

**PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF AURANGABAD CANTONMENT BOARD HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 AT 1130 HOURS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD AURANGABAD.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| 1. Brig. Virender Singh | - | President        |
| 2. Smt. Akanksha Tiwari | - | Member Secretary |
| 3. Shri. Prashant Targe | - | Nominated Member |

**1. APPROVAL OF DRAFT BUILDING BYE LAWS OF AURANGABAD CANTONMENT BOARD**

Reference Principal Directorate, Southern Command, Pune letter No. 962/XIV/DE dated March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

The Principal Directorate, Southern Command, Pune vide letter referred above had forwarded draft Building byelaws of Cantonment and directed to engage an expert agency to determine various / variable parameters, specific to each Cantonment, based on the TERI report including the FSI algorithm and prepare a final draft byelaw duly approved by the Board.

Accordingly, for engaging an expert agency this office has approached Govt. College of Engineering, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and Er. Abdul Waheed Qaudri, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar vide this office letter No. 137/CB/B.B./2024-25/ dated Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 having experience of carrying out similar nature of work for Cantonment Board Aurangabad and who has also worked at Cantonment Board Aurangabad for OBPAS Module.

In response, Er. Abdul Waheed Qaudri vide letter dated March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 has submitted willingness to carry out the subject work at professional charges of Rs. 85,000/- inclusive of GST. No response was received from the Govt. College of Engineering, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar. Hence, considering past work experience of Er. Abdul Waheed Qaudri in similar kind of work in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar Municipal Corporation and Cantonment Board Aurangabad he was engaged by this office vide letter No. 137/CB/B.B./2024-25/03 dated March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 for preparation of draft Building byelaws of Aurangabad Cantonment Board.

The engaged agency has prepared and submitted the draft Building byelaws 2024-25 of Aurangabad Cantonment Board as desired by the higher authorities.

All the relevant documents and draft Building byelaws in respect of Aurangabad Cantonment Board are placed on table.

Board to consider and approve the same for onward submission to the Principal Directorate, Southern Command, Pune for further necessary action.

**RESOLUTION:**

1. Considered. Board unanimously approved the draft Building byelaws of Aurangabad Cantonment Board for onward submission to the higher authorities for necessary approval by the Ministry of Defence. Board also authorized CEO, M.S. to make any amendments, modulations as suggested / guided by the higher authorities.

## **2. PROGRESS REPORT OF COLLECTION OF VEHICLE ENTRY TAX (VET).**

To note the progress report in respect of collection of Vehicle Entry Tax (VET) within the limits of Aurangabad Cantonment with respect to Principal Directorate, Southern Command, Pune letter No. 2163/XVI/C/DE dated December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and Directorate General, Defence Estates, Delhi letter No. 605/1/Performance Audit/C/DE/2024 dated December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Relevant documents are placed on table. Board to discuss further actions please.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**2.** Following chronological summary contains brief of the progress made in the recovery of amount remitted to M/s Savera Promotors by the Board in FY 2022-23:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1.</b>	The PDDE Dte, SC, Pune vide letter no 2163/XVI/C/DE directed Board to initiate action for recovering proportionate amount of excess remission from contractor	17/12/2024
<b>2.</b>	The Board in its General Board meeting held resolved to further take legal opinion from ASG CBR No.25	20/12/2024
<b>3.</b>	Letter was sent to ASG for his legal opinion the same day	20/12/2024
<b>4.</b>	Reply received from ASG regarding proceeding ahead as its Ministry's order	09/01/2025
<b>5.</b>	Internal committee consisting of Board staff formed by CEO for the same purpose of deciding the amount to be recovered	13/01/2025
<b>6.</b>	Internal committee submitted its report to CEO	18/01/2025
<b>7.</b>	Three member Committee formed by Board through CBR for deciding the amount to be recovered	21/01/2025
<b>8.</b>	Three member committee consisting of CEO, legal advisor and tax consultant formed vide letter no. 02/CBA/TEST AUDIT-RECOVERY/2023-24	03/02/2025
<b>9.</b>	Three member Committee formed by board submitted its report	06/03/2025
<b>10.</b>	Letter sent to CA for professional endorsement of amount to be recovered	06/03/2025
<b>11.</b>	Reply received from CA regarding the same received	10/03/2025
<b>12.</b>	The above progress is being kept in Special Board meeting for further action and deliberations	28/03/2025

After detailed discussion Board resolved to obtain legal opinion from Shri. Ajay Talhar, Deputy Solicitor General of India for the Aurangabad Bench of the High Court of Bombay on the progress report as mentioned above in respect of collection of Vehicle Entry Tax (VET) within the limits of Aurangabad Cantonment with respect to above referred letters of competent authorities for taking further course of legal action in the matter.

### **3. NOTIFICATION TO RENAME AURANGABAD CANTONMENT AS CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR CANTONMENT.**

Reference: - 1. Gazette notification published by the Government of Maharashtra dated. 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 RNI No. MAHBIL/2009/37831.

2. PDDE, SC, Pune letter No. 8023/Cantt/GEN/VII/DE (FMS No. 54441) Dt. 17/03/2025.

This office has informed the general public about the said notification to Rename Aurangabad Cantonment as Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar Cantonment by way of public notice vide this office letter no. 2916 Dt. 18/02/2025 in the local newspapers namely Dainik Divya Marathi & Lokmat Times for calling objections if any regarding the change of name from Aurangabad Cantonment as Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar.

In this respect few objections were received to this office and legal opinion was sought from the legal advisor of Aurangabad Cantonment Board on dated 15/03/2025, copy of the same is placed on table.

Board to note the above referred letter received from PDDE, SC Pune is placed on table.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**3.** In accordance with the Board's directive, CBR No. 1 dated 14.02.2025, a proposal to rename the Aurangabad Cantonment Board as Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (CSN) Cantonment Board was initiated. A public notice regarding this renaming was published in local newspapers, inviting objections from the public.

In response, a total of 54 objections were received, which were duly assessed and forwarded to the legal advisor for review. Adv. Sachin Solunke, upon examination, concluded that the objections were neither legally sustainable nor valid, as none identified any legal flaws or deficiencies in the renaming process. Consequently, as the objections lacked legal merit, the Board resolves to dispose of them accordingly.

It is noteworthy that the neighbouring municipal corporation officially renamed the city of Aurangabad to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (CSN) in 2023, through the Government of Maharashtra Notification dated 15/11/2023. The renaming of the entire city, taluka, and district from Aurangabad to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar was subsequently challenged in the Principal Bench of the Bombay High Court. The High Court dismissed the writ petition, and the matter was later taken to the Hon'ble Supreme Court, where no stay was imposed on the Government of Maharashtra's renaming notification.

Additionally, the Station Headquarters has issued a directive to the Cantonment Board, stipulating that all official military correspondence, records, and documents referring to Aurangabad should be updated to reflect "Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar" henceforth.

As the Cantonment Board is an integral part of the Ministry of Defence and a key administrative unit within the district, it is essential that it aligns with the regional name change to ensure consistency in administrative processes such as land record management, surveys and cartography.

Taking all of the above into consideration, the Board hereby endorses the renaming of the Aurangabad Cantonment Board to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (CSN) Cantonment Board. **The Board resolves to forward the proposal to the competent authority for publication in the Gazette through the Ministry of Defence.**

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Chief Executive Officer,  
Cantonment Board Aurangabad.  
Date: 28/03/2025

Sd/xx-  
(Brig. Virender Singh)  
President,  
Cantonment Board Aurangabad.  
Date: 28/03/2025