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Following were present:-

1. Dr. Amiya Chandra, ITS - Chairman
2. Shri Satyadeep Mahapatra, IRS, JDC, KASEZ - Member
3. Shri H.I. Vashi, Director, M/s.MESO Pvt. Ltd. - Member

Others:

1. Shri Shri Laxmi Kant Meena, Sr.AO KASEZ
2. Shri Devaraj. C, Secretary, KASEZ Authority
3. Shri Umesh Naik, AGM, NBCC
4. Shri V.S. Rawat, DPM, NBCC

38. Confirmation of the minutes of 37th meeting of Kandla SEZ Authority held on 22/01/2019:

Minutes of the 37th meeting of Kandla SEZ Authority held on 22/01/2019 were confirmed. It is clarified that the date of the 37th meeting was wrongly mentioned as 11/01/2019 in the agenda.

38.1 Review/action taken as per decisions of last meeting:

37.2.1 Request of M/s. Rama Cylinders Pvt. Ltd. to return the Bank Guarantee:

The Authority noted the request by M/s. Rama Cylinders Pvt. Ltd. to return the Bank Guarantee was discussed in the 37th meeting of KASEZ Authority held on 22/01/2019 and the Authority decided to return the Bank Guarantee to M/s. Rama Cylinders Pvt. Ltd. subject to obtaining an undertaking/agreement from them that they will have not right over the property once the BG is returned and they have no objection to re-auctioning of assets/property. Accordingly, a letter has been issued to M/s. Rama Cylinders Pvt. Ltd. Authority also noted that no reply has been received from M/s. Rama Cylinders Pvt. Ltd. even after issuance of a reminder on 04/03/2019 and again vide our letter dated 12/03/2019.

Joint Development Commissioner further explained that as no reply has been received from M/s. Rama Cylinders Pvt. Ltd. and the Bank Guarantee expired on 17/03/2019 we have again informed them in writing that they have no right over the assets/property since then. Since the property/assets are under litigation in the Hon’ble High Court of Gujarat the Authority decided to post its own Security guards as after the lapse of the BG of M/s Rama Cylinders they have ceased to have any rights over the assets.
37.2.6 Digitization of Land records

The Authority noted that there was no improvement in drafting the tender document. Joint Development Commissioner, KASEZ informed that as the matter was looked after by the DDC who was the Estate Officer and has been repatriated back on completion of his deputation period and therefore, the delay was caused. Chairman directed that we should take the help of TCS IT/ITES SEZ at Gandhinagar for drafting the tender document. Accordingly, the representative of the TCS IT/ITES SEZ was contacted by the Chairman over phone during the meeting and requested for technical help in drafting the tender document, which he has agreed and informed that they will send the draft tender document as early as possible. However, Chairman requested him to send it within 10 days. It was also directed to follow up with them.

37.2.8 Appointment of Security Service Provider:

The Authority noted that as decided in the 37th meeting of KASEZ Authority held on 22/01/2019, offer has been issued on M/s. Orion Security Solutions Pvt. Ltd. being L-1 bidder to engage them as Security service provider for a period of two years. Joint Development Commissioner further clarified that the Agency requested for revising the rate for the reasons mentioned in their letter and the same was not possible once the financial bid is opened and accordingly the agency was informed that if they are not agreeing to provide the services at the original rate, we may have to retender it. The Authority accordingly conveyed its approval for re-tender, if the agency is not agreeing to supply personnel as per our terms and conditions and at the original rate quoted by them.

37.2.9 Request of M/s. Flax Apparels Pvt. Ltd. to waive off rent charged on burnt sheds.

The Authority noted that the request of M/s. Flax Apparels Pvt. Ltd. to waive off 50% of the shed rent charged to them during the period of re-construction of burnt shed No.308-309 from 21.11.2016 to 21.05.2018 was discussed in the last Authority meeting and it was decided to seek the details of insurance amount received by them for the burnt sheds and also the amount incurred by them towards re-construction duly certified by a Chartered Accountant.
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The Authority also noted that the outstanding dues of the unit till the date of surrender were Rs. 47,69,743.34. The unit has paid Rs. 32,26,827.00 after surrendering of sheds, their outstanding rental dues works out to Rs. 15,42,916.00.

Copy of CA certificate submitted by the Unit was placed before the Authority and the Authority noted that they have received Insurance claim of Rs.0.79 crores against burnt shed Nos.308-309, Marshalling Yard, KASEZ and the total cost incurred by them for reconstruction of these two sheds as Rs.1.62 crores.

The Authority conveyed displeasure on the unit for hiding the fact of insurance claim. The Authority however, took a sympathetic view about the hardship caused to the unit and decided to waive the rent only for the re-construction period or the amount outstanding on these sheds, whichever is less. However, the interest component would not be waived.

38.2 New Proposals:

38.2.1 Payment of outstanding lease rent and user charges in respect of M/s. Kandla Free Trade Warehousing Pvt. Ltd.

The Authority observed that there is huge rental arrears and the development activities undertaken by the Co-developer M/s. Kandla Free Trade Warehousing Pvt. Ltd. has not been convincing. Therefore, it was decided issue Show Cause Notice to them with a direction to furnish their reply within 15 days and the same may be placed before the next meeting of the Authority.

38.2.2 Conversion of roads to CC roads and replacement of old sewer lines & water supply lines:

The Addl. General Manager of NBCC who was present in the meeting explained that RCC work of the junction roads has already taken up and is in progress. He has requested for identification of further roads to be converted into RCC so that the work can be taken up in a phased manner. Joint Development Commissioner informed that the identification of roads will be done by a Committee comprising of JDC, Sr.AO and Secretary and will be informed to NBCC for submitting the estimate.
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Regarding replacement of old sewer lines, Addl. General Manager, NBCC stated that they are going to float a tender for appointment of a Consultant to make the proposal. Chairman asked them to find out the possibility of providing service tunnel for laying various requirements of the units to avoid road cutting, etc.

38.2.3 Rooftop solar project:

The Authority noted that in the 35th meeting of KASEZ Authority held on 17/7/2018 at Agenda Item No.5-Roof Top Solar Project, the Authority asked AGM, NBCC to ensure proper billing to the units for the solar power consumed by the unit as per the agreement executed between KASEZ Authority and the units. Addl. General Manager, NBCC during the meeting requested for the rate at which the bills are to be raised on the unit. The Authority after deliberations directed that the bills to the units for using solar power be raised at a rate of one Rupee less than the rate at which the power is supplied by the PGVCL so as to encourage use of solar energy by the units.

38.2.4 Merger of two of Type-I Quarters into one:

The Authority noted that in the past also Type-I quarters located side by side were merged/converted into one quarter. There were requests from the occupants of Type-I quarters, which are not merged, to merge the vacant Type-I quarters into one. In this context the Joint Development Commissioner explained that prior to the implementation of the 6th Pay Commission recommendations the Group-D employees were eligible for Type-I quarters. But with the implementation of the 6th CPC recommendations, Group-D as a category was abolished making even the lowest-ranking Govt. employee eligible for a Type-II quarter. Based on the request and there was a precedent, a decision was taken on file to merge type-I quarters located front & back or side-by-side into one quarter. The members also noted that such an action was the only practical way to convert Type-I into Type-II quarters.

The Authority ratified the action taken.

38.2.5 Revision of lease rent w.e.f. 1/1/2019.

The Authority observed that no guidelines have been received from the DoC as intimated in the last Authority meeting and the process of revision of rent is being delayed.
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The Authority further observed that the prevalent rent has not been increased w.e.f. 1/1/2018. The annual revision was kept at 7.5% as against 10% which was the practice earlier and for the old allotments i.e. allotments done prior to 01.01.2012 the condition of revision was @25% every three years. After deliberations, the Authority decided to increase the prevalent rent by 10% and also the yearly revision @10% across the Board. Accordingly, the increased rent for the plots/sheds/SDF w.e.f. 1/1/2019 will be as under:-

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<tr>
<th>Plot/Shed/SDF</th>
<th>Present prevalent Rs.in sq.mtr./p.a. (built up area for sheds/SDFs)</th>
<th>Proposed increase w.e.f. 1/1/2019 per sq.mtr/annum</th>
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<td>1  Plot</td>
<td>211.75</td>
<td>233/-</td>
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<td>2  Sheds</td>
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<td>3  SDF Ground Floor</td>
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<td>5  SDF Second Floor</td>
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38.2.6 Conversion period of lease deed from 10 years to 30 years in respect of plot No.413, Sector-III, KASEZ – request of M/s. Plast-O-Fine Industries, KASEZ.

The Authority deferred the request of M/s. Plast-O-Fine Industries for conversion of lease deed from 10 years to 30 years in respect of Plot No.413, Sector-III and sought details on the prevalent practice at the material time.

38.2.7 Request of M/s. Guardian Textiles Pvt. Ltd, KASEZ.

M/s. Guardian Textiles Pvt. Ltd. vide their letter dated 26/02/2019 requested for the following:-

(a) Garbage issue behind their Plot No.452, Sector-I, KASEZ and allotment of an area of approx. 5 mtr x 60 mtr. at the backside of the premises for development of green belt and for loading dock.

(b) They are interested in Shed No.238, Sector-III, KASEZ, which is adjacent to their existing premises i.e. Shed No.237.

(c) Allotment of Plot No.468, which lying idle adjacent to their Plot No.452, Sector-I.
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The representatives of M/s. Guardian Textiles Pvt. Ltd. explained their request. They are specialized in supply of DAPRO Personal Protective Equipment for the petrochemical, oil and gas industry. They have state of the art garment and shoe manufacturing facilities at KASEZ with a work force of over 350 employees and facilities in over 40 different countries.

Following are noted by the Authority:-

(a) Secretary, KASEZA along-with Security Officer i/c visited the site and it was noticed that at their backside garbage of garments are piled up. In fact, the backside of their premises is facing the used clothing examination yard and therefore, there is huge quantity of leftover of used clothes lying. Their request is to allot an area of 5 x 60 mtr. backside of their premises so that they can develop a garden and also a loading dock for loading and unloading.

a) With regard to their second issue of Shed No.238 it is noticed that Shed No.238-239 have been surrendered and are due for demolition and reconstruction. Their request is to construct the shed in a similar fashion to the shed No.237. Shed No.237 is in their possession.

b) Regarding third issue of open plot lying vacant adjacent to their Plot No.452, Sector-I, it is noticed that they are referring to Plot No.468, which is allotted to M/s. Sky Enterprises, which is a weigh bridge and warehouse service provider and is a working unit. However, they have not constructed anything on this particular plot.

After detailed discussions, the Authority decided as under:-

(a) To allow them to make a ramp of 5x5 mtr at backside of their premises. Further, it was also decided to allow them to develop a garden behind their premises where they can display a Board that “Developed by M/s.Guardian Textiles Pvt. Ltd.” and they should have no ownership on this area. However, they would have ownership on the 5x5 mtr area of the loading for which they shall pay the prescribed rent.

(b) With regard to allotment of Shed No.238 it was also informed to them that the sheds are to be demolished and re-constructed and therefore, their request for allotment of the same at this stage cannot be accepted. Addl. General Manager, NBCC was asked
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to demolish the damaged shed Nos.238-239 and also submit their estimate for construction.

(c) Regarding allotment of adjacent land, it was informed to them that the area is allotted to another unit and if they want it they may approach the respective unit with a request to surrender it back to the Authority and the Authority will decide on it thereafter.

38.2.8 Creation of General Reserves without any statutory/regulatory requirement:

The Authority noted the point of the Audit with regard the transfer of income over expenditure to General Reserve was not in accordance to statute or applicable regulations and required to be carried to Corpus/capital fund. However, it was decided to go with the practice followed i.e. transferring the income over expenditure into the General Reserve.

38.2.9 Requirement of attached toilet at In-gate as well as Out-gate, Check Post.

The Authority was informed that the In-gate and Out-gate of Custom Check Post is manned 24x7 by the officers and due to lack of toilet facilities the officers posted there are facing difficulties. The Authority, therefore, approved the proposal and requested NBCC for construction of toilets at In-gate and Out-gate cabins.

38.2.10 Increase in water tariff w.e.f. 01/04/2019

The Authority deliberated on the issue in detail and felt that even after increase of tariff by GWSSB w.e.f. 01/07/2018 we have not increased the tariff as our tariff of Rs.57.74 per KL was approximately 50% higher than GWSSB tariff. The Authority noted that GWSSB will be revising their rate w.e.f. 1/4/2019 from Rs.35.94 to 42.53 i.e. approximately an increase of 19%. The Authority, therefore, decided to increase the water tariff w.e.f. 1/4/2019 to the extent of increase by GWSSB as the Authority’s intention is not make any profit out of water supply. Accordingly the water tariff will be increased from Rs.57.75 per KL to Rs.69/- per KL.
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38.2.11 Non-functioning of water meter:

The Authority noted that water supply in the Zone is regulated through NBCC. NBCC takes reading of individual units and also issues bills to them on behalf of Kandla SEZ Authority. There are units complaining about non-supply of water to their unit and also writing letters not to raise bills when no water supply is made available to them. NBCC has been informing that water meter installed by many units is not functioning and also that the units are not making any efforts to replace the same/get the same repaired which is the responsibility of the unit. AGM, NBCC stated that on inspection, it was found that units are getting water as and when supply is made available. However, the meter was found not working in such units even though the water was flowing. Therefore, they are raising bills on the average basis and sought intervention of the Authority for doing billing on such units.

It was informed that the maintenance of the water meter is the responsibility of the unit. After deliberations it was decided that, if at any time, the water meter is found not in working condition, water bills on such units be issued on average basis. If any units are found not making the payment of water supply bills, their water connection needs to be disconnected, after giving them an opportunity in writing.

All the units should be asked to get their water meter checked routinely and get it repaired from time to time and keep them in functioning condition and to make the payment of outstanding water supply bills. The Authority expressed displeasure at the fact that the units are not serious about keeping the water meter in a functioning condition. The units may be also informed that if they are not making the payment of water supply bills within the prescribed time limit, their water connection will be disconnected.

38.2.12 Review of on-going works:

Following position as reported was noted by the Authority with regard to on-going works awarded to NBCC and the amount released so far against each item:-

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<td>Setting up of 1 MW Rooftop Solar Power Project</td>
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<td>Construction of 2 Nos. Warehouse at Plot No.354 to 356 and 364 to 366</td>
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<td>Dismantling and Reconstruction of 4 Nos. Type-III Quarters (Quarters Number 1 to 4) at KASEZ Township</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Construction of road and junction in RCC pavement, taking out and relaying of existing CC interlocking paver blocks at Sector-1, 2, 3 4 and New Zone at KASEZ Gandhidham</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Construction of 4 Nos. Type-III Quarters at KASEZ Township (FF)</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Minor miscellaneous works in Type-I, II, III, old &amp; New Administrative Building, repair work of Type-II quarter Nos.18 to 24, painting work of Administrative Buildings, Custom Check Post Gates, SDF-1, 2 &amp; 3 and KASEZ Township, Development and plantation in new Garden at Township, interior work of custom building for Authority office, construction of new check post and Watch Towers, at KASEZ, Gandhidham</td>
<td>927.78</td>
<td>500.00</td>
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<td>Construction of Badminton Court in KASEZ Township at KASEZ, Gandhidham</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Construction of 2 Nos. Warehouse at Plot No.354 to 356 and 364 to 366 (Phase-III)</td>
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Following points were taken up as table agenda:-

38.2.12 Removal of scattered mutilated used clothes:

The Authority noted that as per the decision taken in the 8th meeting of KASEZ Authority meeting held on 13/02/2012, the removal of scattered/mutilated used garments and clearing of roads in KASEZ was entrusted to KASEZ Industries Association, who have engaged an agency for the purpose and this arrangement was discontinued by KASEZ Industries Association vide their letter dated 07/04/2016. Thereafter, this work was entrusted to a cooperative society vide letter dated 20/05/2016 as a stop-gap arrangement and vide letter dated 16/06/2016 this arrangement was withdrawn and the KASEZ Industries Association was again requested to take the work, as was done in the past. This matter was again discussed with Association and with their intervention; all the used clothing units were asked to clear the left over on a rotation basis. However, this also has not yielded any result and as stated by JDC during the site visit by JDC, Secretary, KASEZA, Security Officer inside the Zone in the examination yard, it was noticed that lot of left over mutilated used clothes were found lying there and also on the road side and the same are not cleaned up.

The Authority deliberated on the issue and after discussions asked NBCC to take further action for removal of the leftover scattered/mutilated used clothes lying in the examination yard.
38.2.13 Installation of a Camera at the ODC Gate constructed in the New Zone:

The Authority noted that the proposal is to provide a camera at the ODC gate in the new area for watching movement of Over Dimensional Cargo, for security point of view. The Authority approved the proposal for providing camera at the ODC gate and asked NBCC to provide the same.

38.2.14 Providing and fixing of grill and concertina coil above the grill on the boundary wall at the parking area in the new Zone and Boundary of KASEZ Colony leading from Colony entry gate through parking near LBS circle to the Gate near DC Bungalow:

The Authority noted that the proposal is to fix a grill and concertina coil above the grill on the boundary wall of the parking area within the New Zone just behind KASEZ Ind. Association building and Boundary of KASEZ Colony leading from Colony entry gate through parking near LBS circle to the Gate near DC Bungalow as per the requirement of Security Officer so as to prevent intrusion into the colony during night time.

The Authority approved the proposal and asked AGM, NBCC who was present in the meeting to go ahead.

38.2.15 Requirement of security personnel:

The Zone is spread over an area of 1000 acres and the security of the zone is being managed with very meagre security personnel i.e. around 17 personnel of KASEZ and equal number of Ex-servicemen appointed on contract basis. Apart from this, NBCC has provided 20 persons. There are theft attempts within the Zone where the thieves come with weapons, etc and it was very difficult to face them, as reported by Security Officer.

Further the agency to whom the work order was been issued for providing Gunmen, Security Guard and Firemen has imposed extra conditions after the opening of the financial bid which is not permitted. Therefore, the Authority has decided to go for retendering after blacklisting the firm.
In view of the above reasons, the Authority felt that the security of the Zone cannot be compromised and there is urgent requirement of about 30 personnel as stated by Security Officer. The Authority therefore, approved the proposal for engagement of 30 more security personnel through NBCC within the maintenance contract with quantity deviation.

38.2.16 Allotment of Plot Nos.27 to 30, Sector-1, KASEZ:
Authority noted that Plot Nos.27 to 30 was allotted to M/s.Hollandia Knitwear Pvt.Ltd. for a 30 years lease deed dated 29/8/1980. The Unit availed credit facilities from Bank of Baroda by mortgaging the assets. The unit failed to re-pay the credit facilities, the Bank moved an application before the DRT, Ahmedabad and DRT appointed a Court Receiver in the year 2003. Since then the Bank property is in the custody of Bank. The KASEZ Authority has been taking up the matter with the Bank for an amicable solution and held meetings with the Bank. Accordingly, Bank Baroda vide letter dated 10/01/2017 delegated powers to this office for auction of the property (shed) of M/s.Hollandia Knitters Pvt. Ltd., on a valuation amount of Rs.8.61 lakhs and this amount is required to be given to the Bank.

Accordingly, we have been conducting the e-auction through MSTC ever since 6/10/2017. There were no bids on six occasions. In the e-auction held on 7/12/2018, M/s. Parekh Bulk Pack, a newly approved unit, participated in the bid for these plots and has quoted Rs.15.00 lakhs and is the highest bidder. They have also paid the bid value. On payment of bid amount, we have to allot the premises to the bidder.

In view of the above, we have requested the Bank of Baroda vide letter dated 12/12/2018 to surrender the plots to this office so that the plots can be allotted to the bidder and also requested them to give the details for transferring the amount to them. This was followed by reminder dated 24/01/2019.

In reply, Bank of Baroda vide their letter dated 13/03/2019 informed that they have moved an application to DRT-II, Ahmedabad for approval of release of their charge on the property. They have stated that after receiving the approval/order of the DRT-II, they will immediately release their charge on the properties i.e. Plot No. 27 to 30, Sector-1, KASEZ. Further, they have requested this office to transfer the valuation amount of Rs.8.61 lakhs to them. There are also outstanding lease rental dues and this office had written to DRT in 2003 for registering
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our claim. After payment of valuation amount of Rs.8.61 lakhs to the Bank, the balance amount left with KASEZ Authority will be Rs. 6,39,000/-, which in any case cannot not set-off the dues of M/s. Hollandia.

After detailed deliberations the Authority felt that the matter was pending since 2003 and because of that these plots were not put to export production activities. Now, since the Bank has compromised with their dues, the Authority decided to pay the valuation amount of Rs.8.61 lakhs to the Bank and the balance amount be adjusted against the outstanding rentals of M/s Hollandia and allot the plots to the highest bidder once the Bank surrender the plots to the Authority, which will meet the objective of SEZ Act and Rules framed thereunder.

38.2.17 Request of M/s.Dyna Glycols Pvt. Ltd. for adjacent space-building of 70,000 sq. feet along-with plot area of 11232 sq.mtrs.

The Authority noted that their request is for allotment of an area of 70,000 sq.ft. alongwith plot area of 11232 sq.mtrs. from Strands Textiles Mills Pvt. Ltd., out of Plot No.270 admeasuring an area of 19872 sq.mtrs. and it was earlier discussed in the 36th KASEZ Authority meeting held on 05/12/2018 and it was decided to wait for the guidelines from DoC.

M/s.Dyna Glycols Pvt. Ltd. vide their letter dated 18/03/2019 again requested, in order to further excel and increase the export turnover, to allot adjacent space of M/s.Strands Textiles Mills Pvt. Ltd. having a factory building of 70,000 sq. feet along-with plot area of 11232 sq.mtrs. They have stated that if this allotment is given, then there will be additional export of Rs.48,000 lakhs with an investment of Rs.724.11 lakhs and also generate employment of 400 persons.

It was noted that M/s. Dyna Glycols Pvt. Ltd. is a working unit with excellent track record. Further, their export for the year 2017-18 was Rs. 60 crores and for the current year upto February, 2019 it was Rs.93.00 crores. As the additional allotment will further increase their exports, investment and also employment, the Authority decided to allot an area of 11232 sq.mtrs. with infrastructure therein as per current lease terms and transfer fee. M/s.Strands Textiles Pvt. Ltd. will surrender this area along-with infrastructure out of Plot No.270 to the KASEZ Authority and thereafter the same shall be allotted to M/s. Dyna Glycols Pvt. Ltd.
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Estimate for the work of “Smart Street Lighting arrangement in Existing Street light Pole in Sector – 1, 2 & 3, KASEZ, Gandhidham”:

The Authority noted that the 37th meeting of KASEZ Authority held on 22/01/2019 the poor lighting arrangements in the Zone was discussed and it was decided to go for the software based LED street lights and NBCC was asked to explore the possibility of the same.

NBCC vide their letter No.NBCC/KASEZ/AGM/2018-19/489 dated 16/03/2019 submitted estimate for Rs.6.03 crores for the work of “Smart Street Lighting arrangement in Existing Street light Pole in Sector – 1, 2 & 3, KASEZ”. It is noted from the proposal that they will use the existing poles on modification as per requirement at site for lighting arrangements and provide new pole wherever required. The Authority felt that the estimate provided by NBCC is on higher side and requested Addl. General Manager, NBCC who was present in the meeting to reconsider their proposal and make a fresh proposal with the latest technology in the field.

38.2.18 Request of M/s. DRC & Co., Chartered Accountants to increase the contract price:

M/s. DRC & Co., Chartered Accountants was appointed for doing the accounting work of Kandla SEZ Authority vide contract dated 8/1/2018@ Rs.70,000/- per month with a condition that they will deploy six personnel. The contract is for an initial period of 5 years, extendable at the discretion of Kandla SEZ Authority. One of the conditions of the tender was that increase in the monthly fees shall be decided by the Authority while considering extension. The C.A. firm has commenced the accounting work of the Authority w.e.f. 1/2/2018.

The C.A. firm vide their letter dated 10/01/2019 stated that the remuneration of Rs.70,000/- for their services is less compared to the amount they pay to their staff deployed on time to time with increment. They have, therefore, requested that their monthly fees may be increased by 20-25%.

Sr. Accounts Officer informed that as per the tender, the rate cannot be revised before expiry of the contract. Rate can be revised only if we continue their services after the initial contract period. After deliberations it was decided not to accede to the request of the CA firm. If they
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are not in a position to do the accounting work of the Authority at this rate the Authority may go for fresh tendering process.

38.2.19 **Empanelment of various Doctors:**

Kandla SEZ is situated away from the city of Gandhidham and lacks facility of specialized Doctors. KASEZ has engaged an MBBS Doctor in the Dispensary who is a general practitioner. However, for any emergency, the employees of KASEZ have to rush to Gandhidham or Ahmedabad for urgent medical treatment. KASEZ Authority has already written to the State Health Department to provide services of a Doctor and a qualified Nurse. However, so far, no reply has been received.

It is learnt that Deendayal Port Trust is in the process of empaneling specialist Doctors for the benefit of their employees. The Authority felt that we may also empanel specialized Doctors following the same process of empanelment as done by the Deendayal Port Trust for engagement of the said Doctors.

The Authority noted that the proposal is for empanelment of specialist Doctors on the similar pattern adopted by Deendayal Port Trust and approved the proposal. However, also decided to continue with the present arrangement for minor ailments.

38.2.20 **Development of plot in KASEZ Colony:**

Joint Development Commissioner explained that near the KASEZ Fitness Centre, on the other side of the road, there is an empty plot with weeds and shrubs growing on the same. This plot can be developed as a Park, Garden, etc. The Authority, after deliberation, requested Addl. General Manager, NBCC to submit a plan for development of the plot.

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