

PROCEEDING OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD, DACCA CANTONMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1955, HELD ON 29 DECEMBER '55 IN THE CANTONMENT BOARD OFFICE, DACCA AT 10 A.M.

PRESIDENT.

BRIGADIER M.G. JILANI, COMMANDER.
14 DIVISION.

Present.

SECRETARY.

MR. S.M. OMAR FAROOQ M.A. C.E.O.
DACCA CANTONMENT.

Present.

The meeting is adjourned to 4/12 Jan: 1956

Before proceeding with the business on the agenda the undermentioned officer, took the oath of allegiance as required by section 18(1) of the Cantonments Act, 1924 (II of 1924).

BRIGADIER M.G. JILANI.

1. To note Government of Pakistan Ministry of Defence letter No. 127/4/G/D-5/52 dated 10th December 1955, ordering that, in pursuance of sub-section 3 of section 3 of the Cantonments Act, 1924 (II of 1924), the functions of the Board, in respect of Dacca Cantonment; shall be performed by Brigadier M.G. Jilani vice Major General E.I. Ahmad transferred

RESOLUTION : Noted.

2. To read the monthly statement of account of receipts and expenditure for the month of November 1955. 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 Cantonments Account Code, 1955.

(a) Opening Balance as per Bank on 1-11-55	Rs. 3,788-6-0.
(b) Opening Balance as per Cash Book on 1-11-55	Rs. 3,788-6-0.
(c) Total receipts during the month of November 1955	Rs. 19,830-3-0.
	<u>Total Rs. 23,618-9-0.</u>
(d) Total expenditure during the month of November 1955	Rs. 3,589-5-0.
(e) Closing Balance on 30th November 1955	Rs. 20,029-4-0.

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

- (a) Expenditure on bills during November '55 - Rs. 1,327-9-0.
- (b) Expenditure on account of establishment under various heads ----- Rs. 2,261-12-0.

Total expenditure for the month of Nov. '55 Rs. 3,589-5-0.

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3. To consider Government of Pakistan Ministry of Defence letter No. 138/26/C/D-5/55 dated 29-11-55 forwarding observations on the Annual Administration Report.

RESOLUTION : Noted. The replies as framed and put up on the table are approved and be sent to the Ministry of Defence.

4. Reference Cantonment Board Resolution No. 6 dated 27-6-55.

To consider M/S Allen Berry & Co's letter No. DAC/55/633 dated 20-10-55, requesting composition of offence and submitting building application duly completed with site plan, showing the unauthorised constructions. The building application received has been forwarded to the Military Estates Officer, East Pakistan Circle, for a "No objection certificate" as required by section 181(3) of the Cantonments Act, 1924.

RESOLUTION : Noted. As the land is not under the management of the Board, the application for composition of an offence be forwarded to the Ministry of Defence through the M.E.O. in accordance with the instructions contained in Ministry of Defence letter No. 55332/118/LCH dated 29th January 1951. As the company, only tried to repair the sheds blown away by storms, the Board recommends only a nominal fee of Rs. 20/- provided the land is leased to the Coy by Govt.

5. Reference Cantonment Board Resolution No. 14 dated 30-9-55.

To consider Cantonment Executive Officer's report, pointing out the unauthorised erections of temporary thatched huts erected on Government land; have not been removed in compliance of the Notice issued under section 185 of the Cantonments Act, 1924.

RESOLUTION : Resolved that a further notice under section 256 of the Cantonments Act, 1924, giving a further week's time be issued. Failing further non-compliance, the unauthorised constructions should be removed through the agency of the Board, and all the expenditure incurred in this connection shall be recovered by the Board.

(ii) The 14 Div. should be requested to use their good offices, to remove the persons who are most of them employed in Military Establishments.

6. Reference Cantonment Board Resolution No. 2 Dated 24-11-55.

To consider M.E.O., East Pakistan Circle., Dacca Cantonment's, letter No. EPC/A/43/186 dated 13th December 1955 forwarding an amended copy of the M.R.P. amounting to Rs. 1,816/2/- as against Rs. 1,321/2/- as previously intimated.

RESOLUTION : Noted. The cost of B.O.D. area huts as mentioned in para 9(i) of this office letter No. CED/Genl/130/10 dated 24th November 1955 is now assessed at Rs. 1730-14-0, which is rather high, and the Board would, therefore, request that the occupation of buildings by the staff should be continued with the Board on full assessed rent or free of charge, till the land is actually required for military purposes.

As for the huts in Community Centre its cost is only Rs. 35/4/- as mentioned in para 9(ii) of the above quoted letter. This assest should, therefore, be paid for and removed when the land is required for the Community Centre as it falls in the proposed bazar area.

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To consider the question of purchasing furniture for Cantonment Executive Officer's bungalow at a cost of Rs. 3000/- provided for in Revised Budget under head A-5 for the year 1955-56. The furniture purchased shall be property of the Board and rent for the same will be charged from the C.E.O.

RESOLUTION : As all the ^{ME} bungalows in Cantonment are being provided with Government furniture it is desirable that the Cantonment Board should provide some furniture on hire for the Cantonment Executive Officer for this purpose.

8. To ~~consider~~ consider the Monthly sanitary report for the month of December 1955.

RESOLUTION : Read and noted. *X The arrangements made for the Promissory Camp of 20th, are approved. The Permit Got-Shows be addressed by the list of items needed.*

9. To note the Fine Register, showing the fines inflicted on class IV servants during the month of November 1955.

RESOLUTION : Read and noted.

10. To consider Government of Pakistan Ministry of Defence letter No. 52831/D-5/LCH dated 10th December 1955 advising the Cantonment Board to establish sinking funds for Mechanical Transport maintained by them.

RESOLUTION : Resolved that a sinking fund be constituted by the Board in accordance with Rule 93 of the Pakistan Cantonments Account Code, 1955. For the current year Rs. 5541/-, should be deposited on the account on or about 15th March 1955, after the grant-in-aid has been received. The amount should be deposited in the National Bank of Pakistan, Dacca, in fixed deposit. The expenditure will be provided in the Budget under head N(2) after sanction of the Ministry of Defence and the expenditure to be met from the closing balance.

11. Reference Cantonment Board Resolution No. 6 dated 21-10-55.

To consider the proposal of providing fluorescent lights at important places.

Quotations for fluorescent lamps are placed on the table.

RESOLUTION : (i) The rate of Rs. 76/- quoted by M/S Globe Electric Co., for the street light lamp Sylvania holders (2 feet each, with shade and other fittings) is approved. The Board directs that in accordance with the advice of the A.C.E. (Electricity) only resistant wire be used instead of the two English chokes, which will reduce the price of the light to Rs. 44/-.

(ii) 10 lamps should be purchased at present and contract should be entered into for the supply of more demand, when the M.E.S. may require them.

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- (iii) also approved. ~~... except the shades should be ...~~
- (iv) It is not possible for the Board to wait for the supply of lights through M/S Philips Electrical Co., Ltd as:-
- They are expensive i.e. for 2 x TL 20 watts they quoted Rs. 395/-.
 - They require an Import Licence which takes a considerable time. Their letter No. Nil dated 13th December 1955 is noted.
- (v) For important points in the Cantonment however, an order for two lights at Rs. 395/- (for Karachi) may be placed on them, provided the company can supply through their usual supply.

12. To consider the question of establishing a modern High/Middle school in Dacca Cantonment ~~... through the medium of English~~. The population of Dacca Cantonment, requires this type of institution most urgently as it is very inconvenient for children from the Cantonment to attend schools in the city. Considering this urgent need of the residents a scheme was formulated and sent to Provincial Government, vide letter No. CBD/Genl/28/134 dated 24-1-55 with a copy to Ministry of Defence, but the Provincial Government gave no surety for grant-in-aid. The total cost of building, this school, as per plinth area estimates based on the estimates prepared by CPWD for buildings constructed by them in Cantonment limits; amounts to Rs. 4,80,000/-.

RESOLUTION: The matter should be taken up with the Provincial Government again. The Ministry of Defence should also be requested that a special grant-in-aid of Rs. 5 lacs may kindly be approved from the centre for this project.

13. To consider the report of the Cantonment Executive Officer about the development of works in Cantonment limits.

RESOLUTION.

The plan of the Gates and compound wall of the Cantonment Board Office, as drawn up by Cantonment Executive Officer, in consultation with C.P.W.D., ~~has been sent to the P.W.D. for estimates, which has not yet been received.~~ The P.W.D., should be requested to carry out the work within the estimates sanctioned. *The est. of Rs. 10000, is very high.*

(ii) The Assistant Engineer's view that, a cement stair case for fire precautions at the back of the Office; in accordance with the Government's policy, should be provided. This should be done as a part of the project, out of the savings. It will cost only about Rs. 1,000/- as per estimates of the C.P.W.D, placed on table. The estimate of original work, not included in the sanctioned plan, is covered under the powers of the Board under Rule 8 of the Pakistan Cantonments Account Code, 1955. The provision of Door at Rs. 60/- is a part of the building already sanctioned by Government.

(iii) The points mentioned by the C.E.O in his letter No. CBD/GENL/28/133 dated 2nd January 1956, to the C.P.W.D., are approved.

(iv) Rs. 30000/- provided in the budget for the C.E.O's bungalow should be utilised for the following, as they are urgently required :-

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| (a) Two garages. | Rs. 28,200/- |
| (b) Two servant quarters | |
| (c) Cemetery - additional amount for the move <i>corral platform.</i> | Rs. 6800/- |
| | <u>Rs. 30000/-</u> |

The estimates as placed on the table are approved. The siting of these quarters will be adjacent to the garages already under construction as per plan on the table. The estimates for the cemetery are already sanctioned and only Rs. 5000/- was placed at the disposal of the CPWD which will only be sufficient for 40' x 10' of verandah, a further amount of Rs. 6,800/- is necessary during the current year.

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14. To consider Government of Pakistan Ministry of Defence letter No. 16/1/G/D-5/51 dated 16-11-55, sanctioning a grant-in-aid of Rs. 35,000/-.

RESOLUTION : The amount has been received from the C.M.A. Dacca and should now be placed at the disposal of the Pak. PWD for the purpose of the ~~completion~~ of the school, with the ~~as~~ sanction of the Central Government. *with amount has already been received x*
The CPWD be requested to provide two rooms for class IV servants, to look after the building, from the estimates. *on the Standard 170s plan*

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15. To consider the siting of the Cantonment Cemetery as per plan put up on the table.

RESOLUTION : The plan as put up on the table is approved. An amount of Rs. 6,800/- which is a saving from Rs. 30,000/- may be utilised in extending the prayer platform and building a ~~max~~ mosque as mentioned in item No. 13.

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16. To consider the suggestion of the Cantonment Executive Officer regarding appointment of a permanent lawyer on payment of Rs. 50/- p.m. to conduct Board's case. This is considered more economical than engaging a lawyer on payment of per diem remuneration for all cases.

The bill of the lawyer amounting to Rs. 90/- is placed on the table. ~~Rs. 16/-~~ Rs. 16/- per diem is fixed by the District Magistrate vide his letter No. 8895/1-JL/8 dated 31-8-55.

RESOLUTION : Resolved that the suggestion be approved, sanction of Government be obtained for appointment of ~~the~~ a pleader with effect from 15th January 1955. The expenditure to be met from Head L-4(g) already provided in the budget; for the present, the fees recommended by the District Magistrate. *Should be paid x*

Rs 50/- per month.

The fees refers to the provision case, in connection with the assault on Capt. Habis, which Attorney General has for imposing to the C.M. Board x.

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17. Reference Cantonment Board Resolution No. 14 Dated 31-8-1955.

To consider the appointment of the Sanitary Inspector. The duties of Sanitary Inspector is at present being performed by A.B.Mian, Cattle Pound Clerk, in addition to his own duties, as an economic measure.

RESOLUTION : The pay of the Sanitary Inspector be ~~approved~~ ^{paid} as follows:-

Pay of the Sanitary Inspector, Rs. 75/-

20% of the pay of the post of Cattle Pound Clerk. (Rs. 12/-)
Rs. 12/-
Rs. 87/-

Sanction of Government be obtained. The appointment of the Sanitary Inspector may now be made by the Cantonment Executive Officer, as a full time appointment will be more useful. *Approved*

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18. To consider the report of the Cantonment Executive Officer, that, the guardians and parents of children in the Cantonment Unit School have requested the introduction of class VI in the Primary School on temporary basis, on the following conditions :-

- (a) An I.A. Teacher be employed at Rs. 75/- (consolidated pay).
- (b) That the six class student will pay a tuition fee of Rs. 5/- per month. As the children will vary from 6 to 12, the Cantonment Board will contribute only a small amount.

RESOLUTION : In view of the special circumstances that the city schools are about 8 miles away from Ayub Lines where the Unit School is situated, and there are no adequate arrangements for transport for the low paid staff; it is recommended, that, one teacher at Rs. 75/- per month on yearly contract be employed with the sanction of the Ministry of Defence and the fee of class VI students should be at Rs. 5/- a month.

It is pointed out that the school is being run upto class V as a Free Primary School as already recognised by the Provincial Government and the introduction of class VI will be a private arrangement for the benefit of the local military authorities.

See Appendix to pay a grant aid for the primary school.

19. To consider Government of Pakistan Ministry of Defence Signal No. 2816/21 dated 24th December about the Revised Budget Estimates for the year 1955-56.

RESOLUTION : Resolved that the action as proposed in the letter to the Ministry of Defence as placed on the table is hereby approved. The Cantonment Executive Officer should take action to incur Rs. 30,000/- for original works and Rs. 7000/- for street lighting as the funds permit.

20. To consider the Amendment of the Cantt. B. Resolution No: (3) dated 26th April 1955. As the S. Inspector Mr: H. Bayley has left the Bow Service and the Head Clerk is to be deputed to conduct the proceedings in Courts.

Resolution : Resolution no: (3) dated 26 April 1955 is hereby cancelled.

The Head Clerk, M. H. Roshan is authorized to conduct cases on behalf of the Board, under section 266 of the Cantt. Act 1924.

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(21) To peruse G.O.P.A. letter no - 29/12/L/D-5/55/LCH
dated the 23rd Dec. 1955.

Noted. Arrangements should now be made to
prepare plan of ^{Estimates} various funds in consultation with
the Q.P.W.D.

(22) To consider the Budget Estimates for 1956-57.

The Budget Estimates as shown in Table are
approved.

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