



Program Support Unit
Sindh Devolved Social Services Program
Finance Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi



Minutes of Meeting of the Sub-Group of the Working Group-I
on Devolution of SEPA to District Government Level

(List of Participant Attached)

Following the decision of the Working Group meeting dated 10 April 2007; a meeting of the sub-group was convened by the Secretary Environment & Alternate Energy Department (E&AED) at his office on 21-05-2007.

2. The PD-SDSSP presented the working paper with the permission of the Chair. Given agenda was discussed in the backdrop of initiative taken by the E&AED for devolution of Sindh Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) as envisaged by SLGO 2001 and PEPA 1997. Chair informed the sub-group that the devolution of SEPA has been agreed in principal as per summary moved by Environment & Alternate Energy Department. The sub-group formed under Working Group-I on the request of Secretary E&AED for devolution of SEPA was to prepare detailed proposal taking in view the following issues:

- a) Feasibility for creation of the offices of EDO and /or DO at districts
- b) Creation of Cadre of Environment Engineers and Scientist and their job description at provincial and district levels
- c) Organogram of the Cadre for Functional hierarchy & linkages including: -
 - i. The extent to which functions be devolved to the districts
 - ii. The nature of functional linkages between district and the provincial offices
 - iii. Budget and SNE for new offices

3. On the out set of the meeting, procedural framework for role assignment to the working of the sub-group was agreed and it was decided that:

- The focal point for devolution at government level would be the Local Government Department to whom the final proposal would be furnished.
- Since the devolution of this subject is to be formulated under Ministry of Environment (Government of Sindh) NRB and LGD therefore consultation with NRB and Ministry of Environment would be important.
- Administrative league would be with the Secretary Environment & Alternate Energy Department.
- PSU-SDSSP would extend cooperation for the technical input i.e. hiring of Consultants / Specialists and subsequent publications, reporting, visits etc.
- Budgeting task was assigned to Finance Department

- To have the districts on board, being the major stakeholder in this initiative, it was agreed that two DCOs would be co-opted as members of sub-group. The Secretary E&AED would suggest names of DCOs.
- Sub-group so constituted would be formally notified by the E&AED

4. In this maiden meeting the sub-group discussed the issues mentioned in para-2 above and agreed on following:

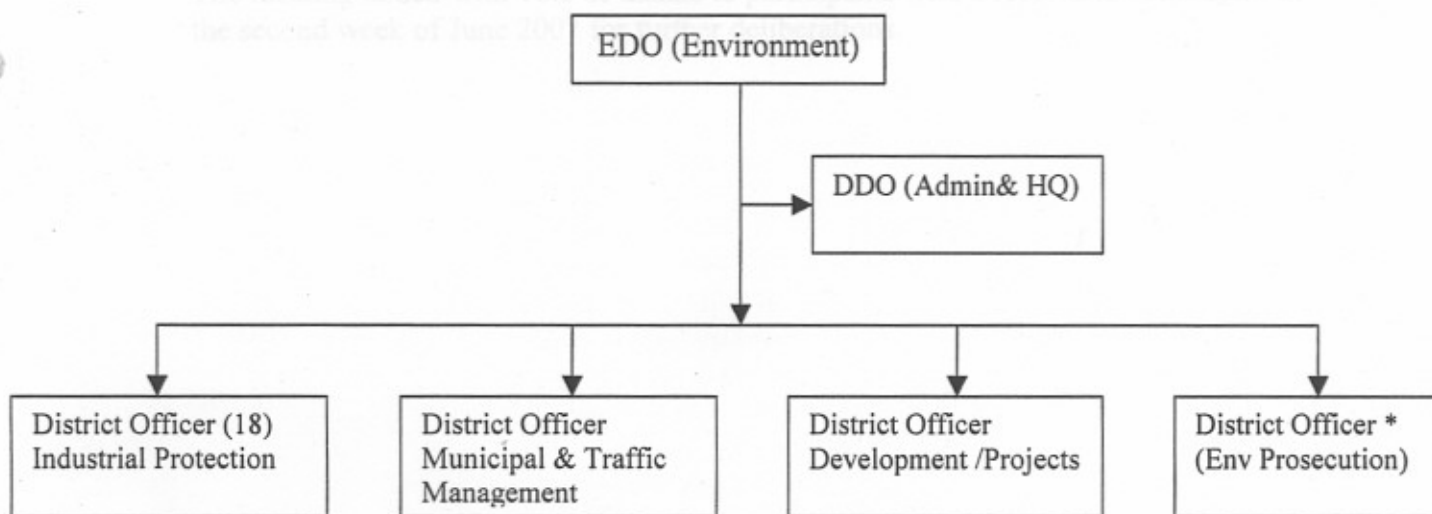
a) On the creation of the EDO and /or DO offices in districts the sub-group agreed that law envisages the office of EDO for environment related functions in city district government only while the creation of such EDO offices in other districts would require amendment in law therefore, it would be appropriate to suggest that the office of EDO be created in the CDG Karachi while the offices of District Officers be created in remaining districts for performing the environment related functions. However, it was left to be decided latter, with the consent of the E&AE and LG departments that which Group of offices the DO (Env) would be part of.

b) Areas of functional demarcation were identified as under:

- Industrial pollution and industrial waste management
- Water supply/sewerage and solid waste management
- Environment Impact Assessment of development projects
- Traffic management and noise pollution
- Prosecution of offences under Environmental Laws

c) The group also discussed tentative organogram for both offices of EDO (CDGK) and DOs at other districts as below. It was also agreed that E&AED will submit proposal for before the sub-group for final organogram with all ranks and staff required for these offices:

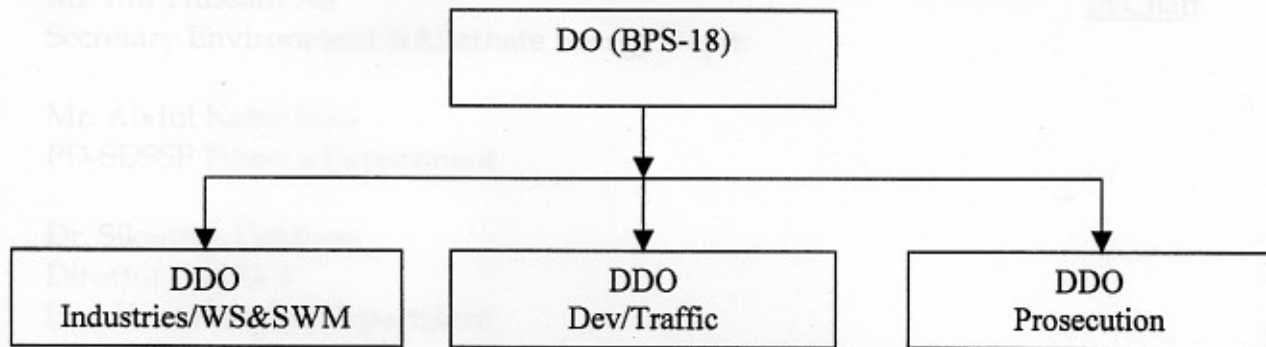
Proposed Organogram of EDO (Env) CDGK



*Position of DO (Env Prosecution) would be created in the Law Department of the CDGK

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Organogram of District government



The issues left for future deliberations were:-

1. Organizing a workshop with district governments at Karachi on the issue of Devolution of SEPA. The participants would be the Nazims of districts and TMAs, DCOs, civil society, Specialists and officers of Environment & Alternate Energy and Local Government Departments and Program Support Unit-SDSSP
2. Hiring of Consultant/'Specialist for technical input. (Out line of Terms of Reference to be furnished by Environment & Alternate Energy Department).
3. It was also suggested that devolution of Environment Protect Agencies in other provinces should also be studies so that a base for framework may be evolved.
4. It was also decided that a clear demarcation, of powers/functions to be retained and devolved, needs to be worked out in next meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to participants with a resolve to meet again in the second week of June 2007 for further deliberations.

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Minutes of Meeting of the Sub-Group of the Working Group on the Devolution of SEPA to District Government Level

Kindly refer to this office letter of even No. 10 Dated 16-05-2007 on the subject noted above.

Minutes of meeting of the Sub-Group of the Working Group-I on the Devolution of SEPA to District Government Level held on 21st May 2007 at 11:00 am in Office at EPA Complex Plot No. ST-31 Sector 30/1 Industrial Area, Karachi are enclosed for your information and necessary action.

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