

PROCEEDING OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD, DACCA CANTONMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1956 HELD ON 30TH APRIL 1956 IN THE CANTONMENT BOARD OFFICE AT 10 A.M.

PRESIDENT.

MAJOR ^{G.M.L.} M.G. JILANI, COMMANDER,
14 DIVISION.

Present.

SECRETARY.

MR. S.M. OOMAR FAROOQ M.A., C.E.O.
DACCA CANTONMENT.

Present.

Before proceeding with the Business of the agenda the following took the oath of allegiance as required by Section 18(1) of the Cantts. Act, 1924 (II of 1924).

MAJOR GENERAL M. J. JILANI.

1. To consider Government of Pakistan Ministry of Defence letter No. 127/4/G/D-5/52, dated 18th April 1956, about the appointment of Major General M.G. Jilani as President Cantonment Board, Dacca, under Section 3(3) of the Cantonments Act, 1924 (II of 1924) vice Brigadier M. Hayat transferred.

RESOLUTION : Read and noted.

2. To read the monthly statement of account of receipts and expenditure for the month of March 1956. A list of total expenditure during the month together with petrol account is placed on the table in accordance with Rule 90 of the Pakistan Cantonment Account Code, 1955.

(a) Opening Balance as per Bank on 1-3-56 -----	Rs. 1,08,439-12-0
(b) Opening Balance as per Cash Book on 1-3-56 -----	Rs. 1,08,126-10-0
(c) Total receipts during the month of March '56 -----	Rs. 14,535- 8-0
<u>Total Rs. 1,22,662- 2-0</u>	
(d) Total expenditure during the month of March '56 ---	Rs. 86,252- 8-0.
(e) Closing Balance on 31st March 1956 -----	Rs. 36,409-10-0.
* Difference of Rs. 313/2/- due to uncashed cheque No. H/I 268474 dated 27-2-56.	

RESOLUTION : The statement of monthly account with the list of expenditure and the petrol account as placed on the table is approved.

(a) Expenditure on bills during March 1956 -	Rs. 83,953-6-0.
(b) Expenditure on account of establishment under various heads -----	Rs. 2,299-2-0.

Total expenditure for the month of
March 1956. Rs. 86,252-8-0.

3. To consider letter No. 2035/14/E-2 dated 9th April 1956 received from the Garrison Engineer, Dacca Cantonment ; requesting to obtain the reduction of Departmental charges from 20% to 10% by the G.O.C. of the District vide item (x) of the Table "C" of the M.E.S. Regulations, and to communicate the necessary approval when received from the H.Q. 14 Div.

RESOLUTION : Read. Resolved that the matter be referred to the Div. Headquarters, ^{discuss by the CEO with} for their approval as required above.

4. Reference Cantonment Board Resolution No. 4 dated 5-3-56.

To consider letter No. W-III/229 dated 12-3-56, received from the Deputy Chief Engineer, Pak. P.W.D. intimating that the estimated cost of the markets (1st phase) as per revised estimates now comes to Rs. 41,600/- instead of Rs. 40,300/- as ~~xxx~~ previously intimated. Rs. 30,000/- has been deposited by the Board and an assurance for the balance amount of Rs. 11,600/-, is given.

RESOLUTION : Read and noted. It is recommended that the balance amount of Rs. 11,600/- be provided in the revised budget estimate for the current year. The decision of the Board be communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer.

5. To consider the report of the Cantonment Executive Officer, that during inspection the Deputy Director, Military Lands & Cantts., inspected the Cantonment Board Office, and suggested that instead of building another bungalow in the compound for the Cantonment Executive Officer, some additional accommodation and a public hall should be added to the present building and the top portion should be used as residence. The plan showing the additions is placed herewith on the table.

RESOLUTION : Noted. The plan as placed on the table is approved. The same may be forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Div. No. III for estimates on plinth area basis.

6. To consider the monthly Sanitary Report of the Dacca Cantonment Board, as submitted by the Assistant Health Officer under Section 129 of the Cantonments Act, 1924.

RESOLUTION : Read and noted. *That is noted with the C.E.O. and his staff, so that, the improvement is possible.*

7. To consider Regional Controller Civil Aviations letter No. RC/103/1/Estate, dated 20th March 1956, representing that the payment of Professional Tax to the Cantonment Board by the Airport Contractors in addition to the existing rent, will be great hardship to them, and, therefore, requesting that the Airport area be exempted from the Professional tax assessable under the Cantonments Act, 1924.

RESOLUTION : *The tax is to be paid by the Airport Contractors. The law is applicable to all military contractors. The Resident Controller Civil Aviations is advised to direct the Contractors copy of the Cantonment Act without any further delay.*

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8. To consider the question of purchasing annual supply of Night Soil receptacles, drums and Conservancy stores for the year 1956-57. Quotations were called from 5 firms out of which only one quotation from M/S A.H. Choudhury & Co., has been received which is placed on the table.

RESOLUTION : The rates quoted by the Choudhury Co are accepted and an agreement should be entered into for the purchase of the goods as per list of stores placed on table which are approved.

(iii) The stores and supplies required should be purchased from the open market by the C.E. Officer, not provided for in the agreement referred to above.

9. To consider Proceedings of the Pakistan Military Lands & Cantts. Service received under Government of Pakistan Ministry of Defence letter No. 101/4/G/D-5/51 dated 27th March 1956.

RESOLUTION : Replies as placed on the table are approved. The same may be forwarded to the Ministry of Defence.

Item No. 19 - About Local Bus arrangements. Noted. The Board does not intend to run any public bus for the present.

Item No. 23 & 25. - Co-operative Store. - The Board is of the view that as the Cantonment is still in the making, they can not consider at the present stage, the opening of Co-operative Stores.

Item No. 26 - About facilities for the children of the Cantonment Servants. The Board is of the view that as the present unit school is a free school their is no problem at present.

Item No. 29 About allotment of land to Cantonment Fund Servants for building houses.
In accordance with the decision of the conference application from the Cantonment Fund Servants in the future Sadar Bazar when it is planned, will be considered by the Board; and the Board recommends that such sites should be given to them by private ~~trity~~ *trity*.

Item No. 36 About the accommodations of Cantonment Fund Servants of the transferable category.
The Cantonment Board is of the view that the Cantt. Board should provide accommodation to this staff at 10% of their pay. The Board has already taken over some bashes for the transferable category as well as for others and these are given at 10% to the servant concerned. The balance will be paid by the Board. The Government be informed accordingly.

Item No. 39 - About developing of business projects like dairies, agriculturéal farms etc.
The Board is of the view that such projects are premature for this Cantonment.

Item No. 43 - The view of the Board are that the present sections are quite adequate. No amendment to sections 175 and 176 is considered desirable.

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Item No. 44- The views of the Board on the question of conferring powers to the Cantonment Executive Officers under section 179 of the Cantonments Act, 1924 (II of 1924) are that, if any power can be given, they can only be in the bazar area. They will automatically carry with them the land provisions of sub-division of sites, change of purpose, which are at present with the Bazar Committee formed under section 43-A of the Cantonments Act, 1924. The question of giving any powers in the bungalow area under the M.E.O., does not arise at all.

The present ~~is~~ system is a good one, and though it delays the building applications to some extent, but this system is sound, because the administration is given ample time to investigate ~~text~~ into the building applications. If this power is given to the Cantonment Executive Officer it is possible that the pressure of applicants may reduce the time of investigation and may not be able to produce the results desired.

It is, therefore, recommended that the powers should remain with the bazar committee subject to the confirmation ~~of~~ the Board, and no power to the Cantt. Executive Officer be granted about building applications, because it is not ~~considered~~ desirable in the public interest.

Item No. 62 & 63 - About the building bye-laws and reservation of seats in the T.B. Hospital.

Noted for compliance. The Board is of the view, that when the Cantonment is developed; two seats in the Provincial Government Hospital, be reserved for Cantonment Residents.

Item No. 66 - Inclusion of Railway Station in Cantonment limits.
the The Railway Station is already a part of Cantonment of Dacca. The matter should be taken up with the Railway Authority to direct their hawker's to obtain licences from the Cantonment Board.

- (ii) The Survey of Cantonments in East Pakistan is being done by Survey of Pakistan and the M.E.O. is giving all the assistance possible.

Item No. 6 - Payments to the Boards of 50% of the premium realised from areas disposed off by the M.E.O. The Cantt. Board of Dacca is vitally interested in the development of the Community Centre and the SADDAR BAZAR, Dacca Cantonment. The Board is of the view, that, for the development of Sadar Bazar, the Central Government should come forward with a grant/in-aid for the roads and other services.

- (ii) As for the Community Centre, it is recommended that the MES should make all the roads and demarcate the areas by pillars, so that, the MEO can auction ~~the~~ the plots. In that, no contribution to the Board is necessary.

- (iii) If 50% of premium is paid to the Board and the building of roads is to be made the responsibility of the Board, then an advance grant will be required, ~~as~~ no premium can be fetched without roads.

Item No. 24 - About the Electoral Rolls of the Army personnel for election.

Noted for future guidance.

Item No. 26 -

The President (G.C.C 14 Div) of the Cantonment Board, is of the view, that the quarterly inspections of the Cantonments by the M.E.O. are entirely useful to the military authorities; ~~for~~, the M.E.O. keeps the Commander in touch about the development of each Cantonment. He also renders necessary advice to the Cantonment Executive Officer, about Cantonment matters, the importance can not be overemphasised.

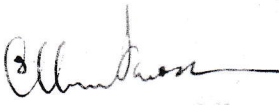
- (ii) The M.E.O. is empowered to inspect under Section 47 of the Cantonments Act, 1924, and under that section any officer can be appointed to inspect the Cantts. The present need of the inspection, is all the more necessary as young officers are running most of the Cantonments.

10. To approve the Annual Consolidated Account for the year 1955-56, Dacca Cantonment.

RESOLUTION : The annual consolidated account as placed on the table is approved, and should be forwarded to the authorities concerned.

11. To consider the Military Conservancy agreement for the period of one year from 1st April 1956 to 31st March 1957.

RESOLUTION : The agreement as placed on the table is approved. The total amount of the agreement is Rs. 43,488/-/- per annum or Rs. 3624/- per month.


Executive Officer

DACCA

12. Reference Cantonment Board Resolution No. 13 dated 4-1-56.

To consider the suggestion of the D.D.M.I & C given at the time of inspection of this Cantonment to the effect that the present covered platform as constructed at the cemetery is quite sufficient for shelter and prayer. Only a small platform at the back for keeping a janaza would be required. ~~This would not require additional expenses.~~

RESOLUTION : It is resolved that the sum of Rs. 30,000/- should be allotted for the construction of the Cantonment Board Hall etc. as ~~per~~ ^{interim} plan put up on the table and not for the purpose recommended before, under this office letter No. CBD/Genly/46/I/156 dated 13-1-56.

(ii) There should be platform built at the back of the cover platform for janaza purpose as suggested by the D.D.M.I & C during his inspection. The estimate for the same should be asked for, from C.P.W.D. *If possible the expenditure should be met from the amount saved in the work.*

Ch. J. Das
Cantonment Executive Officer
Dacca Cantonment

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