



**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
(ENVIRONMENT SECTION)**

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SPECIAL SECRETARY (DEVELOPMENT) ON 24-7-2008 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF SINDH, KARACHI:

(List of participants is attached as annexure-I).

Item No.1. *Procurement of Fire Fighting & Solid Waste Machinery for Taluka Municipal Administration (TMAs) in Sindh Province except Karachi.*

At the outset of the meeting, it was informed that earlier a meeting of the technical committee was fixed on 17-7-2008 to discuss / resolve the issues related to the above subject project but no representative from Local Govt. Deptt. attended the meeting. Then the forum was apprised that the objective of the project was to provide the immediate technical support to 54 District Head Quarter TMAs in Sindh by providing fire tenders vehicles to strengthen the municipal services for fire fighting. The project has been designed to improve the fire fighting services in selected District Headquarter TMAs in Sindh in order to save and protect the human life and property of people residing in TMAs during fire accidents. Accordingly, 54 Fire Tenders are proposed one for each selected District Headquarters TMAs in Sindh. Earlier similar type of scheme namely "Procurement of Fire Fighting and Solid Waste Machinery for All Taluka Municipal Administration (TMAs) Sindh province except Karachi" at a cost of Rs.559.351 million was approved by the PDWP on 20-02-2007 through which machinery and equipments were provided to 103 TMAs in Sindh.

2. Senior Chief (Environment) inquired about the selection criteria adopted for providing one vehicle to 54 TMAs and reasons for deletion of two TMAs of Khairpur District and one TMA of Tando-Allahyar District which were included in the PC-I prepared by Local Government Department earlier. Similarly it was pointed out that basis of selection criteria of all TMAs of Hyderabad District should be elaborated as it seems that no proper criteria or standard was put in practice but just list of District Headquarter TMAs

were prepared for the facility and in this way Tandojam TMA is also missing. The representative of Local Government Department stated that no such criteria was fixed / adopted for providing one fire tender to each TMA of Districts mentioned in the PC-I but a flat strategy based on the previous experiences has been adopted to accommodate TMAs for such facilities. He further stated that new list would be prepared by re-allocating such facilities to TMAs afresh as to ensure that no District / TMA was left behind. He further assured that the list of TMAs would again be prepared and re-examined.

3. In response to a query from Senior Chief (Environment), the representative of Local Govt. Department replied that no analysis / study was initiated to assess the need of TMAs but generally it was observed / based on the experience with a view that the fire fighting vehicles were the basic need of any TMA to combat any incidence of fire fighting, therefore, one fire tender each for 54 TMAs was proposed. He further replied that list of existing equipment / machinery would be prepared and included in the PC-I. The Special Secretary (Dev.) asked that in future PC-I may also be signed by Director General, Monitoring Cell of Local Government to make it quality document. The representative of Local Government agreed to it.

4. The Senior Chief (Environment) then raised the points that Sponsoring agency may provide the basis of the cost of Fire Tenders as earlier per unit cost of Fire Tender was Rs.5.5 million, then Rs.5.6 million and now Rs.6.00 million. Moreover, in the earlier PC-I it was mentioned that Fire Strike vehicles are more economically viable in comparison to Fire Tenders but now Local Government Department wanted to procure Fire Tenders which needs proper justification; moreover generic / standard specifications may be used for procurement of Fire Tenders instead of specific / particular specifications to make it more competitive procurement through transparent manner. Further employment generation of 1200 to 1500 directly and 3000 to 4000 indirectly as mentioned in the PC-I needs to be explained clearly. The representative of Local Government Department replied that per unit cost of Fire Tenders has been increased due to increase in the exchange rate of US Dollar versus Pakistan rupee. He then replied that Fire Tenders are better option and all the required details would be provided in the PC-I.

5. In response to another query, the representative of Local Government Department assured that Rs.2.7 million kept for one year maintenance charges @ Rs.0.05 million for each unit of Fire Tenders would be deleted and concerned TMAs would be asked to bear the recurring cost of vehicles and accordingly the number of vehicles would be increased to accommodate left over TMAs through the savings of Rs.2.700 million. The representative of Local Government Department then stated that corrections would be undertaken in the PC-I.

6. After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken:-

Decisions

- i) Sponsoring agency would examine the list of TMAs in order to accommodate most vulnerable and resource deficient TMAs and provide the Fire Tenders to TMAs on need basis.
- ii) Sponsoring agency would update the nomenclature of scheme PC-I as “*Procurement of 58 Fire Tenders for Taluka Municipal Administration (TMAs) in Sindh except Karachi*” instead of “Procurement of Fire Fighting and Solid Waste Machinery for All Taluka Municipal Administration (TMAs) Sindh province except Karachi”.
- iii) Sponsoring Agency would attach list of existing fire fighting equipment / machinery available with TMAs to maintain transparency and avoid any duplication and use generic / standard specifications for procurement of Fire Tenders.
- iv) A.D would make necessary corrections in the PC-I in the light of above discussions and points mentioned in the Working Paper and provide the required copies to Planning & Development Department and Finance Department for consideration in the PDWP meeting.
- (v) AD would furnish item-wise physical and financial status of earlier scheme namely “Procurement of Fire Fighting and Solid Waste Machinery for All Taluka Municipal Administration (TMAs) Sindh province except Karachi” approved by PDWP on 20-02-2007 at a cost of Rs.559.351 million, alongwith details of TMA wise machinery / equipment delivered, to be delivered within two days.



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Annexure-I

List of Participants

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2. Mr. P.S. Rajani,
Senior Chief (Environment)
3. Mr. Muhammad Saleem Jalbani,
Planning Officer (Environment)

**Local Government, Katchi Abadis and Spatial Development
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4. Dr. Captain Sikandar Ali Panhwar.
Special Secretary (LG)

Finance Department

5. Ms. Abida Lodhi,
Deputy Secretary (D-II)