

4.4.12 Avoidable expenditure

~~Avoidable expenditure and consequential notional loss of Rs 94.16 lakh due to higher billing of water supplied for domestic purpose in the absence of separate water meter.~~

~~The JJ Hospital is a teaching hospital under the Medical Education and Drugs Department. The hospital complex comprises of Grant Medical College, Nurses Training College, hospital proper with office premises/wards/laboratories and attached quarters/hostels.~~

~~Scrutiny of records of the JJ Hospital (July 2004) revealed that the water supply to the entire complex is made by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) through a single meter and charges were levied at the higher rate applicable to hospitals from time to time. Major portion of the water supplied to the hospital complex is used for domestic purpose by the inmates of quarters/hostels as well for educational purpose for which water charges are lower than the hospital rates.~~

~~In the absence of any data regarding consumption of water by the Grant Medical College/Nurses Training College, the water consumed for educational purpose could not be quantified. On the basis of number of persons occupying the quarters/hostel and considering consumption of 90 litres of water per day per person as per the norms of BMC, the average consumption of water per month for domestic purpose works out to 13405538 litres (approximately). Considering the differential rates of water charges leviable for hospitals and domestic purpose, avoidable expenditure on this account for the period from April 1996 to December 2003 and consequential loss to Government works out to Rs 94.16 lakh.~~

~~The matter was referred to the Principal Secretary to the Government in August 2004. Reply has not been received (December 2004).~~

WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT

MAHARASHTRA JEEVAN PRADHIKARAN

4.4.13 Unfruitful expenditure

Insufficient planning, poor implementation of Government policies and failure in improving Information Technology awareness resulted in non-utilisation of computer hardware and software costing Rs 1.22 crore.

The Computerisation in Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran (MJP) funded under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM) was taken up in March 1999. MJP purchased (May 1999) 106 copies of AUTOCAD MAP software (a proprietary software of M/s Autodesk Inc, Bangalore) costing Rs 1.08 crore from M/s Zenith Computers Limited for computerisation of

project designs/drawings. Hardware such as plotters, digitizers, servers, PCs, printers and networking equipments costing Rs 4.96 crore were also purchased from M/s Zenith Computers Limited (March 1999).

Audit observed (May 2004) that 33 copies of the AUTOCAD MAP software costing Rs 33.66 lakh, 15 plotters costing Rs 42.45 lakh, 19 digitizers costing Rs 5.29 lakh and 19 Servers costing Rs 40.28 lakh were lying unutilised. This was due to fact that the authorisation code of the AUTOCAD MAP software was made available to the MJP units only for an initial period of 30 days. The permanent authorisation code was not obtained by the MJP, as a result of which the software could not function and consequently the plotters and digitizers could not be utilised.

Thus, poor and uncoordinated planning, failure in improving the awareness, understanding and resolving issues related to IT resulted in non-utilisation (for more than five years) of computer hardware and software costing Rs 1.22 crore.

The matter was referred to the Secretary to Government in August 2004. Reply has not been received (December 2004).

4.5 Idle investment/idle establishment/blockage of funds

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

MAHARASHTRA HOUSING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

4.5.1 Irregular allotment of tenements

Allotment of tenements to co-operative housing societies without ensuring their capacity to pay the cost of tenements resulted in blocking up of funds of Rs 14.85 crore and loss of revenue of Rs 3.09 crore due to grant of subsidy to them.

Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA) constructed 1760 tenements at Pratiksha Nagar, Sion under the Slum Rehabilitation Scheme (SRS). The SRS provided for allotment of tenements to the slum dwellers free of cost whose land was acquired under the SRS and sale component offered to general public by advertising.

Scrutiny of the records (May 2003) of MHADA revealed that three* proposed societies of members of backward class community were allotted the tenements out of free sale component under SRS as under:

* Bipin Smruti Co-operative Housing Society (BSCHS), Baba Ramdeoiji Co-operative Housing Society (BRCHS) and Kumkum Co-operative Housing Society (KCHS).