh Kumar, Senior Advocate that he has been appointed as Legal Advisor for the Kerala Maritime Board and Adv. K.P. Sudheer and Adv. Basil Mathew were appointed as the Standing Councils of the Board in the High Court of Kerala as decided in the 2nd Board meeting . It was also unanimously decided to intimate the Registrar General of the High Court of Kerala that Adv. K.P. Sudheer and Adv Basil

Kerala and Adv. K.P. Sudheer is authorized to receive notices from court registry on behalf of the Board in all cases wherein Kerala Maritime Board, envelope Port Directorate, Port Director Ports and Port officers, Kerala State Development Corporation and Kerala State Maritime Society are parties.

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"RESOLVED with the approval of the members of the Board after detailed discussion the Board unanimously decided and authorized Director Ports / CEO to intimate Shri. P.K. Suresh Kujjar, Senior Advocate that he has been appointed as the Legal Advisor for the Kerala Maritime Board and Adv. K.P. Sudheer and Adv. Basil Mathew were appointed as the Standing Counsels of the Board for the High Court of Kerala, other courts in India and Tribunals and that the said appointment of Standing Counsels and Adv. K.P. Sudheer is authorized to receive notices from Court Registry on behalf of the Kerala Maritime Board in all future cases wherein Kerala Maritime Board, Port Directorate, Port Director, Ports and Port officers, Kerala State Development Corporation and Kerala State Maritime Society are parties and the shall be communicated to the Registrar General of the High Court of Kerala at the earliest."

There being no other item pending the Board meeting concluded at 4.20 P.M. with vote of thanks by the chair.

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| 1. Sr. Adv. V. J. Mathew | Chairman |
| 2. Shri. E.G. Harindranath, Law Secretary | Member |
| 3. Dr. Jayakumar, MD & CEO - VISL | Member |
| 4. Adv. V. Manilal | Member |
| 5. Shri. Prakash Iyer | Member |
| 6. Adv. M.K. Uthaman | Member |
| 7. Adv. N.P. Shibu | Member |

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MINUTES OF THE 4th BOARD MEETING OF THE KERALA MARITIME BOARD HELD ON FRIDAY, 17TH MAY 2019 AT 11.00 A.M. AT THE GOVT. GUEST HOUSE, ERNAKULAM.

Present :-

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| 1. Sr. Adv. V. J. Mathew | Chairman |
| 2. Shri. B.G. Harindranath, Law Secretary | Member |
| 3. Adv. V. Manilal | Member |
| 4. Shri. Prakash Iyer | Member |
| 5. Adv. M.K. Uthaman | Member |
| 6. Adv. N.P. Shibu | Member |
| 7. Shri. Varghese Panicker - IAS | Director of Ports |

1. Notice of the meeting of the board

The notice of the Board Meeting was taken as read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence.

No leave of absence was given by the Principal Secretary (Finance) and other ex-officio members Principal Secretary- Ports and representative of Navy & Coast Guard could not attend due to delay in re-notification by designation. Dr. Jayakumar, MD, VISL could not attend as his shoulder bone is fractured. Thankfully Mr. Varghese Panicker, IAS Director of Ports of erstwhile port directorate attended the meeting as invited by the Chairman.

3. Approval of minutes of the last board meeting

The minutes of the 3rd Board Meeting was approved in the 4th Board meeting and Director of Ports, Mr. Varghese Panicker, IAS who attended the meeting was requested to implement the decisions taken in the last 3rd Board meeting and earlier 1st & 2nd Board meetings by taking up the same with the appropriate authorities and offices.

4. Actions taken by the office of CEO / D.P. on the decisions taken by the Board in the 3rd Board meeting held on 11th March 2019 and the earlier 1st and 2nd Board meetings.

DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE 3RD BOARD MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2019 WHICH WERE NOT IMPLIMENTED OR ADDRESSED TO BY CEO / DP.



1. **Item 6** - Ex-officio members re-notification by designation is still not yet published though vetted by Law department and kept ready by Port department.

Resolved by the Board unanimously that CEO / DP to follow up with Port department to publish the re-notification by designation of ex-officio members immediately on arrival of Principal Secretary so that we can have full board.

2. **Item 8** - Review of various activities of all the Ports under the Board.

CEO mentioned that Report not yet received .

Resolved by the Board unanimously that steps to be taken by CEO and COO to ensure report on various activities of all ports to be submitted to Board within 7 days.

3. **Item 10** - Issuance of KIV licenses by the Port/Kerala Maritime Board. There is only one surveyor for the entire State of Kerala and number of surveyors and supporting staffs has to be increased for the smooth functioning and implementation of KIV Rule's.

CEO replied that Mr. Vinothu / Registering authority was asked to give a report to the Board to that effect.

4. **Item 11** - Head of account of Kerala Maritime Board though opened in July 2018, no sufficient funds has been transferred by the Government /Port departments for the day today activities of the Board. Now 'appointed day' notification has been published and has come into force and all ports and erstwhile port directorate and 2 establishments KSMDC and KSMS have become part of Kerala Maritime Board. Necessary follow ups have to be made in the matter by CEO and FO to transfer all funds to the head of account of Kerala Maritime Board including the funds allocated by govt. to Port dept. for Port activities on urgent basis.

Resolved by the Board unanimously that CEO and F.O. is authorised to take up the issue transfer of funds to the head of account of Kerala Maritime Board with Finance dept. to transfer all funds pending with former directorate, KSMDC, KSMS which had already become part of KMB and also approach port dept. to transfer the budget allotted funds to KMB.

5. **Item 13** - At the joint meeting held with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Speaker, at Speakers chambers we have taken a decision to implement that all payments now being manually done at various ports particularly Azhikal and Beypore has to be stopped with immediate effect and all payments has to be made on-line through bank. It was also decided to implement weigh bridge, CCTV camera, GPS and other required things to ensure proper monitoring is done on the movement of trucks, sand mining / selling and on line payments through banks shall be implemented so as to ensure 100% transparency in all the ports.

Resolved by the Board unanimously that CEO is authorised issue orders in the name of KMB to all port officers and responsible staffs that within 10 days from today all payments made from ports / MKB has to be made online only through respective Banks and steps to be taken on war footing to implement the online payments, weigh bridge, CCTV camera, GPS



and other required things to ensure proper monitoring is done on the free movement of trucks, sand mining / selling and on line payments through banks shall be implemented so as to ensure 100% transparency in all the ports.

Item 14

(a) **Immigration facility** has to be implemented urgently at the Port of Kollam and Azhikal to ensure that coastal and foreign vessels are called at the Ports. Even though CEO has taken necessary steps, the same has to be followed on war footing with FRRO by Vinothu of former KSMDC Kochi .

CEO reported that steps already taken and a meeting was called by FRRO today and Mr. Vinothu former MD, KSMDC is attending the same and immigration facility will soon be obtained to Kollam and Vizhinjam Ports.

(b) **EDI facility** to be implemented for customs activities at the Ports the same has to be followed on war footing with Customs Commiserate.

CEO reported that steps already taken with Customs to implement EDI facility.

(c) **ISPS Code (International Ship and Port Facility Security)**

ISPS Code to be implemented as per international standards, so as to maintain security arrangements for Ships and Ports and Government agencies , clean ports, professional maintained , digitalized which will help safe berthing / sailing and increase of business in our Kerala Ports.

CEO reported that steps yet to be taken. Resolved by the Board unanimously CEO and COO to take urgent steps within a week and complete implementation process within 4 weeks.

(d) **Dredging of Port's Berths and Channels** at Vizhinjam, Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal minimum 7 -10 meters which will attract cargo vessels as well as passenger vessels.

Reported steps not yet taken.

Resolved by the Board unanimously that action has to be taken by concerned port officers , CEO/ COO within a week from this day. Board directed to take urgent steps within a week and the decision has to be implemented with 4 weeks. Board observed that former govt. procedure followed by staffs will delay the process and implementation . Board directed to call for public tenders on war footing and allot the work to the lowest bidder instead of depending on HED alone who have no infrastructure of its own and complete the work on time bound basis.

(e) **Mapping and Digitalization of the entire assets of ports** including buildings, landed properties, fixtures and fittings, equipments at the ports and port land with supporting documents. The same has to be obtained from concerned port officers and other officers responsible within a week from this day.

Reported steps not yet taken.



Resolved by the Board unanimously that action has to be taken by concerned port officers within a weeks time from this day. Board directed CEO and COO to take urgent steps within a week and implement the decisions within 4 weeks. Willful delay and failure and suppression on the part of port officers and other responsible officers will have to face unpleasant disciplinary action.

(g) **Develop business from Lakshadweep to Kollam** . In order to encourage / invite passenger movements for business and medical tourism from Lakshadweep and cargo movements to Kollam if required visit Lakshadweep authorities and follow up on all possibilities . CEO and Chief Operating officer can visit Lakshadweep and follow up with LDCL and Lakshadweep Administration authorities .

Resolved by the Board unanimously that steps to be taken on urgent basis in order to encourage / invite passenger movements for business and medical tourism from Lakshadweep and cargo movements to Kollam if required visit Lakshadweep authorities and follow up on all possibilities . CEO and Chief Operating officer shall visit Lakshadweep and follow up with LDCL and Lakshadweep Administration authorities and report before the next board.

i) Taking apartment on rent at Trivandrum for Maritime Board for the stay of Chairman.

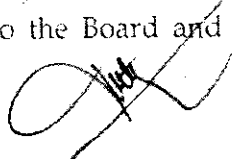
So far apartment not located.

Chairman reported that DP of former directorate has appointed a committee vide letter No. C2-1024/2019/DP dtd.8/5/2019 to locate an office space for Trivandrum office in Trivandrum District. No decision has been taken by the Board to find out any office for Trivandrum office . Trivandrum office will continue work at Valiathura itself till decisions are taken by the Board otherwise. Last Board meeting actually decided to locate a furnished apartment in Trivandrum for the stay of Chairman and members as and when they visit Trivandrum .

CEO reported that the letter was intended and issued to locate an apartment for Chairman, but FO who was called to the meeting reported that it was issued for locating an office for KMS's Trivandrum office. This letter will is ill motivated and will create a confusion and interested parties may misuse the same and give publicity against the board that office of the KMS's Trivandrum office is going to be moved out of Valiathura.

Resolved by the Board unanimously that CEO / DP to withdraw the letter if it is wrongly issued as mentioned above and the board observed that hereafter for each and every steps and actions to implement the decision of the board a 5 member sub committee need not be constituted which will affect their daily work of those staffs who have nothing to do with that task and delay the whole intention for which it is constituted.

(j) **Incentives and Concessions** being given to coastal shipping lines at various ports and the Board's decision in the 2nd Board meeting to conduct financial auditing into the payments of incentives and concessions being given by Ports since 2013 and submit a report to the Board and requested the govt. to review on the above concessions and incentives



whether to continue or not taking into consideration that though incentives are given to attract more business and progress in existing business by shipping lines , much progress is not seen in the operation of vessels at Kollam , Vizhinjam and Beypore .

No action taken by CEO. F.O was called to the board meeting and he confirmed that no steps has to be taken immediately to conduct a financial auditing .

Resolved by the Board unanimously and Board observed that URGENT steps has to be taken immediately to conduct a financial auditing into the incentives, beneficiaries , amount spend by state and revenue received by ports and improvements shown in coastal shipping due to incentives ... etc.

(k) Board enquired with FO who was called for the meeting to clarify incentives what action he has taken in the report submitted by himself on the financial misappropriation committed by Mr.Shaji as per the report. Board also enquired what steps CEO and FO has taken as per KSR and Govt. guidelines and service rules.

Resolved by the Board unanimously and Board observed that suppressing misappropriation report by FO and helping the delinquent staff is also an offense under law and directed both CEO / DP and F.O. to take urgent steps against the staff as per law / service rules immediately , who was found having committed misappropriation of funds of the state / port directorate / board. FO and CEO / DP and COO has to report to the Board the action taken under law within 7 days before the next Board meeting.

(l) **Digitalization of Ports :** It was decided in the 3rd Board Meeting that all the active ports in Kerala such as Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal should be computerized / digitalized to meet with International standards - ISPS enabling tracking of all import and export containers and to locate cargo movements including coastal shipments, billing and payments including incentives paid to shipping lines since 2013 and all transactions at all ports to be made online as per international standards and 100% transparent. It was decided to implement digitalization and transparency in all ports within a period of 3 months from March 2019.

CEO, reported that he has written a letter to port officers .

Resolved by the Board unanimously and Board observed that unfortunately no steps has been taken so far to implement the boards decision effectively except sending a letter as per the usual practice. Therefore the board observed that the said decision has to be implemented on war footing within 7 days and reported to the Board before the next Board meeting by CEO and COO.

(m) **Standing Counsels and Legal Advisor of the Board.**

As decided by the Board regarding the appointment of Legal adviser and standing counsel communications has to go to the Registrar General, High Court of Kerala and respective Standing Counsels and Legal Advisor about their appointment as decided in the 2nd and 3rd Board meeting has to be implemented forthwith. All pending cases of all Ports, erstwhile Port directorate, KSMDC, Kerala Maritime Society (which has become part of the Kerala Maritime Board) pending with various lawyers including government pleaders has to be



called for and take back entire case files from them immediately and entrusted to the panel lawyers in consultation with the Chairman and the Legal advisor.

CEO/DP reported that since appointed day notification has not been published during the last board meeting he has written a letter to port dept. whether letter to the appointment of standing counsels should be issued and still awaiting a reply . Kerala Maritime Board is an independent statutory body and Board can take such decisions of appointing their lawyers of its own and directed CEO to issue such letters as decided above immediately to the concerned standing counsels and legal adviser and High Court in consultation with the Chairman of the Board .

Resolved by the Board unanimously that since the appointed day notification has been published CEO / DP has to comply the decision of the Board forthwith and need not write to port dept. on the subject matter or wait for their reply . Therefore CEO was requested to issue such communications in the letter head of Kerala Maritime Board to the respective Standing Counsels and Legal Advisor about their appointment and communication has to go to the Registrar General, High Court of Kerala about the appointment of Standing Counsels as decided in the 2nd and 3rd Board meeting in consultation with the Chairman of the Board.

DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE 2ND BOARD MEETING 17TH DECEMBER 2018

1. Office of the Kerala Maritime Board at Ernakulam has to be finalized and agreement with KSINC has to be executed and the office space has to be furnished by the professional interior designers and proper tender to be called for as per law on war-footing so as to finalise the designer and contractor and the furnishing as to be commenced without delay.

Resolved by the Board unanimously and Board observed that CEO/DP / COO has to take urgent steps to implement the decisions of the Board to call for proper tender as per law on war-footing so as to finalise the designer and contractor and the furnishing as to be commenced immediately .

2. Re-notification of Ex-officio Board members by designation .

Resolved by the Board unanimously that CEO/DP has to taken urgent steps to implement the decisions of the Board forthwith.

3. Head of Account though opened in July 2018, necessary budgetary funds has to be transferred to the account as already the appointed day notification has come into force on 2nd May 2019. The funds generated from sale of sand and income generated at various ports should also be deposited with KMB's head of account.

Resolved by the Board unanimously and Board observed that CEO / DP has to take urgent steps to implement the decisions of the Board and direct the concerned port officers accordingly .



4. Fixing of sitting fee for Board members as decided in the 2nd Board meeting to be implemented. The sitting fees for the Board members as decided in earlier meetings has to be implemented and disbursed before next board meeting and the travelling and hotel accommodation expenses of the chairman and the members incurred after taking charge of office has to be refunded at the earliest.

Resolved by the Board unanimously that CEO/DP has to take urgent steps to implement the decisions of the Board on urgent basis.

5. Issuance of Photo ID cards for Chairman and members and letter heads and provide visiting cards with the logo of the Board .

Resolved by the Board unanimously that decisions taken by the board on the subject matter to be implemented forthwith and report in the next board meeting.

6. Conveyance for the members of the Board.

So far no action taken by CEP/DP on providing conveyance to the board members as decided by the Board.

Resolved by the Board unanimously that decisions taken by the board on the subject matter to be implemented before the next board meeting. As discussed among the board members today for providing conveyance for members car costing less than Rs.10 Lakhs can be purchased from the funds of the Board.

7. Revival of Engineering workshop of Kerala Maritime Board at Kollam Port. Even though the Board has a Engineering workshop at Kollam Port and experienced Mechanical Engineers and workers at Kollam are idling and work has to be revived in full swing to develop business and activities at the workshop at Kollam Port.

Resolved by the Board unanimously that decisions taken by the board on the subject matter to be implemented and that CEO / DP has to take urgent steps to implement the decisions of the Board forthwith to ensure that Kollam Ports workshops start functioning immediately in full swing to develop business and activities at the workshop at Kollam Port.

DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE 1ST BOARD MEETING 30TH JULY 2018

1. Regional wise meeting of staffs of erstwhile Port Directorate, Port offices, Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation, Kerala State Maritime Society to be called for and all the supporting files and papers has to be perused and forward to the Chairman , study and call for reports on studies of on-going projects, dredging, moveable and immovable assets, activities at port offices and related institutions of erstwhile Port directorate, KSMDC and KSMS.

Resolved by the Board unanimously that CEO/DP has to take urgent steps to implement the decisions of the Board in consultation with the Chairman.



2. Conveyance for the Chairman and Board Members

As decided Innova Crista full option can be purchased for Chairman and for members sedan car worth less than 10 Lakhs can be purchased as discussed today and decided by the Board.

Resolved by the Board unanimously that CEO/DP has to take urgent steps to implement the decisions of the Board and purchase Innova Crista full option for Chairman and for members sedan car worth less than 10 Lakhs using the funds of KMB or using funds of KSMS as discussed today complying legal clearances .

3. Name boards of the erstwhile port directorate port offices at KSMDC and KSMS has to be changed and decided by the Kerala Maritime Board

As decided earlier by the Board all the name boards of erstwhile port directorate, KSMDC , KSMS and ports should be changed as designed with the logo of Kerala Maritime Board approved by the Board meeting forthwith.

Resolved by the Board unanimously that CEO/DP has to take urgent steps to implement the decisions of the Board and all the name boards of erstwhile port directorate, KSMDC , KSMS and ports should be changed as designed with the logo of Kerala Maritime Board approved by the Board .

4. Creation of Website - Creation of website for the Kerala Maritime Board covering all the activities on a very professional way having international standards should be implemented as it is the face of Kerala Maritime Board and the maritime face of the State of Kerala and should be used as a marketing arm of the Kerala Maritime Board.

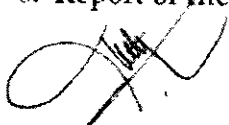
Resolved by the Board unanimously and Board authorised Mr. Vinothu , MD, of erstwhile KSMDC - COO to call for expression of interest from few professional web designers and appoint a website designer to complete the boards website at the earliest.

5. Intimation to all Central and State Agencies and all Maritime State Government, Kerala State Govt. departments Agencies and Boards on the formation and presence of the new Kerala Maritime Board.

Chairman reported that based on the decision taken by the Maritime Board based, a letter was issued by the port department and the then CEO and the Chairman got a reply from the Deputy Secretary that if required the Board can self write to various agencies. This statement is totally unwarranted, as it is the government department to inform the various central/ state government agencies that the Kerala Maritime Board has come into force and started functioning.

Resolved by the Board unanimously and Board observed CEO has to write to Govt. / Port dept and ensure that Port dept. has to inform all the above govt. agencies including various central / state government agencies copy to Maritime Board , that the Kerala Maritime Board has come into force and started functioning.

6. Report of the Chairman and members after visiting all Ports and Maritime institutions.



After visiting all Ports and Maritime institutions by the Chairman and Board members a report was given to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Ports on the functioning of various ports and maritime institutes and no action has been taken so far on the report of the miss-management and misappropriation being done by the Kerala Maritime Institutes. Resolved by the Board unanimously that Board decided to taken up the report with the office of CM, Port Minister and Chief Secretary for necessary action.

7. Request the Government / Port dept. to collect all the State Government orders.

No action taken so far taken by the then DP/CEO.

Resolved by the Board unanimously and directed CEO to request the government / Port dept. to collect all the state / central Government orders, enquiries, gazette publications and that of Cochin Port, water limits, ownership and powers to install jetty, ferry in Cochin, Vizhinjam and other ports in Kerala and details of survey, if any conducted and dates in hand and no action has been taken so far. Present CEO is directed to comply with the above decision of the Board.

8. List of Agencies who have control of the Kerala coastal sea waters, break waters, shores, basins, harbor and beaches and who do various kinds of work such as construction of seal wall, new geo tubes and coastal protection, dredging with supporting government orders to be identified and submitted to the Board.

Resolved by the Board unanimously and CEO directed to comply with the above decision of the Board.

9. Jurisdiction of Harbour Engineering Department and the scope of their work to be submitted to the Board.

Resolved by the Board unanimously and CEO directed to comply with the above decision of the Board and report .

10. Formation of Local Committee at various ports as per Kerala Maritime Board Act.

Resolved by the Board unanimously and CEO directed to comply with the above decision of the Board in consultation with the Chairman and report to the board.

11. Take possession of the Ramanthurth Island, 13.5 acres of land owned by the Kerala State near to Cochin Port for the Kerala Maritime Board's activities.

Resolved by the Board unanimously and CEO is directed to comply with the above decision of the Board in consultation with the Chairman and report to the Board .

GENERAL OBSERVATION OF THE BOARD.

Board observed that as a practice followed during the past years functioning under Port Directorate a govt. dept, mere issuance of letters and passing on

files to next table, various offices / agencies / dept. based on the Boards decision or that of CEO is not sufficient in future and cannot be treated as compliance of boards decision. What Board envisage and wanted from you is the positive result of your action and for that close and sincere follow up of all the letters and actions taken in each and every file and issue is highly necessary and ultimately we the Board want positive results on time bound basis on every action.

Board further observed and solicited whole hearted support and co-operation from all officers and staffs of erstwhile port directorate, erstwhile KSMDC, erstwhile Maritime Society and other Port officers and staffs of all Ports since all are working under the Board we want a collective result oriented work as a team and we want positive results in the interest of our state.

All staffs / workers are free to approach the Board for any genuine grievance which will be directly addressed by the Board / Chairman.

4. URGENT WORK TO BE DONE AT KOLLAM PORT

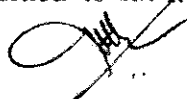
i) Fenders

Ever since the Port was formed no fenders was seen fixed on the side of the existing berth enabling the vesselsto have safe berthing and sailing which is a necessity and mandatory equipment to be installed at Ports for the vessels to berth safely. After discussion it was decided to fix required fenders at the existing berth. In order to execute the same, Kollam Port officer in charge Mr. Vinothu is authorized to call for a tender as per law to purchase suitable fenders of international standardscomplying all legal formalities for tender/ purchase andfor fixing at the existing berth at Kollam port in consultation with the CEO, Kerala Maritime Board.

" RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that that with the approval of the Members of the Board, the Board unanimously decided to fix required Fenders at the existing berth for the vessels to berth safely. In order to execute the same, Kollam Port officer in charge Mr. Vinothu is authorized to call for a public tender as per law and to purchase suitable Fenders of international standards, complying all legal formalities for tender / purchase and for fixing at the existing berth at Kollam port complying all CVC regulations in consultation with the CEO, Kerala Maritime Board.

ii) Mooring Bollards

The existing berth of the Kollam port does not have sufficient Mooring Bollards. It was decided to fix necessary Bollards at the existing berth of the Kollam Port for which the



Kollam Port officer in charge Mr. Vinothu is authorized inspect the berth and to call for tender and purchase the same complying all legal formalities.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously to fix necessary Mooring Bollards at the existing berth of the Kollam Port for which the Kollam Port officer in charge Mr. Vinothu is authorized to call for tender and purchase the same complying all legal formalities for tender / purchase , for fixing at the existing berth at Kollam port complying all CVC regulations in consultation with the CEO, Kerala Maritime Board.

iii) Permanent Pilot

In order to berth and sail the vessels from the Port, each Port has to provide their Pilots for the safe berthing and sailing of the vessels. For providing pilots, Port is entitled to recover pilotage charges which should also cover the charges for Tugs provided for the berthing and sailing of the vessels. Since the Ports in Kerala does not have any permanent pilot, we were not providing pilotservice to the vessels. Pilotage is a necessity of modern Ports in order to attract vessels. Therefore it was decided to appoint a permanent pilot for the ports in Kerala for taking charge of the vessel calling at the respective Ports from outer anchorage and ensure safe berthing and sailing . The Port officer of Kollam Capt. Kuriakose who is on leave is an experienced pilot and he shall be given additional charge as a pilot of all the Ports in Kerala and for the time being he shall attend to all the vessels called at Kerala Ports including Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal as and when required till a permanent pilot is appointed in the due course by the Board. If Mr. Kuriakose, Port officer on leave is having any inconvenience or difficulty , experienced pilots working under the Maritime Board/ Ports can be used for piloting the vessels in consultation with the board.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously to appoint a permanent pilot for the ports in Kerala for taking charge of the vessel calling at the respective Ports from outer anchorage and ensure safe berthing and sailing. The Port officer of Kollam Capt. Kuriakose who is on leave is an experienced pilot and he shall be given additional charge as a pilot of all the Ports in Kerala and for the time being he shall attend to all the vessels called at Kerala Ports including Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal as and when required till a permanent pilot is appointed in the due course by the Board in consultation with the Board.

iv) Dredging

As decided in the earlier Board meetings, the Port of Kollam has to be sufficiently dredged to attain 7 to 10 meters draft on urgent basis for the proper berthing and sailing of bigger vessels and also to attract new vessels to Kerala Ports including Kollam and Board authorised Port officer to call for tender to the work as per law.



RESOLVED by the Board unanimously the Port of Kollam has to be sufficiently dredged to attain 7 to 10 meters draft on urgent basis for the proper berthing and sailing of bigger vessels and also to attract new vessels to Kerala Ports including Kollam and the Board authorised Port officer to call for tender to the work as per law complying all CVC regulations in consultation with the CEO, Kerala Maritime Board.

v) Berth Hire charges

Recently the berth hire charges has been increased drastically by the Port department without consulting or hearing the stake holders of the Ports, as being done by the Major Ports and TAMP (Tariff Authority of Major Ports). Therefore it was decided to authorize the CEO to call for a meeting of the Stake holders of the active Ports, Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal and reduce the existing rate to a reasonable level so as to attract more vessels and business to respective ports.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously to authorize the CEO to call for a meeting of the Stake holders of the active Ports, Kollam, Beypore and Azhikal and reduce the existing rate to a reasonable level so as to attract more vessels and business to respective ports in consultation with the Kerala Maritime Board.

vi) Immigration facility at all active Ports

In order to attract foreign vessels to Port of Kollam and Azhikal, immigration facility has to be implemented urgently. Already a decision has been taken by the CEO and it was decided to ensure that immigration facility be implemented at the Port of Kollam and Azhikal at the earliest, so that new cargo and passenger vessels can be called at the Port of Kollam, Azhikal and Beypore.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously to ensure that immigration facility be implemented at the Port of Kollam and Azhikal at the earliest, so that new cargo and passenger vessels can be called at the Port of Kollam, Azhikal and Beypore

vii) ISPS Code (International Ship and Port Safety Security code) Implementation.

International Ship and Port Safety security code has to be implemented as per international standards at all the active Kerala Ports. Security arrangements have to be implemented at all the active Ports and the Ports should be maintained clean, professionally operated, digitalized with international standards. Though a decision was taken in the last Board meeting held on 11th March 2019 no steps has been taken to implement the same by constructing proper security walls, clean the premises without any debris, engage security guards. Respective Port officers shall be made responsible and liable to maintain ISPS code standards safety and security. The entire system in Ports should be digitalized, equipment's should be well maintained as per international standards. The gates should be



constructed in such a way that bigger project cargo trucks and bigger container trailers can easily go in and exist through the gate without any problem.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously to implement Boards earlier decision and implement ISPS Code by constructing proper security walls, clean the premises without any debris, engage CISF security guards. Respective Port officers shall be made responsible and liable to maintain ISPS code standards safety and security. The entire system in Ports should be digitalized, equipment's should be well maintained as per international standards. The gates should be constructed in such a way that bigger project cargo trucks and bigger container trailers can easily go in and exist through the gate without any problem. The above decision to be implemented on time bound basis and report to the Board with 10 days.

5. Letter from KSMDC dated 24/04/2019 to the chairman of Maritime board.

Letter from KSMDC dated 24/04/2019 pertaining to the implementation of 10th Salary revision commission's proposal to the employees of KSDMC. Board authorised Port officer Kollam / CEO to study the same and report to the Board as per law.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and authorised Port officer Kollam / CEO to study the scope of implementation of 10th Salary revision commission's proposal to the employees of former KSDMC and report to the Board as per law and report.

6. Letter from Vigilance and Anti- Corruption Bureau dated 22/03/2019 to appoint and designate an officer as Vigilance officer of Kerala Maritime Board.

The letter from Vigilance and Anti- Corruption Bureau dated 22/03/2019 to appoint and designate a particular officer as Vigilance officer of the Board, considering the request of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, it was decided to appoint Mr. Lawrence. K.C. former Technical Manager - KSMDC as Vigilance Officer of the Kerala Maritime Board and the same has to be communicated to the office of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that considering the request of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, it was decided to appoint Mr. Lawrence K.C. Technical Manager of former KSMDC as Vigilance Officer of the newly formed Kerala Maritime Board and the same has to be communicated to the office of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau and the Govt.

7. Letter dated 30/04/2019 issued by the Deputy Secretary, Port department with regard to proposals of Maritime Board for the formation of Fast Track Monitoring Committee.



As of now the Fast Track Monitoring Committee consists of Secretary(Ports) - Chairman, Director of Fisheries, Director of Ports, Chief Engineer (HED), Deputy General Manager - Vizhinjam International Sea Port, Company Secretary - Vizhinjam International Sea Port, Port offices of Kollam, Alappuzha and Beypore, Superintending Engineers, Additional Chief Secretary - Fisheries and Ports department shall meet once a month and the committee will be at liberty to co-opt the service of other technical experts and take their advice when found necessary. Therefore, the Board after discussion opined that when the monitoring committee in the Ports department is re-constituted other than the Secretary (Ports), other officers of the Fisheries department and HED department, Vizhinjam Sea Port are not necessary as they have nothing to do with the Ports department and the present Kerala Maritime Board. Therefore another committee has to be re-situated if required with Minister for Ports as Chairman and Principal Secretary Ports and the Kerala Maritime Board's Chairman and CEO can be nominated to the committee. The decision of the Board can be communicated to the Principal Secretary (Ports) by the CEO /DP.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that when the monitoring committee in the Ports department is re-constituted with Minister for Ports as Chairman and Principal Secretary, Maritime Board's Chairman and CEO can be nominated to the committee. Other than Principal Secretary (Ports), other officers of the Fisheries department and HED department, Vizhinjam Sea Port are not necessary in the monitoring committee as they have nothing to do with the Ports department and the presently formed Kerala Maritime Board and totally under a different ministry.

Therefore the new Fast Track Monitoring Committee has to be re-constituted with Hon'ble Minister for Ports as Chairman and Principal Secretary, Maritime Board's Chairman and CEO can be nominated to the committee members. The said decision of the Board can be communicated to the Principal Secretary (Ports) and the Hon'ble Minister for Ports by the CEO.

8. Letter dated 09/04/2019 from the Port department to the Port Officer regarding calling for proposals and estimate of the projects to be presented in the 'Working Group' of the government which consists of Principal Secretary, Director of Ports, Chief Engineer (HED) Planning Board and finance.

Since the Kerala Maritime Board has started functioning and appointed day notification has come into force all such proposals and projects can be presented in the Board and appropriate decisions can be taken by the Board as empowered by the Kerala Maritime Board Act and the same will not be hereafter presented in the Working Group and as discussed among the board members the Chairman has already intimated the Director of Ports to communicate to the Principal Secretary that the Board has need not to be a part of the Working Group and need not submit such proposals to the Working Group and it will only evade from the purpose of Kerala Maritime Board as envisaged in the Act and submitting reports to the Working Group and other proposals to the Working Group will only delay and evade from the purpose for which the Maritime Board is constituted.



RESOLVED by the Board unanimously , since the Kerala Maritime Board has started functioning, all proposals and projects can be presented in the Board and appropriate decisions can be taken by the Board as empowered by the Kerala Maritime Board Act and the same will not be hereafter presented in the Working Group and as discussed the Chairman has already intimated the Director of Ports to communicate to the Principal Secretary that the Board has decided not to be a part of the Working Group and need not submit such proposals to the Working Group and it will only evade from the purpose of Kerala Maritime Board as envisaged in the Act and submitting reports to the Working Group and other proposals to the Working Group will only delay and evade from the purpose for which the Maritime Board is constituted. The letter sent by Chairman was ratified by the Board. DP/ CEO can inform the Dept. of Ports accordingly .

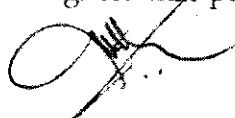
9. Letter from Principal Secretary Ports dtd.7/5/2019 on the appointed day.

The said letter dtd. 7/5/2019 speaks that appointed day notification has come into force as per notified in the gazette and all as per 2 notifications all assets and liabilities and employees of Port Directorate , KSMDC, KSMS have become part of Kerala Maritime Board. This shows that Port directorate and KSMDC and KSMS has no required to be communicated to the directorate and 2 agencies . Therefore the directorate and 2 agencies KSMDC, KSMS have become part of Kerala Maritime Board and they have no independent legal existence. Therefore Board decided and directed former Director Ports to act as CEO of Kerala Maritime Board and not to communicate as DP of directorate of ports and hereafter all matters / communications pertaining to all 3 agencies Port Directorate / Ports , KSMDC, KSMS should be routed through Maritime Board and a communication has to go from him to all offices and port offices.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that the directorate and 2 agencies KSMDC, KSMS have become part of Kerala Maritime Board and have no independent legal existence and therefore Board decided and directed former Director Ports to act as CEO of Kerala Maritime Board and not to communicate anything on account of above 3 agencies erstwhile Port Directorate / Ports , KSMDC, KSMS as DP of Directorate of Ports which has ceases to exists and hereafter all matters pertaining to all 3 agencies Port Directorate / Ports, KSMDC, KSMS should be routed only through Maritime Board and a communication has to go from DP/CEO to all offices and Port Directorate / Ports , KSMDC, KSMS in the letter head of KERALA MARITIME BOARD forthwith.

10. Letter from the Office of the Commissioner of Food Safety dated 13/05/2019.

Commissioner of Food Safety has submitted a letter to the Chairman that Government of Kerala proposes to establish a clean street food hub at the Alleppey beach area, which is under the control of the Kerala Maritime Board. Commissioner of Food Safety has made it clear that they are intending to make the present food street stalls more hygienic with food safety compliance and the department is not intending to carry out any construction in the area and the project is likely to be implemented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in June 2019. The same was discussed in detail by the Board and the members unanimously expressed their willingness that permission can be given to the Food Safety Department to establish a



clean street food hub in the beach area without making any permanent construction and the Kerala Maritime Board/Alleppey Port shall be entitled to collect license fee and other charges as applicable from the stalls/shop owners and no other department including DTPC will not be having control over the same and shall not interfere with the activity of the Kerala Maritime Board/Alleppey Port authorities.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that Board is willing to permission to the Food Safety Department to establish a clean street food hub in the beaches/ port area without making any permanent construction and the Kerala Maritime Board /Alleppey Port shall be entitled to collect license fee and other charges as applicable from the stalls/shop owners and no other department including DTPC will not be having control over the same and shall not interfere with the activity of the Kerala Maritime Board /Alleppey Port authorities. Board members Adv. Shibu and Adv. Uthaman are authorised to visit and report the status of the work. CEO may inform the Food Safety Department the decision of the Board immediately.

11. It was reported by the CEO/DP that there is a vacancy of Deputy Director of Ports in the directorate and if that vacancy is filled that will lessen the burden of the DP/ CEO who could co-ordinate all the work and activities in the State /all Ports and Coast of Kerala of Kerala Maritime Board. The CEO reported that he is over burdened with work and that is why he was forced to form sub committees for each and every work as per the earlier working pattern of the port directorate.

The Chairman and members opined that directorate and other 2 establishments are not in existence legally as per appointed day notifications of the Govt. dtd.2/5/2019 and appointing, an officer as Deputy Director Ports at this stage is against the govt. notification and Act. Law Secretary further clarified this legal position in detail. Since the directorate has merged and become part of the Board the post of Director of Ports doesn't have any legal standing and hence appointing some one under him as deputy director also will fail without any legal footing. The board has already written to Govt. to re-designate Director Ports as CEO of the Board in the light of appointed day notification.

The Chairman / Board members opined that there shall be a Chief Operating Officer for the Maritime Board to lessen the burden of the DP/ CEO who could co-ordinate all the work and activities in the State /all Ports and Coast of Kerala and that of Kerala Maritime Board and report to Chairman and CEO. Chairman, CEO and Board after discussion unanimously decided to appoint a Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the Board to work under CEO and Chairman and all staffs / officers of former Directorate, KSMDC, Port officers, KSMS, and others shall hereafter report only to the Chief Operating Officer of the Kerala Maritime Board and he shall intun report to CEO and Chairman / Board and no decision shall be taken unilaterally by any of the port officers or officers of other former establishments. CEO and COO shall report to the Chairman / Board on the activities of the Kerala Maritime Board on day today basis. Accordingly Board unanimously decided to appoint Mr.Vinothu (former



MD - KSMDC) as the Chief Operating Officer - COO of the Kerala Maritime Board till Board decides otherwise.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously to appoint Mr.Vinothu (former MD - KSMDC and presently Port Officer in Charge at Kollam Port as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Kerala Maritime Board to be based at Kochi office to work under CEO and Chairman and all staffs and officers of former directorate, KSMDC, Port officers, KSMS, shall hereafter report to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and he shall in turn report to CEO/DP and Chairman and no decision shall be taken unilaterally on any policy matters without consulting the Board . Appointment of Mr.Vinothu as the Chief Operating Officer of the Kerala Maritime Board shall be in force from this day till Board decides otherwise and CEO shall inform all concerned about the appointment and CEO and COO shall report to the Chairman / Board on all the activities of the Board on day today basis.

9. Other matters

a) **Communication to the respective Standing Counsels and Legal Advisor of their appointment and also intimate to the Registry, High Court of Kerala the names of the Standing Counsels of the Kerala Maritime Board decision of the Board.**

As decided in the earlier Board meeting, though the appointment of the Standing Counsel and Legal Advisor has been taken by the Board, the respective Standing Counsel and Legal Advisor was not informed so far and CEO written to Principal Secretary Ports that appointed day notification has not published. Since the Appointed day notification has been published the CEO is directed to communicate to the respective Standing Counsels and Legal Advisor of their appointment and also intimate the Registry, High Court of Kerala the names of the Standing Counsels of the Kerala Maritime Board forthwith and mention that Adv.K.P Sudheer shall receive / accept the notice from the High Court on behalf of the Kerala Maritime Board and shall be distributed among the panel of lawyers in consultation with the Board. The CEO or Mr. Vinothu is also authorized to collect all the existing cases of the Ports, Port Directorate, KSMDC, KSMS pending in the High Court of Kerala and other courts and reveal to the panel lawyers within 10 days from this day and report to the Board.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that CEO/DP is directed to communicate to the respective Standing Counsels and Legal Advisor of their appointment and also intimate to the Registry, High Court of Kerala the names of the Standing Counsels of the Kerala Maritime Board forthwith in the letter head of Kerala Maritime Board and mention that Adv. Sudheer shall receive the notice from the High Court on behalf of the Maritime Board and shall be distributed among the panel of lawyers in consultation with the Board.

In order to communicate the decisions of the Board hereafter the CEO need not write for permission from Port Dept. The CEO and COO on behalf of the KM Board is also authorized to collect all the existing / pending cases files of the Ports, erstwhile Port



Directorate, erstwhile KSMDC, erstwhile KSMS pending in the High Court of Kerala and other Courts and shall hand over to the panel of lawyers within 10 days from today in consultation with the Chairman and report to the Board.

b) Office of Kerala Maritime Board Kochi / Trivandrum

As decided earlier CEO can enter into direct agreement with KSINC based on the appointed day notifications and the decisions of the Board taken in the last meeting and start calling public tender as per law for designing and furnishing the office space after complying all legal formalities.

Till Kochi office is furnished and inaugurated and moved in , it was decided to use the present office of the former KSMDC as the office of Kerala Maritime Board at Kochi . It was also decided that all files of the KM Board / erstwhile Port Directorate, KSMDC, KSMS and Ports , shall be send to the said office at Kochi for verification and approval by the Chairman before taking any decision . Port officers and erstwhile port directorate shall not take any self decision without the written approval of the Chairman and CEO. CEO shall issue such orders to the port officers, and staffs and officers of the above establishments. No decision has been taken by the Board to shift the Trivandrum office from Valiathura to any other place

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that as decided by the Board the CEO or authorised person shall enter into lease agreement with KSINC based on the appointed day notifications and the decisions of the Board in the last meeting and start calling public tender for designing and furnishing the office after complying all legal formalities . Till Kochi office is furnished and inaugurated and moved in it was decided to use the office of KSMDC as the office of Kerala Maritime Board and all files of the Board / erstwhile Port Directorate , KSMDC, KSMS and Ports , shall be send to the said office for verification and approval by the Chairman before any decision is taken . Port officers and erstwhile port directorate staffs and officers shall not take any independent decision as in the past without the written approval of the Chairman and CEO and COO. CEO shall issue such orders and directions to the port officers, and staffs and officers of the above establishments including erstwhile directorate. Any violation by the staffs and officers will be viewed seriously by the Board.

It has to be brought to the notice of the port ministers office / dept. / govt that no decision has been taken by the Board to shift the Trivandrum office from Valiathura to any other place in Trivandrum.

c) Letter from KSMDC Contract Employees to regularize them as Maritime Board Employees as their contract term expires on 30/06/2019 .

A Letter from KSMDC Contract Employees to regularize them as Maritime Board Employees as their contract term expires on 30/06/2019 was given to the Chairman and the



Board discussed the same in detail and decided to extend the contract period of all employees of former KSMDC merged with the Board from 2nd May 2019 to 31st March 2020.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that the Letter from KSMDC Contract Employees to regularize them as Maritime Board Employees as their contract term expires on 30/06/2019 which was given to the Chairman was discussed in detail by the Board and the Board unanimously decided to extend the contract period of all employees of former KSMDC as on date which has merged with the Board as per appointed day notification from 2nd May 2019 to 31st March 2020 on the same terms and conditions till it is reviewed by the Board.

d) Letter dtd. 22/3/2019 from Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, to appoint an officer of the Kerala Maritime Board as Vigilance officer and the same has to be communicated to the office of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau.

The Letter from Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, to appoint an officer of the Kerala Maritime Board as Vigilance officer was placed in the Board and Board unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Lawrence K.C. Technical Manager of former KSMDC which has merged with the Board as the Vigilance officer of the Maritime Board and the CEO is authorised to communicate the decision of the Board to the office of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau and Govt. immediately.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that as requested by the office of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, to appoint and submit the name of an officer of the Kerala Maritime Board as Vigilance officer was placed in the Board and after detail discussion the Board unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Lawrence K.C., Technical Manager of former KSMDC which has merged with the Board as the Vigilance officer of the Maritime Board and the CEO is authorised to communicate the decision of the Board to the office of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau and Govt. immediately.

e) Letter from CEO and his report on Guest Houses.

CEO has submitted a report based on the decision of the 3rd Board meeting. The report says that the Trivandrum guest houses were furnished with furniture's and 2 bed rooms air conditioned and admittedly used by the staffs of erstwhile port directorate without any rent. The Chief Operating Officer of the Kerala Maritime Board COO is authorised to inspect the guest houses, records and submit a detail report on the details of present and former occupants of the guest houses and place of their original residence and financial commitment of the directorate/ board/ state on account of their stay etc. with the help of FO and FO shall do all support to COO and to submit the order and file by which they were allotted the guest houses.

Law Secretary vehemently opposed the action taken by the directorate and FO and submitted that decision of DP, FO and directorate to allot guest houses with AC to staffs of the directorate including driver and clerks free of costs are against the KSR and a Vigilance enquiry to be conducted into this irregularity and continued illegal activity. All the members unanimously supported the view of the law secretary.

Though all the members arrived at unanimous decision to order vigilance enquiry, as suggested by Chairman, the Board have decided to appoint Chief Operating Officer of the Kerala Maritime Board - COO to study the same in detail and call for all the files pertaining



to guest houses right from construction till date and to be submitted to the Board/ Chairman and report the present status of guest houses as mentioned above and the amount spend by directorate to furnish the guest houses within a week before the next board meeting. FO shall provide all assistance and support to COO for inspection of guest houses and peruse and hand over the file and documents and submit report.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that though all the board members arrived at unanimous decision to order vigilance enquiry into the irregularity regarding allotment and furnishing of guest houses, installation of air conditioners to staffs residence free of costs, as suggested by Chairman, before taking any action the Board have unanimously decided to appoint Chief Operating Officer of the Kerala Maritime Board -COO to study the same and call for all the files pertaining to guest houses from construction till date to be submitted to the Board/ Chairman and submit a report on the present status of guest houses as mentioned above and amount spend by directorate to furnish the guest houses and details of present occupants other than allottees and their place of residence and take statements from employees if required or any third party as part of collecting evidence and submit a detail report to the Board within a week before the next board meeting for further action. FO shall provide all assistance and support to COO for inspection of guest houses and peruse and hand over the file and documents and submit report

f) Registration/ Licenses for House Boats at Alleppey regarding.

All House Boats shall be inspected and scrutinized as per law by the authority concerned and verify their license, registration, statutory compliance of pollution and statutory compliance has to be made strict as per law and the name board of Kerala Maritime Board with its name Logo and Registration number to be displayed inside and outside each house boats.

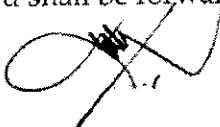
RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that the COO who is also the licensing authority is authorised inspect and report on the licenses, registration, compliance of pollution guidelines to all House Boats in the State and ensure they display name board of Kerala Maritime Board with its Logo and Registration number inside and outside each house boat and report to the Board.

g) Post of Director Ports to be re-designated as Chief Executive officer .

A letter to be issued to the Principal Secretary (Ports), Chief Secretary, and the Minister for Ports and Hon'ble Chief Minister to re-designate Director Ports as Chief Executive officer of the Kerala Maritime Board and an order may be issued accordingly

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that a letter to be issued to the Principal Secretary (Ports), Chief Secretary, and the Minister for Ports and Hon'ble Chief Minister to re-designate Director Ports as Chief Executive officer (CEO) of the Kerala Maritime Board and an order may be issued accordingly.

(i) CEO asked for copy of the logo and design of the Maritime Board. The letter the letter head, logo of the Kerala Maritime Board though approved in its earlier board meeting, once again the logo and design was given approval of the Board and copy and design and logo of the Board shall be forwarded to CEO and COO and both CEO and COO are directed to print



all stationaries of directorate, ksmdc, ksms and port offices , ports with the name and logo of maritime board with the approved logo and change the name boards and letter heads at all offices and ports accordingly . Hereafter all offices of directorate, ksmdc, ksms and port offices , ports shall only use the name and logo and letter heads of Kerala Maritime Board in all its internal and external and inter dept. communications and till Director of Ports designation is changed to CEO board permitted him to sign the letter head of KMB as Director Ports till it is other wise reversed and no other officer shall violate the direction of the Board and shall strictly comply with the decision of the Board forthwith

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously that the letter head, logo of the Kerala Maritime Board though approved in its earlier board meeting , once again the logo and design was given approval of the Board and copy and design and logo of the Board shall be forwarded to CEO and COO and both CEO and COO are directed to print all stationaries of DIRECTORATE, KSMDC, KSMS AND PORT OFFICES , PORTS with the name and logo of maritime board with the approved logo and change the name boards and letter heads at all offices and ports accordingly . Hereafter all offices of directorate, ksmdc, ksms and port offices , ports shall only use the name and logo and letter heads of Kerala Maritime Board in all its internal and external and inter dept. communications and till Director of Ports designation is changed to CEO board is permitted him to sign the letter head of KMB as Director Ports till it is other wise reversed and no officer shall violate the direction of the Board and shall strictly comply with the above decision of the Board. CEO and COO shall ensure that above decision of the board is complied forthwith without fail.

h) Vehicles for Chairman & CEO .

FO was called in the meeting and he was asked why the delay in buying vehicles for Chairman as decided by the board in its various meeting . FO is of the doubt from which account it has to be purchased. Board directed FO to take up the matter with Finance dept. and Port secretary and transfer all funds of directorate, port dept. KSMS to the Head of Account of KMB and till that time KMB can use the funds of KSMS as no formality to be done to use the funds of KSMS which is the part of KMB. As per Govt. notification all assets and liabilities of the establishments and directorate have become part of KMB. It was decided to use the funds of KSMS and buy the vehicles for Chairman and CEO as decided earlier without delay after getting usual clearance from finance dept. mentioning above decision of the board to use the funds of KSMS. It was also pointed out during discussion that if the KSMS funds can be used to pay the contractors what prevents from using the same for the purchase of vehicles for KMB and advised to get a clarification from finance dept .

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and the Board directed FO to take up the purchase of vehicles with Finance dept. and transfer all funds of directorate, port dept. and KSMS to the Head of Account of KMB and till that time KMB can use the funds of KSMS as no formality to be done to use the funds of KSMS as per appointed day notification . It was decided to use the funds of KSMS and buy the vehicles for Chairman and CEO as decided earlier without delay after getting a clearance from finance dept. by mentioning above decision of the board based on the Govt. Notification of appointed day to use the funds from KSMS which has become part of KMB.



(j) Representation by Agrima Consultants International Limited.

A representation by Agrima Consultants was submitted to Director of Ports Mr. Varghese Panicker on 14th May 2019 and the same was placed in the board meeting wherein they have requested the permission of the Board / directorate for setting up a bulk cement terminal at Kollam Port. Since there were some objections raised by the people of the locality during election season, the Hon'ble Minister for fisheries also objected to the said project. Since this is a matter not to be decided by the Board alone, the board unanimously decided to place the same before the Hon'ble minister for ports so as to take up with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and take a final decision in the matter.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to place the representation by Agrima Consultants before the Hon'ble Minister for ports so as to take up with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and take a final decision in the matter at their level, since this is a matter not to be decided by the Board alone.

(k) Payment to be made to the Contractor -South India Constructions, Kollam.

Capt. Jisomn of Kodungalloor Institute called the Chairman on 16th May night and told that DP of Ports / CEO of Maritime Board has issued an order No. C2 289 /2011 dated 16/05/2019 to release a substantial amount in crores to the above contractor. As Chairman I told him that since appointed day notification has come into force the same was not ever brought to the attention of the Chairman or the Board. Capt.Jisomn also told that Mr. Ratnakumar MME of Trivandrum office called him in the night and heavy putting pressure that the payments should be released by 10.00 AM on 17th May 2019 fully knowing the Board is meeting at 11.00 AM. On hearing the urgency and substantial interest shown by Mr. Ratnakumar - MME and since the matter is not brought to the attention of the Board as Chairman of the board since the funds of KSMS has become the funds of the Board as per govt. notification I told Mr. Jisomn not to release any payment till we take a decision in the Board. In this regard it is worth mentioning that board also discussed about an inquiry report of the then Finance Secretary & former Chief Secretary Dr.KM Abraham wherein there is a serious allegation of corruption involved in the construction of the institute at Kollam, Neendakara to the tune of 10 Crore and the name of Mr. Ratnakumar - MME is mentioned therein. Reading both the above incidents together we Maritime Board doesn't want to take any risk and felt that the payments to the said contractor whether legally due or not on account of the kollam institute be released only after getting a written clearance from Minister for Ports and Chief Secretary. Therefore Board unanimously decided to send the file to the clearance of the Chief Secretary and Minister for Ports and to keep pending the payments until a clearance is received from Chief Secretary and Hon'ble Minister for Ports in writing.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to send the said payment file to the clearance of the Chief Secretary and Minister for Ports, as it is kept away from the attention of the Board and also considering the above report of Finance Secretary & former Chief Secretary Dr.KM Abraham and to keep pending the above payment till a clearance is received from Chief Secretary and Minister for Ports in writing.



There being no other item pending the Board meeting concluded at 1.15 P.M.
with vote of thanks by the chair.

1. Sr. Adv. V. J. Mathew

Chairman

2. Shri. B.G. Harindranath, Law Secretary

Member

3. Adv. V. Manilal


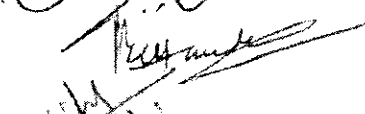



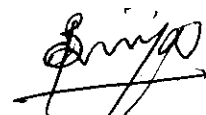
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4. Adv. M.K.Uthaman

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5. Adv. N.P.Shibu

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MINUTES OF THE 5th BOARD MEETING OF THE KERALA MARITIME BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th MAY 2019 AT 11.00 AM - HOTEL MUSCAT ORIENTAL

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| 1. Mr. A. J. Jayaraman | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. A. J. J. Pillay | Member |
| 3. Mr. K. Jayaraman | Member |
| 4. Mr. N. S. Shibu | Member |
| 5. Dr. Jayakumar | Member |
| 6. Shri. Varghese Parackal - IAS | Director of Ports / CEO |
| 7. Shri. B.G. Harindranath, Law Secretary | Member |

1. Notice of the meeting of the Board

The notice of the Board Meeting was taken as read and confirmed.

The Chairman placed on record that a letter (dtd.25/5/2019) was received by the CEO from the office of the Principal Secretary - Ports signed by Deputy Secretary for since the notice of board meeting was not circulated with special agenda, the Principal Secretary - Ports made it difficult to attend the meeting. He might have mentioned in the board meeting initially held on 27th May 2019 in his letter (dtd.25/5/2019). When the same letter was brought to the attention of the Chairman by the CEO, the Chairman instructed the CEO/Director of Ports to send the Agenda for the Board meeting fixed on 30th May 2019. As suggested by the Chairman in order to avoid this sort of complaints it was decided that the notice of the board meeting shall be circulated reasonably well in advance by e-mail with special agenda. The Chairman placed on record that when meeting notice was sent by CEO, agenda might have missed out and the same was not intentional.

2. Apologies for absence.

No leave of absence was given by the Principal Secretary (Finance). Mr. Prakash Iyer intimated his leave of absence as he is out of station. The Board also placed on record that since ex-officio members re-notification is not published in the gazette, the Principal Secretary - Ports, new Law Secretary (Mr. Harindranath is retiring on 30th May) representatives of the Navy & Coast Guard wont be able to attend the board meeting as full board members.

(Handwritten signatures and initials)

3. Approval of minutes of the last board meeting dtd.17th May 2019.

The minutes of the Board Meeting dtd.17th May 2019 was approved by the Board majority of members. The minutes of the meeting were typed out by the Secretary to the Board.

Minutes of the Board Meeting dtd.17th May 2019

The Board was informed that the contractor had submitted the bill for the work done and was unanimously decided to get a clearance from Chief Secretary and Minister for Ports with a direction to make the payment to the contractor. The Board was aware that the above decision was contrary to the instructions given by the Government/Minister for Ports/Government/Principal Secretary in making the payment.

In this regard the Board place on record that the Board have never intended to over rule or shown any disrespect to the decisions of the joint meeting held by Minister for Ports or the Government / Principal Secretary in making the payment to the concerned contractor. When the above payment matter was discussed in the last board meeting of 17th May 2019, the board unanimously decided to keep the payment in abeyance till board get a clearance from the Minister for Ports and Chief secretary with good intent to protect the interest of the State and the Port Dept. The meeting held by the Hon'ble Minister for Ports and Principal Secretary was not brought before the attention of the Board before making the payment by the contractor. Board's intervention after the order had been issued or proceeding of the Govt./ order was also given to the Board or the Chairman and the Board had decided to keep the payment in abeyance when we were in the order of the Government/Minister for Ports/Government/Principal Secretary. The order of the Government/Minister for Ports/Government/Principal Secretary was also given to the Board or the Chairman and the Board had decided to keep the payment in abeyance when we were in the order of the Government/Minister for Ports/Government/Principal Secretary. The order of the Government/Minister for Ports/Government/Principal Secretary was also given to the Board or the Chairman and the Board had decided to keep the payment in abeyance when we were in the order of the Government/Minister for Ports/Government/Principal Secretary.

Obviously the above nature of interest shown as above clubbed with the inquiry report on Dr.K.M.Abraham -IAS (P&I) whereas Mr. Raviakumar - NIMI was even alleged for corruption, was brought to our knowledge and also noted names of the same contractor and Mr. Raviakumar-MMI are mentioned in the above report. Thus in the absence of any Govt. proceedings/minutes of the joint meeting held by the Govt./ Principal Secretary and orders of the Govt./ Port Directorate, we Board have every reason to suspect the move for urgent payment without bringing the matter to the attention of the Board. To be on the safer side of the Board and to protect its interest of the State and Govt./ Port Dept., the Board only decided to seek clearance from the Minister for Ports and Chief Secretary before making such huge payment and board have never intended to get anything in writing from Chief Secretary and Minister for Ports as wrongly typed out in the minutes.



reference to today's board meeting (5th board meeting), the proceedings minutes of the annual meeting of the board held on 10/05/2019 and the content of the minutes of Ports Director's meeting dated 11/05/2019. The Board has decided to release the payment to the contractor mentioned above as per the above proceedings in the joint meeting called by the Court, dated 10/05/2019 and the order issued by the erstwhile Directorate of Ports dated 16/05/2019. The Board has also decided to release the payment to the contractor mentioned above as per the above proceedings in the joint meeting called by the Court, dated 10/05/2019 and the order issued by the erstwhile Directorate of Ports dated 16/05/2019.

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"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided that with the above changes in Item 9(k), the minutes of the 4th Board meeting dated 17/05/2015 was unanimously passed by the Board and the payment to the contractor mentioned above can be released as per the above proceedings in the joint meeting called by the Court, dated 10/05/2019 and the order issued by the erstwhile Directorate of Ports dated 16/05/2019".

4. Status of urgent work decided to be done at Kollam Port.

The CEO/DP submitted that steps have already been taken for calling tenders to purchase barges, Mooring Boulders and dredging of break water, channel and berth at Kollam Port as decided by the board. The CEO also reported that Capt. Kuriasos, Port Officer, Kollam who is currently appointed as permanent full time Pilot of Madhav Board and steps have already been taken for implementing immigration facilities for immigration, clearance for passengers, crew and cargo, ISPS code facilities and a helipad at Kollam Port. The Board has decided to release the payment to the contractor mentioned above as per the above proceedings in the joint meeting called by the Court, dated 10/05/2019 and the order issued by the erstwhile Directorate of Ports dated 16/05/2019.

5. Implementation of the decisions of the Board

(a) The decision of the Board when intimated to the Ports department / to the Minister of Ports or any other departments.

The Board opined that decisions of the board, when intimated to Govt. / depts. / offices and authorities such letters should be drafted by the CEO/COO in such a way to intimate the 'correct spirit' of the actual decision of the board and not by putting the board in hostage or to counter the decision of the Board and/or to justify any third party's interest whose name was mentioned in the discussion and final decision of the Board.

Therefore Board decided that hereafter when the decisions of the Board, when intimated to Govt. / depts. / offices and authorities or submit any report based on the decisions, such letters / reports should be drafted / dictated by the CEO/COO in such a way to

maintain the current spirit of the decision of the Board and CEO/COO have agreed to implement the respective decisions. There are no changes in the existing policy of the Board and CEO/COO.

The Board also resolved that when letters on policy matters are to be issued to Govt. departments, Ministers or on making substantial payments the same shall be discussed with the board/ chairman and shall not be allowed to be decided/ drafted at the pleasure of any of the staffs / officers other than what was decided by the Board and the CEO/COO are directed by the board to ensure that before issuance of such letters and decisions on payments of substantial amounts shall not go from the offices of Kerala Maritime Board without consulting the Chairman and the Board and placing the file before them."

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c) Name boards of all offices under Kerala Maritime Board to be Changed.

Name boards of all offices under Kerala Maritime Board including Ports has to be replaced with the name board of Kerala Maritime Board on urgent basis. Though the CEO has directed all the offices and Ports by way of letters as decided by the board earlier, the same has not been implemented so far by all the offices and ports and the board decided to act forth. CEO/COO are directed to ensure that the decision is implemented on an urgent basis within 10 days.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to authorize CEO/COO to ensure that the decision of the Board that name boards of all offices under Kerala Maritime Board including Ports has to be replaced with the name board of Kerala Maritime Board is implemented on an urgent basis within 10 days."

d) Implementation of decisions taken by the Board.

CEO or COO need not write to Govt. Port departments seeking the permission to implement each and every decision taken by the board except where circumstances demand and are required to seek permission of the government, otherwise it will delay the execution of such decisions. Those matters/decisions where permission of Government is to be sought / required the same shall be clearly mentioned in the minutes.

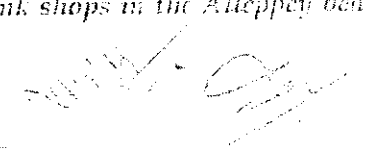
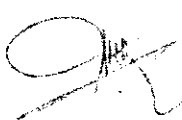
necessary, the same has to be submitted to the Working Group and by their decision the authority (CEO/COO) to be sought should report before the Working Group and to make a report on the same. The Working Group should also be kept informed of the progress of the work and the same should be reported to the Board. The Board should also be kept informed of the progress of the work and the same should be reported to the Board. The Board should also be kept informed of the progress of the work and the same should be reported to the Board.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to authorise CEO/COO to submit the said report already prepared by HED and others before the Working Group and to place on record in the working group meeting that the said works / projects were mooted unilaterally by local Port officers / HED and others without discussing with the Maritime Board and the same shall be placed in the Working Group on condition that even after getting AS, the feasibility and execution of the said work and its priority shall be decided only by the Maritime Board and the CEO/COO are authorised to look into the said report already prepared by the local port officers / HED department and any others in detail and submit a detail report to the Board in the next board meeting. CEO / COO is also authorised to inform Port Dept. Principal Secretary the need for the re-constitution of the working group without any outside agency or dept. since Kerala Maritime Board a statutory body has come into force. For ease, doing business and any proposals and reports can be sought by the CEO/COO from Kerala Maritime Board directly."

2. Action taken on the letter from the office of the Commissioner of Food Safety -
reporting on the site inspection by Ady. Shibu, member - Maritime Board.

The member Ady. Shibu reported that he had visited Alleppey beach along with other officers of Commissioner of Food Safety as per the board's decision and reported that as decided by the board in the last meeting, permission can be given to the office of the Commissioner of Food Safety, re-arrange the bank shops in the beach and extend all support without affecting the beauty and convenience of the people and reserving the right of the board to get license fees and other revenues generated from giving the coastal food street banks / stalls. The board also placed on record no other department including DTFC will have any right / claim / control on the shops / land / right to give permission / license and shall not intervene or interfere with the rights and activities of the Kerala Maritime Board in the Alleppey beach.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to give permission to the office of the Commissioner of Food Safety for re-arranging the bank shops in the Alleppey beach"



as required by their letter and extend all support without affecting the beauty and condition of the vessel in a way, in all of the above mentioned cases the vessel owners generally are not to be held liable for the cost of the repairs. The Board also observed that the vessel owners are not to be held liable for the cost of the repairs. The Board also observed that the vessel owners are not to be held liable for the cost of the repairs.

5. Letter dated 04/04/2019 from Mr. Rajeev Menon, Engineer in Charge, Kerala Maritime Board, on work arrangement basis.

Mr. Rajeev Menon has forwarded the representation given earlier to the Director of Ports dated 26/04/2019 to the Chairman, Maritime Board wherein he has stated that he had a cerebral vascular accident and he was examined by the District Medical Officer, Ernakulam and found weakness on the left and upper lower limb and suggested that he is fit for indoor duty only and considering his health problem, government has appointed him as owners representative of the vessel TSD Sundaraj in Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation vide order dated 14/12/2018 and he has requested the Board on a compassionate ground to issue a favourable order from the Maritime Board to extend his appointment on working arrangement basis with the Board for a period of 2 years with effect from 16/06/2019. The board members actively participated in the discussion and though it was observed he has to maintain office timings and shall not be in office and agreed to extend his work arrangement.

Under the above background the board unanimously decided to extend Mr. Rajeev Menon's appointment on working arrangement basis as owners representative of TSD Sundaraj with Kerala Maritime Board for a period of 2 years with effect from 16/06/2019. The board also observed that though he is physically unfit to do heavy outside work, he shall do his best in the interest of the State to actively do regular office work assigned to him by the CEO and COO and shall also maintain the office timings.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to extend Mr. Rajeev Menon's appointment on working arrangement basis as owners representative of TSD Sundaraj with Kerala Maritime Board for a period of 2 years with effect from 16/06/2019. The board also observed that though he is physically unfit to do heavy outside work, he shall do his best in the interest of the State to actively do regular office work assigned to him by the CEO and COO and shall also maintain the office timings."

9. Office of the Kerala Maritime Board, Kochi.



The CEO has further given a direct order agreement exercised with the contractor, making it necessary by the Board and based on authority of the Board. The Board has also decided to take necessary action against the contractor if the contractor fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the agreement. The Board has also decided to take necessary action against the contractor if the contractor fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

"RESOLVED by the Board that the CEO/COO shall be directed to contact the Managing Director/responsible officer of KSINC, and execute the lease deed once it is approved by KSINC and take the office premises on lease for the Kechi office of Kerala Maritime Board as per Act and proceed to call for public tender inviting interior designers and contractors to do interior furnishing work enabling the Kerala Maritime Board to start its full-fledged office by July/August 2019."

10. Action taken by CEO on the report on the Guest Houses.

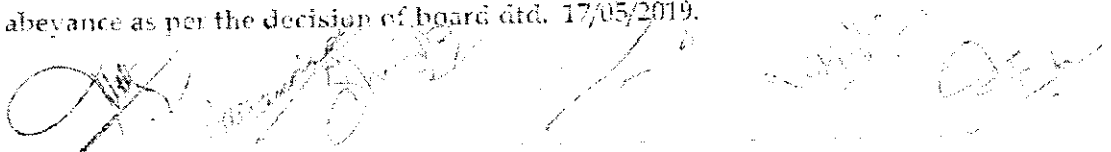
The said agenda was deferred to the next board meeting.

11. Action taken by CEO on the report of FO of Mr. NK Shaji who has misappropriated funds from the Fund and issuance of Show Cause notice.

The CEO reported that show cause notice issued to the delinquent employee, Mr. NK Shaji on show cause on the report of FO on misappropriation of funds and disciplinary action shall not be taken against him as per their applicable service rules. The board authorized CEO/COO to take necessary action in the matter as per law after perusing the reply on the show cause notice in consultation with the Board and if required take legal opinion in the matter.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to authorize the CEO/COO to take necessary action as per law after getting the reply to the show cause notice and disciplinary action shall not be taken against him issued to Mr. Mr. NK. Shaji based on the report of F.O. on the mis-appropriation of funds from the ports / directorate office in consultation with the Board and if required take legal opinion in the matter."

12. Payment to the Contractor / South India Construction- Kollam which was kept in abeyance as per the decision of board dtd. 17/05/2019.



In the light of the explanation given by Mr. Boardman Item No. 5 in the minutes listed up as an addendum to the minutes of the 13th meeting, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to authorize the non-liquidation of the P.O. account of the said society and to direct the bank to pay the amount due to the said society in accordance with the proceedings of the meeting by the Govt. Municipal Society and the order of the Port Director.

13. Funds for the Vehicles for the Chairman & CEO- Expenses like allowances and sitting fees and general expenses of the Board.

CEO explained steps have already been taken with the Govt to transfer port dept funds to the head of account of the Kerala Maritime Board and also sought consent to use the funds now lying in the bank account of Kerala Maritime Society which has merged with the Board/ State to use for purchase of vehicles and expenses. FO Mr. Shaji was called for the meeting to seek his opinion on the funds required buy vehicles and meet other expenses, he submitted to the board as per Chapter IX of the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017 the board shall have powers under the Act to maintain its own funds called 'General Fund' to which shall be credited all moneys received by or on behalf of the board under the provisions of the act, including the moneys received by way of government grant, contributions, loans and advances and such moneys generated from the ports under the marine trusts. A financial other sources and Board can start an independent fund account separate to it Trivandrum and Kochi.

The said proposal FO Mr. Shaji was accepted by the Board and the Board unanimously decided to start a 'General Fund' with Bank as empowered under chapter IX of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017 and open bank accounts in the name of Kerala Maritime Board one in Trivandrum and other in Kochi in consultation with the CEO - COO / Board/ Chairman.

RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to accept the said proposal of FO Mr. Shaji and the Board unanimously decided to start a 'General Fund' with Bank as empowered under chapter IX of the Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017 and to open Bank accounts in the name of Kerala Maritime Board one in Trivandrum and other in Kochi in consultation with the CEO - COO / Board / Chairman."

14. Sitting Fees and Allowances already fixed by the Board in the 2nd board meeting

The CEO has requested that due to overlapping of his work with that of the Chairman, the attendance and other matters for the Chairman's members should be handled by the Chairman. The Chairman has agreed to this request and has directed the Chairman's members to handle the same. The Chairman has also directed the Chairman's members to handle the same.

15. *Agenda 15 is not to be discussed as it is not in the agenda of the meeting.*

16. Maritime Institute at Neenakara, Kollam and Kozhikode functioning - misappropriation and mismanagement - procedure.

This agenda was deferred to the next board meeting.

16. Change in MKB's office functioning / procedure followed in executing the decisions of the Board / sending letters / issuing orders.

The Chairman and the members unanimously opined that the present procedure followed in directorate former offices by putting up the file and drafting letters and taking decisions and endorsing staffs opinion on files from ground level without CEO's / COO's consent has to be stopped and the old procedure need not be followed. It is only the Chairman and CEO / COO are the authorities competent to give directions and are authorized to prepare an internal office procedure for easy and fast communication and execution of orders and decisions of the Board and Chairman and in sending letters and issuing orders and no decisions shall hereafter be taken at the ground level / clerical level or by intermediary staffs or any officer other than the CEO and COO under instruction from the Board / Chairman based on decision of the Board or otherwise to be ratified by the Board.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided that the old procedure followed in the erstwhile directorate and ports need not be followed in Kerala Maritime Board's office functioning and CEO / COO are the authorities competent to give directions and are authorized to prepare a new internal office procedure for easy and fast communication and execution of orders and decisions of the Board and Chairman and in sending letters and issuing orders and no decisions shall hereafter be taken at the ground level / clerical level or by intermediary staffs or any officer other than the CEO and COO under instruction from the Board / Chairman based on the spirit of the decisions of the Board or other decisions taken by CEO and COO in consultation with Chairman to be ratified by the Board in the next meeting."



17. Minutes of previous meeting and report taken for the same.
18. Letter from Kerala NCO Association to the Hon'ble Minister for Ports,

Trivandrum.

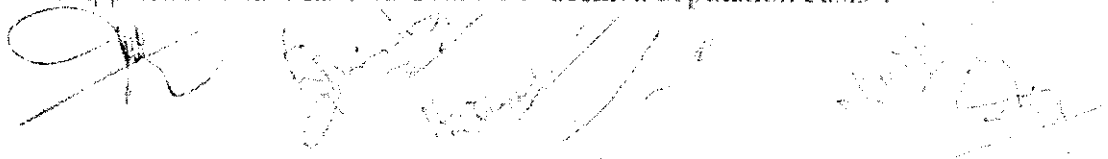
The Chairman explained to the board that a representation has been given by the NGO Association to the Hon'ble Minister for Ports basically on the terms of service of the erstwhile Port Directorate employees which merged with Kerala Maritime Board. During the meeting, the Chairman explained that the said issue has never been brought to the attention of Chairman or the Board till date from the former port directorate employees or their union leaders ever since we took charge office of Kerala Maritime Board. The requirement of the NGO association and the employees of the Maritime Board (mainly employees of the erstwhile port directorate) that they may be absorbed as employees of Kerala Maritime Board on deputation maintaining them as government employees till they retire enabling them to get their legally due benefits and promotions and to treat them appointed with Maritime Board on "deemed deputation basis".

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to meet the Minister for Ports, Principal Secretary and Chief Minister on a convenient date and discuss various decisions of the Board taken so far in good faith and new proposals and projects in mind and also to remove any wrong misconceptions or miscommunications about the functioning of the Board."

19. Other matters with the permission of the Chairman.

20. Letter from Kerala NCO Association to the Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Trivandrum.

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They also cited a notification of the Government dated 08/06/2010 of the Revenue Department in the erstwhile employment of the employees concerned. The Employees - Kerala NGCO Association was confident that the Government will give the proper effect to the said notification for the employees concerned, in the event of their appointment to Government service.

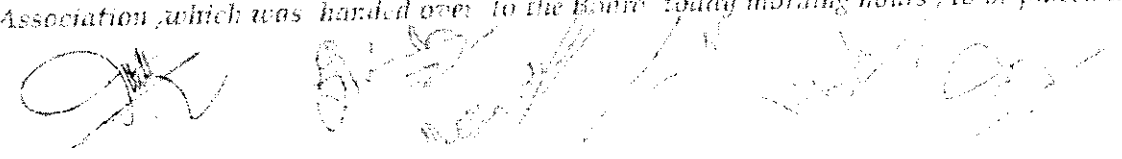
The Chairman informed that the Board is not aware of the said notification and that the Government has not given effect to the said notification.

The Chairman invited the Board to the effect of above govt. order and to give effect to the said order for the employees concerned and to direct the relevant authority to do as per appointment of the said employees concerned as per the said order, if they get appointed in State Government departments, so that the employees shall be treated on deemed deputation. The said proposal of the Chairman was discussed in detail among the board members and the board made it clear at no point of time the Chairman or the Board members have stood or acted against the interest of the employees irrespective of their service confederation/ association / colour of flag, and / or the said subject matter was never intimated or brought to the attention of the Chairman and the board members or to the CEO ever since they took charge of office.

In order to protect the interests of the employees and to remove their apprehension and as an easy way for getting their benefits and maintaining their present govt. service conditions, the board decided to recommend to the Govt. based on the above discussion without surrendering the rights and administrative powers of the Board that employees can be given an option if they do not get appointed in State Government departments, and the employees shall be treated on deemed deputation and the board shall not stand in the way of the employees' interests and desires, though the Board does not wish to take on the responsibility and liability of the employees to the Government Board.

The representation dated 27/05/2019 given to the Hon'ble Minister for Ports by the Employees - Kerala NGCO Association which was handed over to the Board was placed in the Board meeting and after detail deliberation the Board unanimously decided to recommend to the Government, based on the above discussion without conceding the rights and administrative powers of the board under the Act, and to take appropriate decision by the Govt. as per law on their requirement to give an option to the employees if they get appointed in State Government departments, as ref. in the earlier govt. order dt. 08/06/2010 that the employees shall be treated on deemed deputation.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to consider the representation dated 27/05/2019 given to the Hon'ble Minister for Ports by the Employees - Kerala NGCO Association which was handed over to the Board today morning hours, to be placed in



The Board meeting under the head other matters with chairman's permission and after discussion with the board unanimously decided to return to the Board for consideration the report submitted by the District Collector, Alleppey dated 11/04/2019 regarding the arrears due from DTFC based on the report of Alleppey port officer dated 11/04/2019. The Board further decided to discuss the matter with the District Collector, Alleppey to amicably settle the arrears due to the Board.

It is resolved by the Board unanimously and decided to authorize CEO Mr. Varghese Parakkal - IAS to make a discussion with the District Collector, Alleppey who is the Chairman of DTFC to amicably settle the arrears due to the Board as reported by port officer, Alleppey and to avoid any court proceedings so that the arrears due to the Board shall be settled without delay.

b) Arrears due from DTFC based on the report of Alleppey port officer dated 11/04/2019.

CEO submitted that substantial amount is due from DTFC as arrears and placed before board the report of the port officer, Alleppey. The board unanimously decided to have a discussion with the District Collector who is the Chairman of DTFC to amicably settle the matter and to avoid any court proceedings so that the arrears due to the Board shall be settled without delay.

" RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to authorize CEO Mr. Varghese Parakkal - IAS to make a discussion with the District Collector, Alleppey who is the Chairman of DTFC to amicably settle the arrears due to the Board as reported by port officer, Alleppey and to avoid any court proceedings so that the arrears due to the Board shall be settled amicably without delay."

c) Office for KIV Rules Enforcement at Alleppey.

In order to effectively enforce KIV rules the board decided to seek the services of enforcement agencies and to set up a team force by increasing the number of surveyors in consultation with the Board. Board further decided to start an office for implementation and enforcement of KIV Rules in a suitable place in Alleppey so that law can be enforced effectively and thus revenue can be generated to the Board.

" RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided that in order to effectively enforce KIV Rules the Board decided to seek the services of enforcement agencies and to set up a enforcement team, and also by increasing the number of surveyors in consultation with the Board. Board further decided to start an office for Maritime Board for proper and

effective implementation of procurement of KIV Fats at a substantially reduced price and that how can be achieved, especially and that a regime can be guaranteed by the Board.

2. Through the above mentioned cases:-

The Board is authorized to study the proposals and place in the next board meeting by studying the feasibility of the proposals and the advantage and revenue generated in favour of the Board.

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e) Circulation of Notice of Board Meeting with supporting documents referred in the Agenda.

Mr. Uthaman, Board member requested that while circulating the Notice and Agenda for the next board meeting, minutes of the last board meeting as well as supporting documents related to be discussed in the upcoming meeting's Agenda also should be circulated to the members so that they can study the same and need to participate in the meeting which can save time and make the meeting productive. The Board member also requested that while circulating the Notice / Agenda for the next board meeting, minutes of the last board meeting as well as available supporting documents related to be discussed in the upcoming meeting's Agenda also should be circulated to the members.

"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided that while circulating the Notice / Agenda for the next board meeting, minutes of the last board meeting as well as available supporting documents related to be discussed in the upcoming meeting's Agenda also should be circulated to the members by email."

g) Representations given to CEO to provide godown space in Azhikal Fort to store imports products by Lakshadweep Marketing Federation

The CEO is authorized to get their proposals and place in the next board meeting by studying the feasibility of the proposals and the advantage and revenue generated in favour of the Board.



"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and decided to authorise CEO to get papers for
from Government of Madhya Pradesh, India for the purpose of providing goods in accordance with the
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It is further noted that the Board has considered the proposal of the CEO and the Chairman of the Board and
has decided to give the charge of CEO to Mr. Vinoth, COO as CEO in charge of Kerala
Maritime Board till the return of Mr. Varghese Parakkal IAS. In the board meeting CEO suggested that Mr.Vinoth - COO
can be given additional charge of CEO in his absence for a period of one month till he
return to office.

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"RESOLVED by the Board unanimously and considering the discussion among the board
members and proposal of CEO /DF that Mr.Vinoth - COO can be given additional
charge of CEO in the absence of CEO to Mr. Vinoth, COO as CEO in charge of Kerala
Maritime Board till CLO/Director of Ports Mr. Varghese Parakkal IAS return back after
his medical leave."

b) Ratification of two decisions taken by CEO / Director of Ports on the promotion
of two employees.

The CEO submitted that after seeking the permission of the Chairman of the Kerala
Maritime Board that he has promoted legally eligible post of Office Attendant to that of
Clerk as he is retiring from service on 30th May 2019. The decisions taken by the CEO in
the promotion of 2 employees (Haridasan and Vijayalakshmi) are placed in the Board for
ratification by the Board

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In this regard, the Chairman submitted to the Board that few interested parties are making
wild allegations against the Board and the Chairman to cover up their misdoings with
vested interest that was the board are against the employees and that we have even
stopped the promotion of a post office attendant going to retire on 30th May 2019

In this regard, the Chairman made it clear that when the subject matter of promotion of
the attendant was brought to the Chairman's attention by CEO, immediately the
Chairman gave consent to the CEO to give the promotion to the employees as per law and
advised the same need only be ratified in the next board meeting. This being the true fact,

the Board members, staff and all others made against the Board by certain individuals. The Board members and staff are advised to be vigilant and to report any such allegations to the Board immediately. The Board members and staff are also advised to be cautious and to avoid any communication with such individuals. The Board members and staff are also advised to be cooperative and to provide any information requested by the Board. The Board members and staff are also advised to be professional and to maintain the confidentiality of the Board's affairs. The Board members and staff are also advised to be diligent and to perform their duties to the best of their ability. The Board members and staff are also advised to be honest and to report any wrongdoing to the Board immediately. The Board members and staff are also advised to be respectful and to treat all individuals with dignity and respect. The Board members and staff are also advised to be ethical and to adhere to the highest standards of conduct. The Board members and staff are also advised to be committed and to be dedicated to the service of the Board. The Board members and staff are also advised to be team players and to work together to achieve the Board's goals and objectives. The Board members and staff are also advised to be flexible and to be able to adapt to change. The Board members and staff are also advised to be proactive and to take initiative. The Board members and staff are also advised to be resourceful and to find creative solutions to problems. The Board members and staff are also advised to be resilient and to be able to bounce back from setbacks. The Board members and staff are also advised to be positive and to maintain a can-do attitude. The Board members and staff are also advised to be grateful and to appreciate the support and assistance of others. The Board members and staff are also advised to be healthy and to take care of themselves. The Board members and staff are also advised to be happy and to enjoy their work. The Board members and staff are also advised to be successful and to achieve their goals and objectives. The Board members and staff are also advised to be happy and to enjoy their lives. The Board members and staff are also advised to be successful and to achieve their dreams. The Board members and staff are also advised to be happy and to enjoy their lives. The Board members and staff are also advised to be successful and to achieve their dreams.

Board member research and CLO and COO are authorized to call for meetings of the employees of Tirumidrum office and other regions and communicate to them the real facts on the above issues so as to curtail the tendency of the very few discredited persons from making false allegations against the Board, Chairman and the Board members shall not be entertained in the interest of the Board as well as the major section of genuine employees."

SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS AND NOTE

- ❖ The Chairman and Board place on record, and specifically thank Mr. Varghese Parakkal - IAS, CLO (DP) of the Kerala Maritime Board for his excellent leadership, professionalism, tireless efforts and enthusiastic efforts to support the staff employees, take them into confidence and to initiate steps to address the concerns taken in the last board meetings within short period, tapping the co-operation and efficiency of the employees.
- ❖ The Chairman and the Board place on record that any staff/employee/officer of the Kerala Maritime Board may prefer to approach the Chairman, members of the Board in person or over phone or email (varghese@kmb.gov.in), to redress any of your official or personal grievances and for any support from the Board and that we are committed to extend the best possible solution to redress your grievances within our limits and as per law.
- ❖ Our Board's ex-officio member Mr. PG Harindranath- In-charge Secretary is due to retire on 31st May 2019. We the Board members extend our gratitude.

(Handwritten signatures and names of Board members)

and acknowledgements to Mr. P.G. Harindranath - Law Secretary, Govt. of Kerala and support extended to the Board members in the discharge of their duties in a very pleasant Kerala Maritime Board House premises. The members of the Board are thankful to the Government of Kerala for the support and facilities provided to them in the discharge of their duties. The Board members are also thankful to the Government of Kerala for the support and facilities provided to them in the discharge of their duties.

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There being no other item pending the Board meeting concluded at 01.15 P.M. with vote of thanks by the chair.

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| 2. Mr. M.K. Unnikrishnan | Member |
| 3. Mr. S. Sankaranarayanan | Member |
| 4. Mr. S. P. Sankaranarayanan | Member |
| 5. Dr. J. Sankaranarayanan | Member |
| 6. Sri. Varghese Pericker - IAS | Director of Ports / CEO |
| 7. Sri. P.G. Harindranath, Law Secretary | Member |

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