

Annexure-I

Government's Resolution regarding
Constitution of Water Committee by
Gram Panchayat

**Government of Gujarat
Resolution No.MISC/2002/1082/CH
Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development Department
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar**

Dt.24/10/2002

Government of Gujarat, as per powers vested vide sub-section (2) of Section 238 of Gujarat Panchayat Act 1993 (Gujarat Act No.18 of 1993) hereby orders to all the Gram Panchayats to constitute water committee for performing duties of water supply and sanitation as mentioned in Schedule-1 and Section 99 of the Act.

- (1) As provided in section – 92 (4) Government hereby gives prior approval to each Gram Panchayat to constitute water committee especially to those Gram Panchayats who have to start water supply project or have projects in implementation.
- (2) Gram Panchayats have to constitute water committee through resolution as provided in Para -3 below. Before that Gram Panchayat in its meeting have to pass resolution obtaining recommendation of Gram Sabha regarding numbers of members of water committee and its period after reading the orders in the Gram Sabha about duties and responsibilities.
- (3) **Constitution of committee:** Gram Panchayats have to resolve to constitute water committee as mentioned below considering the recommendations of Gram Sabha as provided in section 92(4) of the Act.
 - (i) The numbers of members of water committee will be 10 to 12 as resolved by gram panchayat, out of which minimum 1/3rd members will be women members. The required seats for SC/ST will have to be reserved from the total population (as per percentage). Considering the seats as per the population of SC/ST if there would be no population of such castes in village then minimum one seat from each caste will have to be kept vacant. The seats would have to be allotted equally to each village if there would be group gram panchayat.
 - (ii) As provided in Para – 1, of five members, including Deputy Sarpanch, one member would be women and two members would be from SC/ST or socially and economically backward class resolved by Sarpanch and Panchayat.
 - (iii) Local inhabitants of Gram Panchayat area who are voters –
 - (A) 2 to 3 members, who are the representatives of locally registered non-Government organizations (Co-operative Society, Yuvak Mandal, Farmers group, Women group).
 - (B) Remaining all members, who are residing around the public water places and voluntarily and honorary willing to work for public water supply works.

- (4) Variety of members like health worker, teacher, Anganwadi worker, representative as may be appointed by Water Supply Board, Gram Sevak, Talati-cum-Mantri and capable to cooperative in the works of committee would be the members and they will participate in the meeting of the committee but they will have no right to vote for decision.
- (5) Talati-cum-mantri would be mantri of the committee who will have to carry out administrative and financial work like meetings, action taken, implementing decisions and making correspondence. He has to carry out work as per the rules prescribed in Gujarat Panchayat procedure and duties and functions prescribed under Gujarat Panchayat Act and Gujarat Financial Rules.
- (6) The members of the committee will elect Chairman of the committee from them as provided in sub section – 5 of section 92 of the Gujarat Panchayat Act, 1993.
- (7) Gram Panchayat will fix two years period of the committee as provided in Sec.92 (6) (A) and on completion of such period reconstitute the committee as mentioned in Para (2), (3) and (4) above of this Resolution.

If the committee is constituted during the uncompleted term of the Panchayat or if reconstituted and such part of the period is less than two years, then the term of the committee will be for that uncompleted part of Panchayat members of previous committee can be reappointed or changes can also be made. But the committee cannot be reconstituted except the seat become vacant due to death/ resignation of the members during the period of two years.

- (8) The Mantri of the committee has to submit to the Taluka Development Officer the copy of resolutions of constitution of committee Gram Sabha, Panchayat Sabha, agenda and minutes of the meeting and special report if any problem is noticed. Committee has to work under the administrative control of T.D.O. and technical guidance of the officer of GWS & S Board.
- (9) **Duties and functions of water committee:**
 - i) Water committee has to main register regarding water sources available in Gram Panchayat area, water is potable or not, quantity of water and to develop sources of potable water with the help of the people.
 - ii) To implement the planning of maintaining development of water sources, and to take required action to speed up the preservation programme and try to obtain assistance from GWSSB, WASMO, District Planning Committee, Government people and other organizations.
 - iii) To be vigilant for implementing the approved works and to take care so as to complete the work in time.
 - iv) To maintain water sources, repairs to look after and to plan for expenditure for that.
 - v) To recover water tax for making arrangement of drinking water to revise rates of water tax at regular period and obtain approval of gramsabha to access water tax of regular intervals as the house tax is accessed after each four years, but considering the local situation short time limit can be fixed for revising water tax assessment. The water committee will be responsible for recovery of water tax.

- vi) The amount so recovered as water tax cannot be used except for the purpose of water.
- vii) To maintain cleanliness around the water pipeline, water tank and place of water distribution.
- viii) Tanker and water tanks situated in gram panchayat area should be cleaned regularly and to main chlorination.
- ix) Water committee will implement the program to bring awareness in village people regarding health and sanitation and for that cooperation from people and cooperative as well as non-government organization can be taken.
- x) Water committee has to take special care that adequate water supply is to be made available to the families of the weaker classes of the society.
- xi) The committee has to try that the village people may take part in the rural development programs of Government's Department of Health.

Resolution No.MISC/1095/81CJ dt.21-04-2005 of this Department is hereby cancelled.

This resolution is published after obtaining consent of Water Supply Department on this Department's file of even no. dt.17-09-2002.

By order and in the name of Governor of Gujarat

Sd/
**Deputy Secretary to Government
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