

1. The meeting began with an address by the Chairman, vide copy enclosed (Annexure 'A').
2. The list of members present is annexed (Annexure 'B').
3. Item: Confirmation of the minutes of the first meeting.

RESOLUTION 10:

The minutes of the first meeting held on 11th May 1975 were confirmed, subject to the deletion of the name of Shri H.M. Wangare from the list of members present.

4. Item : Action taken on the minutes of the previous meeting.

RESOLUTION 11:

1. The Metropolitan Commissioner explained that the Urban Development Department had, at his instance, addressed the Central Government with the request that its contribution to the capital of the Authority should be in the nature of a grant or at least an interest-free loan; it was also put to the Central Government that funds had in the past been provided to the Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority on that basis. However, the Central Government in its reply had clarified that, in the 5th Five Year Plan, the funds set apart for metropolitan area development were intended to be given only as loans and that though earlier Bombay like Calcutta had been given grants for slum clearance programmes, this policy had since been given up in favour of an integrated plan assistance approach.

2. The Metropolitan Commissioner explained that the State Government had been requested to waive the extra interest at 3 per cent per annum added by it to the loan received from Central Government towards the revolving fund of the Authority. A reply was awaited though it appeared that the entire charge was intended to take care of the responsibility cast on the State Government to repay the loan with interest to the Government of India as scheduled, irrespective of any delays or lapses on the part of an ultimate borrower - like the Authority in the instant case. Nevertheless, the members of the Authority unanimously requested the Minister (Finance) to consider the request already made sympathetically.

3. The Metropolitan Commissioner explained that it had not been found possible, in keeping with the policies and instructions issued by the Reserve Bank of India in this regard, for the Authority to participate in the call money market or other deposit certificate (as distinct from the usual current and deposit accounts) schemes of the scheduled banks. Hence, after consultation with some of the well-known bankers in public life, the available funds had been put in the three approved banks by way of savings accounts and term deposits. Shri Sharad Dighe, however, desired that it should be verified that the Authority had the sanction of section 18(2) of the Act for opening current or deposit accounts on its own i.e. except in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed by the State Government; the Metropolitan Commissioner agreed to do so, but clarified that he had already been told by the senior executives of the nationalised banks that the phrase "operated upon" appearing in section 18(3) was in their parlance sufficient to cover the opening of accounts as well.

5. Item No. 1: Allowances to Members - Adoption of Regulations.

RESOLUTION 12:

The Authority approved the "Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (Allowances to Members) Regulations, 1975" as under and desired that it should be transmitted to the State Government for approval in accordance with the provisions of section 4(5) of the Act:

"Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (Allowances to Members) Regulations, 1975.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (5) of section 4 read with section 50 of the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Act, 1974, the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority hereby makes the following Regulations:-

These Regulations may be called the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (Allowances to Members) Regulations, 1975.

1. Every non-official member attending the meetings of the Authority or of any Board, committees or body thereof shall be paid a sum of Rupees Fifty

per day for meeting his personal expenditure, plus the following amount by way of reimbursement as applicable :-

- (1) Where the State Legislature is in session in Nagpur, the members of the Authority elected by the Maharashtra Legislature Assembly or the Maharashtra Legislative Council shall be paid the railway fare of the Class to which they are entitled for the journeys to and fro from Nagpur undertaken for attending any concerned meeting.
- (2) Where the member travels by car for attending the concerned meeting, the cost at current market prices of petrol consumed for such journey at the rate of 5 km per litre of petrol for the distance specified by the member but not exceeding in any case twice the distance from the address notified by him to the Authority under paragraph 3 of the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (Conduct of business at meetings) Regulations, 1975, to the place of the concerned meeting.

2. "Non-official member" shall mean any member who is a member of the Authority other than a Minister or a salaried employee of the State or the Central Government.

3. These Regulations shall take effect from and including the first meeting of the Authority held on 11th May 1975."

The Authority noted that the Metropolitan Commissioner would effect payment of the allowances to the non-official members after Government approval was received to the above Regulations.

6. Item No. 2: Standing Committee - Framing of Regulations for elections to
RESOLUTION 13:

The Authority approved the Regulations for Elections to the Standing Committee as proposed in the agenda note, subject to the following amendments:-

- (1) The sub-title to clause 3 shall read:
"Elections to be conducted as per Regulations".
 - (2) The words -
"(or by ballot if so decided by the Authority on any occasion)."
shall be added at the end of sub-clause (2) of clause 9.
2. The Regulations approved as above are contained in Appendix I hereto.

7. Item No. 3: Development of the "Kalyan Complex".

RESOLUTION 14:

The Authority deferred the decision to constitute itself into a Special Planning Authority in terms of the Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning Act, 1966, for the area proposed in the agenda note of the "Kalyan Complex", to the next meeting, so as to enable the Minister of State for Urban Development to meet representative leaders of the area concerned for an exchange of views and to solicit their acceptance of the proposal in the first instance. In the meanwhile, the Authority approved the appointment of a small planning group on the technical plane, if so required by the Executive Committee to further the work proposed.

8. Item No. 4: Proforma of the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority Budget.

RESOLUTION 15:

The Authority approved the form of the annual budget proposed in the agenda note. (It was, however, noted that it would have to undergo modifications from time to time as programmes and projects of different types are undertaken.)

9. Item No. 5: Traffic and Transportation in the Region with special reference to the BEST.

RESOLUTION 16:

The Authority took into consideration the various issues and suggestions contained in the agenda note on the subject and approved the following course of action :-

- (1) The negotiations already current with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in regard to the Bombay Urban Transport Project, primarily to benefit the BEST, should be proceeded with. The Authority would be prepared to accept the responsibility for the channelling of the connected funds to the user institutions concerned; accordingly it authorised the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Metropolitan Commissioner to take decisions on its behalf - but under the instructions of the Chairman - in the course of the discussions with the Appraisal Mission

of the IBRD. The Authority authorised the Standing Committee to signify its approval to the arrangements so worked out, subject to ratification by the Authority as soon thereafter as possible.

(2) The consultancy proposed to be arranged by the Public Works & Housing Department from the Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi (CRRI) would have the support of the Authority, on the understanding that proper terms of reference are drawn up, so as to complete the work assigned to the CRRI within a reasonable period of time and to make full use of the competence available to them. The Authority authorised the Executive Committee to include in the negotiations with the Appraisal Mission of the World Bank for the Bombay Urban Transport Project any gap in the technical assistance which would have to be sought from outside the country, after assessing the tasks so assigned to the CRRI.

(3) The Authority authorised the Executive Committee to create a Traffic Management Group as soon as possible, so as to provide on a permanent footing the expertise needed for putting together and analyse continually the traffic and related data required for guiding the development of the transportation and transport net-work in the Region as a whole and as linked to the rest of the State, both in regard to passenger transport as well as goods traffic, having due regard to the railway and waterway systems.

(4) The Authority desired that the BEST might prepare a note on the financial content and the arrangements proposed for the investment and repayment obligations arising out of the Bombay Urban Transport Project likely to be funded by the World Bank and place it before the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority Standing Committee for discussion as soon as possible, so that the viewpoint of the Authority could get crystallised in time for the Appraisal Mission.

10. Item No. 6: A position note on the Development Plans in the Region.

RESOLUTION 17:

The Authority deferred a detailed discussion on the subject, so as to enable the Metropolitan Commissioner to supplement the agenda note with an appreciation, based on detailed discussions with the Municipal Commissioner and his officers concerned, on how to lay down a satisfactory programme of work and expert guidance for the current revision of the Development Plan of Greater Bombay, so that it could be completed in all respects by 1977; it should include reference to those parameters on which the Municipal Corporation would need advice or instructions from the State Government or the Authority.

2. The Authority approved the proposal contained in paragraph 4 of the agenda note for considering measures for regulating the establishment of offices in south Bombay. The proposals prepared by the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the Authority for consideration as early as possible.

11. Item No. 7: Domestic gas availability and distribution - Bombay High.

RESOLUTION 18:

The Authority approved the constitution of an expert group by the Executive Committee for the purpose of re-casting and bringing up-to-date the earlier scheme for town gas distribution, in the area of the Metropolitan Region outside the Island of Bombay, so as to make full use of the likely availability of surplus natural gas from the Bombay High explorations.

12. Item No. 8: Re-use of treated industrial effluents as process water.

RESOLUTION 19:

The Authority approved the constitution of an expert group, as suggested in the agenda note, for persuading the textile mills in Bombay to make the maximum re-use of the water already being supplied to them by the Bombay Municipal Corporation, on modern lines. It was, however, decided that such expert group should be constituted by the Secretary to Government in the Industries & Labour Department in consultation with the Metropolitan Commissioner (Special) and the Member-Secretary of the State Water Pollution Prevention Board, besides NEERI, NITIE and the Bombay Mill Owners Association as already proposed. The group should be requested to make its recommendations at the earliest.

13. Item No. 9: Discussions at Thana and Alibag with Zilla Parishads and Municipal Council Presidents.

RESOLUTION 20:

The Authority postponed detailed discussion of the contents of the agenda

and inclusive of Dy. Municipal Commissioner

note but considered relevant parts of it with reference to the programme of work to be undertaken in 1975-76. In this regard it desired that a meeting should be held at Alibag under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Law, Public Works and Housing in order to get together the suggestions of the local leaders in the Kolaba District part of the Metropolitan Region. Similarly the Authority desired that a meeting should be taken by the Minister of State for Urban Development and Housing in regard to the Thana part of the Metropolitan Region.

Without prejudice to the above discussions, however, the Authority unanimously requested the Minister of Law, Public Works and Housing to have the funds required for improving (to the existing width) the road from Neral to Matheran provided from within the State Government budget and the work executed as early as possible, in view of the immense benefits that would accrue to the citizens of the Metropolitan Region by making travel to this nearby hill station both convenient and fast.

- 14. Item No.10: Suggestion of Shri Patwari regarding the addition of a suitable catch phrase with the symbol of the Metropolitan Authority.

RESOLUTION 21:

The Authority delegated to the Standing Committee the power to decide on the suggestion made by Shri Patwari, taking into consideration any suggestions to the same effect that might be received from other persons.

- 15. Item No.11: Municipal bungalow assigned to the Metropolitan Commissioner. Lease agreement with the Bombay Municipal Corporation in respect of -

RESOLUTION 22:

The Authority deferred a decision on the subject, so as to enable the Bombay Municipal Corporation to consider the proposed draft formally. However, it was decided that the Metropolitan Commissioner would stay in the bungalow so leased by the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

- 16. Item No.12: Acquisition of land for BEST bus station at Sion.

RESOLUTION 23:

The Authority approved the proposal to acquire an area of about 11,765 m² more or less from out of City Survey No. 20/27 of Sion Division, situated at the junction of the Eastern Express Highway and the Central Railway harbour line, for the purpose of locating a new bus station. Accordingly it authorised the Metropolitan Commissioner to make a representation to the State Government for the said acquisition under section 32 of the Act. The land after acquisition would be made available by the Authority to the BEST, on terms to be mutually agreed upon in due course.

2. The Authority noted that the acquisition of land for a bus station as above or for any other convenience relating to transport by road, air or sea, would require the issue by the State Government of a notification in the official gazette to include them in "amenity" as defined in section 2(a) of the Act. The Authority authorised the Metropolitan Commissioner to request the State Government to issue such notification so as to include bus stations, bus depots, workshops, jetties and connected marine installations, public ways and approach roads, parking and circulating areas for transport interchange facilities, medical and educational institutions, post offices, telephone exchanges, police stations, as well as office establishments relating to the provision of an amenity of any type whatsoever.

- 17. Item No.13: Activities of the MIDC in the Region.

RESOLUTION 24:

Consideration of the item was deferred to the next meeting.

- 18. Item No.14: Work of the Maharashtra State Prevention of Water Pollution Board.

RESOLUTION 25:

The Authority postponed consideration of the item to the next meeting.

- 19. Item No.15: Elections to the Standing Committee.

RESOLUTION 26:

The Authority held elections to the Standing Committee in accordance with the Regulations approved in the Resolution 13. The Returning Officer

declared the following non-official members as elected to the Standing Committee:-

- (1) From Greater Bombay :
 - 1. Shri Hans Bhugra.
 - 2. Shri V. K. Tembe.
 - 3. Shri Sudhir Joshi.
- (2) From Thana District:
 - Shri Nakul Patil
- (3) From Kolaba District:
 - Shri D. K. Khanvilkar.

20. Item No. 16: Appointment of Specialists.

RESOLUTION 27:

The Authority took into consideration the contents of the agenda note but postponed the appointment of Shri K. S. Keswani until such time that the State Govt. was in a position to spare his services for the Authority. In the case of Shri R. B. Ajgaonkar, the Authority felt that there was no necessity to create a post of Deputy Metropolitan Commissioner (General) with the duties proposed in the agenda note, but that he should be appointed as the Secretary to the Executive Committee to the Authority, as provided in section 7(1)(b) of the Act and subordinate to the Metropolitan Commissioner in accordance with section 11(2) of the Act.

21. Item No. 17: Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance Regulations.

RESOLUTION 28:

The Authority deferred consideration of the subject to the next meeting.

22. Item No. 18: Programme of work for the year 1975-76.

RESOLUTION 29:

The Authority postponed consideration of the item to the next meeting to be held in September, 1975, at Vashi under the auspices of CIDCO; in the meanwhile it desired that the two meetings to be held in Kolaba and Thana Districts by the Minister for Law, Public Works & Housing and the Minister of State for Urban Development & Housing, might be held in order to take into account the suggestions and proposals made by the local representatives.

23. Item No. 19: Suggestion of Shri Tembe to organise a tour of the Region for the benefit of the members.

RESOLUTION 30:

With the approval of the Chairman the Metropolitan Commissioner brought to the notice of the Authority the contents of the letter of Shri Tembe suggesting that a combined tour of the Metropolitan Region might be organised for the benefit of the members of the Authority, so as to make them familiar with its features and problems besides the recommendations contained in the Regional Plan. The Authority approved the suggestion in principle but desired that the tour might be organised after the rainy season in two parts, either areawise or according to the convenience of members as found appropriate.

Text of the speech of the Chairman, BMRDA, Dr. Rafiq Zakaria, at the Second Meeting of the Authority held on 3rd August 1975.

This is the first regular meeting of the Authority after its inauguration on the 11th May. We could therefore get down to business hereafter. There are, as you will notice, 18 items on the agenda other than the confirmation of the minutes of the first meeting. However, many of them are quite formal and we could concentrate our attention on the others at some length.

The appointment of the three Functional Boards for Transport & Communications, Water Supply & Sewerage, and Housing, Urban Renewal & Ecology is under the consideration of Government and I can assure you that orders will issue very soon. We are endeavouring to include in each Board experts in diverse disciplines of relevance to its working as a whole. Once the Boards are formed, the work of the Authority would gather momentum.

Two other items of the agenda today concern the Elections to Standing Committee. I hope we will be able to get through them and complete the elections for the five seats as laid down in the Act. The Regulations for holding the elections have been made as simple as possible.

One of the important matters for discussion today relates to preparation of plans for development of the Kalyan Complex, namely the area including Dombivli, Kalyan, Ambernath and Ulhasnagar. The Regional Plan has made many references to the importance of this area as a new growth centre. There are enough industries in this area but other services need to be provided in proper balance and proportion. The agenda note sets down the area that could be taken up for such planning by the Authority in exercise of the powers given to it, under the Regional & Town Planning Act. After these plans are ready, we could consider further measures for providing the amenities and other requirements of the "Complex". The proper and expeditious development of this entire area together with the development of New Bombay under the aegis of the CIDCO would provide the necessary relief to Bombay, in the natural directions of its growth.

I am happy to say that the State and the Central Governments are already having consultations about the establishment of the oil terminal of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission, connected with the recent deposits located in the Bombay High area, and Nhava Sheva in the area of New Bombay. The Konkan Bhavan is also getting ready and the State Government proposes to shift some of its offices there as soon as the building is ready. Thereafter, the residential area will be planned in its neighbourhood, which, I understand, will match both in scenic splendour and civic amenities the more affluent areas of the Island of Bombay. I am sure these developments will give the necessary boost to the growth of New Bombay.

The traffic and transportation problems of the Metropolitan Region are quite complex. From now on, it will be necessary to deal with them continuously and also link up the growth of the road and the rail services properly. I am glad to say that the proposal mooted earlier to the World Bank for a loan to rehabilitate and augment the bus fleet of the BEST is receiving its earnest consideration and that an Appraisal Mission can be expected to visit India shortly. Naturally, any such investment would require the project to be viable in all respects and the BEST to be a profitable undertaking. I am sure the citizens of Bombay would not mind this demand provided we are able to renew the buses and expand services so as to meet the increasing requirements of the metropolitan transport system. In the same context of transport, sometime in 1974 the State Government had sought the assistance of the Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi, for a comprehensive survey of the Metropolitan Region's problems. The terms of reference for this consultancy will be ready very soon and I hope that the work will be completed in phases as early as possible.

The Development Plan of Greater Bombay which was first published in 1964 and got Government's approval in the years 1965-67 is now due for renewal and the Bombay Municipal Corporation is already at the job. In our discussions today, certain salient points relevant to this subject have been brought out. I would like to draw your attention to these at this stage itself. Another factor of considerable importance presently

is the new urban property statute which is being finalised by the Central Government. The impact of this on the programme of work of the Metropolitan Authority will have to be taken judged by us at an early date and effective action taken in implementing it.

Two other items on the agenda, which would interest us particularly, relate to the possibility of town gas being distributed for domestic and industrial consumption in the Metropolitan Region outside the limits of the Island of Bombay and the need for persuading the textile mills in Bombay to re-cycle their waste water after proper treatment thus giving measurable relief to the city's water supply system. In this connection we are all aware of the Bhetsai Water Supply Scheme which the Bombay Municipal Corporation is presently executing with the assistance of the World Bank. The costly nature of the scheme and the escalation which has been encountered in the last few years do in a sense impress upon us the urgency of co-relating the growth and development of Bombay to the rest of the Metropolitan Region as early as possible. It is very necessary, in my opinion, for the Functional Board for Water Supply & Sewerage to think of a grid system of water supply in the Metropolitan Region, so as to get us the benefit of least cost solutions.

Around it has been noticed that, after measures are taken for dispersal of industries, the growth in office establishments needs to be regulated in metropolitan areas. Bombay has not only been the financial capital of the country but also the premier port which provides the gateway to India. We ought to have special regard to what we want Bombay to be in future, whenever we think of plans for development of the metropolis. Fortunately the topography of the area comprising the Metropolitan Region is such that a very reliable micro-wave telecommunication network could be established among its various parts. If such a scheme could be drawn up - as an addition to the normal telephone system - by the Functional Board for Transport & Communications at an early date, I am sure that many of the banks and other financing or other institutions presently working in the Central Business District in south Bombay would be happy to shift the bulk of their labour intensive establishments to New Bombay or to the Kalyan Complex area. I look

forward to this as a very special programme holding much promise.

The Programme of Work for the year 1975-76 is before us. Naturally the State Government had already drawn up such a programme as part of its own efforts before the Metropolitan Authority came into being. It is for us to have a second look at it and suggest amendments, if any. I would like to draw your attention in particular to the proposal made in it for providing more technical training facilities in the rural areas of the Metropolitan Region.

I welcome all to this meeting and hope that we will have fruitful discussion.

Annexure 'B'

Members present at the BMRDA meeting on the 3rd Aug. '75.

- 1. Dr. Rafiq Zakaria
- 2. Shri Prabhakar Kunte
- 3. Shri Nenalal D. Mehta
- 4. " M. D. Chaudhari
- 5. " N. M. Tidke
- 6. " A. R. Antulay
- 7. Smt. Tarabai Vartak
- 8. Shri H. M. Wengere
- 9. " V. S. Mahadik
- 10. " N. P. Thakker
- 11. " C. S. Mohta
- 12. " Hansraj Bhugra
- 13. " Pushpakant A. Mhatre
- 14. " Hashu Advani
- 15. " Sudhir Joshi
- 16. " S. J. Kohli
- 17. " Shripad Waman Patwari
- 18. Dr. M. G. Parulekar
- 19. Shri D. K. Khanvilkar
- 20. " Vasent Kushaba Patil
- 21. " V. K. Tembe
- 22. Smt. Kamala Raman
- 23. Shri S. S. Dighe
- 24. " G. N. Benatwala
- 25. " Neku P. Patil
- 26. " S. D. Baswant
- 27. " G. B. Kenitkar
- 28. " D. D. Sathe
- 29. " K. V. Seshadri

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Vice Chairman

Member-Secretary

Invitees present at the BMRDA meeting on the 3rd Aug. '75

- 1. Shri K. Sivaramakrishnan
- 2. " P. G. Salvi
- 3. " R. T. Atre
- 4. " S. T. Khare
- 5. " R. G. Gulgule
- 6. " J. M. Paranjape
- 7. " W. D. Bhide
- 8. " G. R. Godse
- 9. " R. B. Ajsaonkar
- 10. " H. D. Kopardekar

Secretary, Urban Development Deptt.
Managing Director, CIDCO
Addl. Chief Engineer, P.W. & H. Deptt.
Chief Engineer, Public Health
Dy. Municipal Commissioner
Dy. General Manager, Telephones
Supdtg. Engr., Public Health
Supdtg. Engr., MIDC
O. S. D., Planning Deptt.
Under Secy., U. D. & P. H. Deptt.

Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (Elections to Standing Committee) Regulations, 1975.

In exercise of powers conferred by section 50 read with sub-clauses (v) to (ix) of sub-section (1) (a) of section 6 of the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority Act, 1974, the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority hereby makes the following Regulations, viz:-

1. Short Title: These Regulations may be called the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (Elections to Standing Committee) Regulations, 1975.

2. Definitions: In these Regulations

a) "Act" means the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority Act, 1974.

b) "Candidate" means a member who is eligible to contest the elections to the Standing Committee of the Authority under any one of the sub-clauses (v) to (ix) of sub-section (1)(a) of section 6 in the following manner:

(1) For the purposes of sub-para (v) to (vii) of the said sub-section (1)(a), any member specified in sub-clauses (iii), (xii) to (xix), (xxv) to (xxviii) and (xxxiii) thereof who has notified, under the paragraph 3 of the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (Conduct of Business at Meetings) Regulations, 1975, his address to be in Greater Bombay;

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (viii) of the said sub-section (1) (a) any member specified in sub-clauses (x), (xx), (xxi), (xxiii) and (xxix) of sub-section (1) of the section 4 as well as any member specified in sub-clauses (xxx) and (xxxii) thereof who has notified under paragraph 3 of the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (Conduct of Business at Meetings) Regulations, 1975, his address to be in Thana District;

(3) For the purposes of sub-clause (ix) of the said sub-section (1)(a), any member specified in sub-clauses (xi), (xxii), (xxiv) and (xxx) of the sub-section (1) of the section 4 as well as any member specified in sub-clauses (xxx) and (xxxii) thereof who has notified under paragraph 3 of the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (Conduct of Business at Meetings) Regulations, 1975, his address to be in Kolaba District;

c) "Member" means a member of the Authority as specified in the section 4;

d) ~~Member~~ "Non-official member" means a member who is not a Minister or a salaried employee of the State or the Central Government;

e) "Section" means a section of the Act;

f) "Voter" means any member of the Authority conducted as per

3. Elections to be held: Elections to the Standing Committee, including the filling up of any vacancy from time to time, shall be held as soon as possible after these Regulations come into force or after the casual vacancy is notified to the Authority, as the case may be, provided that every such election has been set out as an item of the agenda circulated for the concerned meeting of the Authority in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (Conduct of Business at Meetings) Regulations, 1975.

4. Returning Officer: The Chairman of the Authority or in his absence the person presiding at the concerned meeting under the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (Conduct of Business at Meetings) Regulations, 1975, shall be the Returning Officer for the elections to the Standing Committee held at the respective meeting.

of sub-section (1) of the section 4 as well as any member specified in sub-clauses (xxx) and (xxxii)

5. Nominations: After the concerned meeting is called to order, the Returning Officer shall invite nominations for the vacancies to be filled up in the following manner:-

- (1) He shall announce the nature of the vacancies requiring to be filled up and specify the order in which the elections will be conducted seatwise;
- (2) A member desirous of sponsoring a candidate shall get up and propose his name;
- (3) The member, whose name is so proposed, shall, if he is present, signify his agreement ~~to~~ or disagreement thereto; if he does not agree to the nomination, the nomination shall cease to be valid forthwith;
- (4) If the member, whose name is proposed, is not present at the meeting, the nomination will be considered only if the proposer has secured his consent in writing and files it with the Returning Officer while proposing him as a candidate.

6. Withdrawals and final list of validly nominated candidates:

- (1) After the nominations have been validly made in the above manner for the seat to which the elections are to be held, the Returning Officer shall read out the names of the candidates validly nominated, starting with the personal name in each case.
- (2) Thereafter an interval of five minutes shall be announced by the Returning Officer so as to enable any candidate who desires to withdraw from the election to do so. When the meeting re-assembles after such interval, the Returning Officer shall enquire of each candidate whether he wishes to withdraw or continue to contest the elections.
- (3) The Returning Officer shall then read out the list of validly nominated candidates who have not withdrawn from the election, the names being arranged in alphabetical order beginning with the personal names in English.

7. Procedure for Election:

- (1) If, for the seat concerned, there be only one candidate validly nominated in the above manner, the Returning Officer shall forthwith declare the candidate to be duly elected.
- (2) If the number of validly nominated candidates for the concerned seat is more than one, the Returning Officer shall call upon the members present at the meeting to proceed to cast their votes in the following manner:

8. Number of votes per voter:

(1) Every voter shall have the following number of votes:-

- | | <u>Number of votes</u> |
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| (a) to the three seats specified in sub-clauses (v), (vi) and (vii) of sub-section (1)(a) of section 6; | Three votes in all but not more than one vote for each seat for which the elections are held. |
| (b) to the seat specified in sub-clause (viii) of sub-section (1)(a) of section 6; | One vote. |
| (c) to the seat specified in sub-clause (ix) of sub-section (1)(a) of section 6. | One vote. |

(2) A voter casting his vote once in favour of any candidate for a seat to which elections are held shall not be entitled to vote again for any other candidate for the same seat; if he does cast his vote more than once, the vote or votes cast after the first time shall be invalid automatically and not be taken into account by the Returning Officer.

9. Procedure for voting:

(1) The Returning Officer shall first announce the seat specified in sub-clauses (v) to (ix) of sub-section (1)(a) of section 6, to which the election is being held and immediately thereafter proceed to read out the names of the contesting candidates in the alphabetical order referred to above.

- (2) He shall read out the name of each candidate included in the said list and request the members of the Authority present at the meeting to signify their votes for him by show of hands. (or by ballot if so decided by the Authority on any occasion).
- (3) At the end of the voting for each candidate, the Returning Officer shall prepare and retain in record with the Authority a list in writing of the voters voting in his favour.
- (4) If at any stage of voting for a seat, a candidate secures the votes of more than one-half of the members present and voting, the Returning Officer shall not be obliged to continue with the voting for that seat but shall proceed to declare the said candidate as duly elected under the next paragraph.

10. Declaration of Results:-

- (1) In a case of the type referred to in paragraph 9(4), above, the Returning Officer shall forthwith declare as elected to the respective seat the candidate who has secured more than one-half of the votes of the members present and voting at the meeting.
- (2) In any other case the Returning Officer shall, after preparing the list of votes in favour of each candidate, declare that candidate as elected to the Standing Committee for the seat concerned, who has secured the largest number of votes.
- (3) In the event of two or more candidates under sub-paragraph(2) above securing an equal number of votes, the election shall be ~~randomly~~ decided by the Returning Officer by drawing lots, held immediately after he makes the announcement of the results of voting for the seat concerned.

11. Procedure when elections are to be held for more than one seat: -

The procedure set down above shall be followed in respect of each seat to which elections are to be held at the same meeting, the result for each seat being declared as soon as the voting for it is over.