

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD.  
MEETING HELD IN CHAIRMAN'S  
ROOM AT 9A.M. ON 17.9.1974.

A deputation of CDA's Contractors Association, Islamabad met the Chairman in his Office Today at 9 A.M. The following were present:-

1. F.A/Member,
2. Member (Tech)
3. Secretary
4. Director Purchases/Stores
5. Director Audit & Accounts
6. Director Works
7. Director W&S

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2. The General Secretary of the Association (Mr. Abdul Ghafoor) pointed out that none of the decisions taken in the last meeting on 16.4.1974 is being implemented by the CDA. It was pointed out that except for 2 or 3 items, all have been implemented. When asked to point out specific instances, Mr. Ghafoor complained that no payment has been made for the work he was doing for the last three months. He is at present engaged in the construction of footpaths, cycle tracks and car parking. Member (Tech) was requested to look into the matter and take necessary action which he deems fit. An other instance, quoted by the Association, was of the withholding of Rs. 32,000 in connection with the payment of T&T Colony. The Director Works was asked to look into the matter and expedite the issue under intimation to Member (Tech).

It was decided that the Association in future should submit a monthly statement, indicating the bills for which no payment has been made, to the Director concerned who must take necessary steps to ensure the payment. However, if no satisfactory action is taken by the Director concerned within two weeks, it should be brought to the notice of Member (Tech).

3. The Association raised the issue of return of empty cloth bags. The Director Works pointed out that this was being done under the clause of the agreement. The Director W&S stated that this clause mentions only the gunny bags and not the cloth bags. Director P&S pointed

out that the factory insists for the return of the bags. After some discussion, it was agreed that as the price of the cement includes the price of the bag, therefore, the return of bag may not be insisted. Only the clause of the agreement regarding the return of gunny bags may be implemented.

4. It was complained by the contractors that the Purchases & Stores Directorate was forcing them to supply their labour for filling the bags from the containers, and that the filled up bags were not upto the required weight. The Chairman took a strong exception and directed that the Secretary should conduct inquiry and report about the less quantity of cement in the filled up bags. It was further decided that in future the cement should be issued after having been weighed on the Weigh Bridge.

5. It was pointed out by the Association that the payment procedure as prevalent in the Pak PWD should be followed by the CDA. The Association was asked to discuss the matter with the FA/Member for further necessary action.

Thereafter the Association put up the following four demands:-

- a. Escalation cases which have not been finalised for the last 3 months, may be now done without any further delay. The Chairman directed that immediate steps be taken to finalise these cases so that the Association could be informed by 20th September, 1974.
- b. An escalation clause should be inserted in the future agreements. The Association was informed that the CDA is already seized up with the matter and the Government has been approached. The Chairman desired that it should be followed up. This will also take care of the increase in material and labour charges which are the direct results of certain concessions given in the current year's budget to the labourers in their wages etc.

It will be appreciated if the Association submits it as a separate demand so that it could be followed up with the Government at priority basis. It was proposed by the Director W&S that secured advance be made to the contractors so that they could buy material at the time of the start of construction of the project and this will itself take care of the future escalation in the prices of the material. The proposal may be given due consideration for final decision of the Board.

- c. It was pointed out by the Association that no decision regarding tenders, which were submitted in the months of May & June, 1974, has so far been taken. Member (Tech) was of the view that these tenders may be cancelled and fresh tenders invited because otherwise it will again involve the problems of escalation. The Project Directors were advised to act upon accordingly. The Chairman desired that a list of such tenders may be supplied to him by 2 P.M. on 18.5.1974.
- d. The Association demanded that the Project Division may be immediately done away with, otherwise they will take no work of the CDA. It was decided that the Association should discuss the matter with Member (Tech) for further examination.

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