

**MINUTES OF 160th MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
CHANDIGARH HELD ON 21.12.2010 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF
THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CHANDIGARH.**

The following were present:-

1.	Smt. Anu Chatrath	Mayor
2.	Sh. Lalit Siwach,HCS	Acting Commissioner
3.	Smt. Sheela Devi	Dy. Mayor
4.	Sh. M.P.S.Chawla	Councillor
5.	Brig. K.S. Chandpuri (Retd)	Councillor
6.	Dr. Amrit Bolaria	Councillor
7.	Dr. A.P. Sanwaria	Councillor
8.	Sh. Resham Chand Jakhu	Councillor
9.	Ar. P.K. Mukherjee	Councillor
10.	Sh. Pardeep Chhabra	Councillor
11.	Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan	Councillor
12.	Smt. Kamlesh	Councillor
13.	Sh. Surinder Kumar Jagota	Councillor
14.	Sh. Devinder Singh Babla	Councillor
15.	Sh. Manjit Singh	Councillor
16.	Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang	Councillor
17.	Sh. Kuldeep Singh	Councillor
18.	Smt. Rita Sharma	Councillor
19.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
20.	Smt. Anju Beniwala	Councillor
21.	Sh. Jatinder Bhatia	Councillor
22.	Sh. Vijay Singh Rana	Councillor
23.	Sh. Ram Lal	Councillor
24.	Smt. Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
25.	Smt. Sarita Devi	Councillor
26.	Smt. Raj Kumari	Councillor
27.	Sh. Ram Sumer Morya	Councillor

28.	Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kalaa	Councillor
29.	Sh. Kamlesh Kumar, HCS	Acting Secretary

The following Officers also attended the meeting: -

1.	Sh. S.S. Bida	Chief Engineer
2.	Sh. R.K.Goyal	Superintending Engineer (P.H.)
3.	Sh. Mukesh Anand	Superintending Engineer (B&R)
4.	Dr. G.Diwan	Municipal Health Officer
5.	Sh. Desh Raj	Chief Accounts Officer
6.	Sh. Kamal Joshi	XEN (Elec. Divn.)
7.	Sh. Vishal Gupta	XEN Roads Divn. No.1
8.	Sh. Jai Pal Singh	XEN Roads Divn. No.2
9.	Sh. Sanjay Arora	XEN Roads Divn. No.3
10.	Sh. R.S. Bedi	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.1)
11.	Sh. R.S.Ahluwalia	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.2)
12.	Sh. Anil Bansal	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.3)
13.	Sh. V.K. Garg	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.4)
14.	Sh. Arun Kansal	XEN. Horticulture

At the outset, the Secretary welcomed the Mayor, Councillors, Officers and the Media persons present in the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1

Subject: Confirmation of minutes.

Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang said that in the last meeting an agenda regarding security guards for parks was passed by the House which was totally baseless as the office is already facing shortage of Malis for proper maintenance of the parks. Therefore, Malis should be appointed first.

The Mayor said that a committee has already been constituted to finalize the schedule of posts required in the Corporation. The Committee has considered the requirement of the Malis for maintenance of the gardens and recommended sufficient posts of

Malis. Once the schedule of posts is approved, regular Malis will be recruited. However, many playing equipments, fountains, railings etc. are being installed in the parks and gardens and for security of these items, security guards are also required. These security guards are need to be posted in sixty green belts and parks which are well developed. Recently, the youngsters caused a lot of loss to the Corporation by damaging the playing equipments and water features in the parks. Therefore, security guards are required to be deployed in these parks.

Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang pointed out that as per agenda, Rs. 6000/- are to be paid to a security guard whereas a Mali recruited on DC rate can perform the duty of Mali as well as Chowkidar. He further pointed out that the contractor never pay Rs. 6000/- to any person instead pay only Rs.3500/-.

The Mayor said that in case the Corporation engages these security guards at its own level then after some time it will be a liability on the Corporation and they will demand for regularization of services. Therefore, these security guards are to be engaged through service provider, the House is to decide as to how the security guards are to be recruited.

Dr. A.P.Sanwaria pointed out that this agenda was placed before the House as Table Agenda No. 5 which involves huge expenditure of about Rs.16 crore annually. He asked the urgency of the agenda to be placed as Table Agenda. He said that the amount to be paid to the security guards as Rs. 6000/- is at higher side in comparison to Rs.3500/- presently being paid to other workers engaged through outsourcing.

The Secretary said that in the past it has been observed that the persons engaged by the Corporation on contract basis approached the court for regularization of services and until the matter is decided it is difficult to terminate their services. Therefore, the Govt. of India has changed the policy to prefer to engage persons through outsourcing and the

same policy is being adopted by the Corporation. The Contractor claims the administrative charges from the persons and now even the Contractors are bidding on zero percent charges. Now the similar system is being adopted in other departments like CITCO, Housing Board etc. It is easy to supervise in this case and it is also easy to deal with one person than 3000 persons. The employees get about Rs.4200/- after deduction of EPF and ESI. He further said that payment is made to the employees by cheque and their share of EPF & ESI is also sent through cheque direct to the concerned department.

Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala objected that this system has been evolved to benefit the contractor as he fleeces money from the employees and they only get between Rs.2800-3000/-. He further said that the cheques in the name of the employees are sent to the contractor who gets their signatures and pays them cash.

The Secretary said that no such complaint has been received from the employees and if it is so it would be checked up.

The Mayor said that it is the duty of the Councillors to check that the poor people should get their salaries as per their right. **She assured that she will constitute a 5 members Committee from all parties to look into this matter and the Committee will submit its report to the House for information.**

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that Finance & Contract Committee has been constituted to take appropriate decision on all the financial matters. Before approving the estimates in this House all the necessary requirements for the project should be in place and priority needs to be fixed. The theme and thrust of a project is lost after lapse of some time as action on the approved estimates is normally taken after a long gap. She said that a statement from the executive has been issued in the newspaper, which reflects that the officers are not aware about the background on the basis of which the project of Night Food Street was prepared. Neither serious input by the House has been given in this matter by

detailed debate. She said that system of the Corporation is going to collapse as the members of the House also did not give their serious input. She said that the system needs to be strengthened and each penny spent by Corporation should be accounted for, so that public money could be utilized properly.

Sh. Manjit Singh Chauhan said that we boast of being residents of the city beautiful as number of parks and green belts are here. The main contribution to make the city beautiful is of Horticulture Wing and he himself is the Chairman of the City Beautification Committee. But when the Corporation organized a function in Sector 33, there was no mention of Chairman and XEN Horticulture was not honoured. He further said that parks and green belts are being misused by the bad elements and youngsters and to check this problem Security Guard are must, however he also desired that Malis should also be engaged for maintenance of these parks. He was of the view that the members should check the documents relating to the payments being made to the outsourced employees, only then statement regarding under payment of salary should be made in this House.

Sh. Davinder Singh Babla said that Corporation is spending lacs of rupees in parks to install water feature/fountains but the miscreants and drug addicts steal the parts of these fountains as a result these fountains stop functioning after 2-3 months. Therefore, to stop the theft of parts of fountains, Security Guards need to be deployed in these parks. However, the Committee should examine the issue of payment to the contractors and to the employees and a system be evolved so that the contractors as well as employees should get their payments properly. He further pointed out that where the recovery of rent is concerned, the Corporation gets tardy. The House had passed a resolution 3-4 months ago to recover the rent from the liquor vends within 48 hours, but the House is not aware of the result.

The Commissioner said that the rent for the year 2010 has been recovered completely, however, out of 20 liquor vends situated on V-3 roads, 6 vendors have deposited the rent.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia said that in the earlier meeting of the House, it was informed that there are 60 liquor vends and it should be checked out that all the vendors are depositing the rent either to the Corporation or the Administration and the rent of all the liquor vends situated on V-3 roads should also be deposited with the Corporation since V-3 roads have been transferred to the Corporation. **He said that this was resolved by the House, but this has not been mentioned in the minutes of the House.**

The Mayor said that at Page No. 4 it has been mentioned that the Inquiry report should be placed before the House in the next meeting alongwith detailed information on Verka/Vita Milk Booths but no Inquiry report has been placed before the House. **She asked the Commissioner to get the inquiry conducted and place the report before the House and fix the responsibility of concerned officials for delay in recovery in the rent.**

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia said that when this matter was published in the newspapers, some liquor venders came with Demand Drafts to deposit the rent but the officials of the Estate Branch informed the person that his name was not in the list then why he was depositing the rent. He asked to look into this issue also. He said that list of all the liquor vends was supposed to be placed before the House in this meeting but it is not there.

The Mayor was of the view that only the V-3 Roads and their road berms were with the Chandigarh Administration, whereas the liquor vends are situated behind the road berms which is the property of the Corporation, therefore, the rent of those liquor vends should also be deposited with the Corporation. **She further said that the Corporation should get a survey of all the liquor vends conducted in consultation with Excise and Taxation Department, U.T. Chandigarh and the detailed report should be brought before the House in its next meeting.**

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia said that the House had resolved not to allow the Municipal land for opening liquor vends and in the minutes of the last meeting at page No. 4,

it has been mentioned that the concerned officer should convey the decision of the House to the Chandigarh Administration. He asked whether the decision of the House has been conveyed to the Chandigarh Administration.

The Mayor said that in case the Chandigarh Administration has not been apprised about the decision of the House then the letter in this regard should be written immediately and House should be apprised accordingly in the next meeting.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said that crore of rupees of water charges are pending against the defaulters and asked as to what action the Engineering Wing has taken to recover the pending water charges/bills.

The Chief Engineer assured that he will submit the detailed report in the next meeting of the House to be held on 27.12.2010.

Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang was of the view that security guards should be ex-servicemen and it should be assured as to who will be responsible of theft in parks even after deploying the security guards. He further said that detail of safaikaramcharies deputed in a sector should be sent to the concerned area Councillors.

The Mayor said that a list of safaikaramcharies has already been supplied to all the Councillors. **However, she directed the MOH to supply a copy of the list to Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang.**

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said, it has come to know that safaikaramcharies are working at the residence of officers as a result the sanitation of city is suffering. He asked the number of such safaikaramcharies.

The Mayor asked the officers to ensure that the safaikaramcharies whether regular or outsourcing should be deployed only for the job for which they have been employed.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said that the security guards to be deployed in the parks should be ex-servicemen and tender should be invited for this purpose with the condition that in case of theft, the loss will be recovered from the contractor.

The Mayor was of the view that the parks, where big fountains have been installed should be guarded by the security guards round the clock and in case of theft, contractor should be held responsible.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that Shivalik Garden at Manimajra is biggest park of the city where security guards were deployed to look after the park. But after one year, after the security guards were removed, the local residents complained that after removal of security guards lights were not functional, ducks & some parts of the fountains have been stolen. Therefore, this agenda was proposed. The F&CC had considered this issue and decided that only those security agencies be authorized to bid the tender who have been issued licence in this regard by the Deputy Commissioner, U.T. Chandigarh. Moreover, there is shortage of Malies as some of them have been deputed as security guards and some are performing the duties of driver. He narrated an incident of Nehru Park where a regular Mali, who was performing the duty of Chowkidar, was attacked with sword by some miscreants. The youngsters play football & cricket in that park and one day a light, which cost approximately Rs. 3000/-, was broken by them. The purpose to deploy security guards was also that the Malies can perform their actual duty in the parks. Moreover, the Committee has dwelt upon the schedule of posts which has been placed before the House for approval. In this schedule sufficient number of posts of Malies, Chowkidars, Drivers etc. have been proposed which will be recruited very shortly. He was of the view that if the members want to discuss on this issue, it can be discussed in next meeting otherwise the decision of the House should not be discussed again.

Brig. K.S. Chandpuri pointed out that at page No.14 of the minutes, in the fourth line of the para attributed to the Mayor, **the word “conveyed” is derogatory and it should be replaced with “passed”**. He further said that he along with other members of the Committee has prepared the proposed amendments in the Bye-Laws of Community Centres, which have already been submitted to the Mayor on 15th December, 2010 and it should be placed before the House in its next meeting, so that House could take appropriate decision.

Sh. Ram Lal said that there are 12 stand posts in village Faidan, but there is no arrangement of disposal of water as a result it stagnate on the road and damage it. He further said that earlier the GI pipe was stolen as it was not laid underground.

Sh. P.K. Mukherjee said that in the last meeting Supplementary Agenda Item No.2 regarding development of Theme Park at village Dadumajra Colony worth Rs.56.92 lac has been approved, whereas the similar project was approved earlier also and it was got inaugurated from Minister of Punjab Govt. Smt. Geeta Bhukkal. In that project, a tank with a capacity of 50 lac litre water was proposed to be constructed. He further pointed out that while discussing agenda regarding construction of Community Centres, Mauli Complex, Mauli Jagran, in the last meeting, he had pointed out that out of several works only one was schedule item and sought written clarification on this issue. There is a piece of land of 17 acre, which is to be developed by planting trees for which a tank with a capacity of 50 lac litre water is being constructed without any justification.

The Chief Engineer explained that the work on that project is under process and water pipes have been laid down and tank is yet to be constructed, therefore the present project is different from the earlier passed by the House.

Smt. Kamlesh pointed out that at page No.13 of the minutes, at the end of the para attributed to her, the second last line be replaced with **“if the performance of the contractors is so good that work can be revalidated without inviting tender then all the**

works of Road and Public Health be also given to the contractor without inviting tender”.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia desired that a copy of allotment letter of every work be sent to the Councillors for information and after that extension in the time limit should also be informed to the Councillors.

Sh. M.P.S. Chawla pointed out that in the second line of second para of Page No.23, the word “some file work” be substituted with “some field work”.

The House confirmed the minutes of the 159th meeting of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh held on 26.11.2010 at 11.00 a.m. with the following amendments:-

1. The following resolution be added at page No.4 of the minutes after the para attributed to Sh. Jatinder Bhatia:-

“The office should ensure that all the liquor vendors are depositing the rent either to the Corporation or the Administration and the rent of the liquor vends situated on V-3 roads should also be deposited with the Corporation since V-3 roads have been transferred to the Corporation.”

2. *“At page No.14 of the minutes, in the fourth line of the para attributed to the Mayor, the word “conveyed” be replaced with “passed”.*

3. *At page No.13 at the end of the para attributed to Smt. Kamlesh, the second last line be read as:-*

“If the performance of the contractors is so good that work can be revalidated without inviting tender then all the works of Road and Public Health be also given to the contractor without inviting tender.”

4. *“At Page No.23, in the second line of second para, the word “some file work” be substituted with “some field work.”*

The House adjourned for tea at 12.55 p.m. and reassembled at 1.25 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 2

Question/Answer

Question No.1 By Smt. Harjinder Kaur

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that the reply received from Engineering Wing is well worded but far from factual position. She said that the Corporation is installing

fountains at a cost of Rs.66 lac which includes its maintenance cost. The roads are carpeted but soon they get pot holes. At the time of re-carpeting of roads strengthening is very important aspect, which is included in every estimate passed by the House. If quality of road carpeting is properly checked and maintained then our roads will get a long life, but it is not there. Most of roads get damaged within 2-3 years whereas the roads are generally re-carpeted after 5 years as a result public is suffering. She further said that the officers of Engineering Wing do not know where the pipes are laid down as a result they keep on digging the ground on hit and trial basis whenever a complaint of leakage of water or sewerage pipe is received. She requested that mapping of pipes laid down under the ground should be got done as roads are being widened. She suggested that sector-wise map of underground water and sewerage pipes be prepared and displayed at different locations.

The Mayor said that this issue was also discussed earlier and it was decided in the F & CC and mapping should be get done as the officers work in the Corporation on deputation basis and new incumbent does not know the factual position of the pipes laid down under the ground. She further said that there is a provision of fund in the budget for GPS Mapping System.

The Chief Engineer apprised that the cost of mapping through private agencies is three times more than rehabilitating the existing pipes. He further said that the office has the record of recently laid down pipes and office will take action on mapping of old underground pipes.

“The House resolved that the Engineering Wing should take immediate action on mapping of Water and Sewerage Pipes laid under-ground as there is already a provision of funds in the budget for GPS Mapping System.”

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that area-wise Nodal Officers be designated, who will check the quality of road carpeting and they will also be responsible for poor quality of roads.

She also suggested that by-laws are required to be framed for proper quality of roads and to stop releasing water on road by the residents. Similarly in Horticulture Wing, the multi play equipments are being installed in the parks but they get damaged after some time. Similarly High Mast Lights installed by the Electrical Wing also stop functioning after a short time. Therefore, system has to be improved to check the wastage of public money.

The S.E. (B&R) said that the quality of road carpeting is being maintained as per DNIT. The field tests are conducted regularly during execution and the lab tests are got conducted through TTTI or Punjab Engineering College and the payment to the Contractor is released only after satisfactory report of the tests. As per Code patch work can be done after two years, but due to stagnation of water on roads the bitumen gets oxidized. He further said that 25mm thick SDBC is being laid in V-5 & V-6 roads. Even some of the roads were re-carpeted after 8 years.

The Mayor asked Smt. Harjinder Kaur to render suggestions to improve the quality control and to check thefts of Street Lights and other equipments in the parks as this is the duty of police.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra suggested that the Corporation should set up its own Laboratory to check the quality of material as the budget of the Corporation has increased substantially and many projects of road carpeting, laying paver blocks and widening work is under execution.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur asked whether any contractor has been debarred for poor quality of material and what action the officers have taken against the contractor in case the play equipments were broken after some time of installation due to the substandard quality. She said that there is no provision of accountability and suggested that there should be responsibility of the contractor to maintain the road for at least two years.

“All Members unanimously resolved that the Corporation should set up its own laboratory to check & ensure the quality .”

Question No.2 : By Smt. Kamlesh

The Mayor said that Smt. Kamlesh has to leave the House with permission, therefore, the question will be discussed in the next meeting, however, she desired that the reply to her question be given in detail as it is not complete.

Question No.3 : By Smt. Harjinder Kaur

The Mayor said that the question will be discussed in the next meeting.

Agenda Item No.3

Action taken report on the resolutions passed by the General House of the Corporation.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia said that there are many shortcomings in the present Action Taken Report as date of administrative approval, allotment of work and time limit for completion of work and other related information has not been mentioned in some cases. He suggested that detailed information on aforementioned points be supplied to all the Councillors.

The Mayor asked the Chief Engineer to prepare the information in detail and send to all the Councillors within one month.

Sh. Ram Sumer Morya pointed out that at page No.35, at serial no.18, it has been mentioned that the work has been allotted in September, 2010 and asked how much penalty has been imposed on the contractor. He desired that the contractor be black-listed.

The S.E.(B&R) replied that penalty has been imposed on the contractor as per Clause of Agreement, however, due to shortage of material work could not started. He said that due to closure of quarries no material is available in the market and if we black list the contractors nobody will come forward to take the projects of the Corporation. The contractor

has been given another chance to complete the work otherwise it will take much time to re-tender the project and the estimate will also increase considerably.

The Mayor said that construction of private building is going on then why there is shortage of material for Government works.

The S.E.(B&R) said that only one quarry at Pathankot is supplying material at higher rates, which is three time more than the rates quoted by the contractors. Even all the projects in Haryana have been stalled.

Sh. Manjit Singh said that they had met to the Adviser to the Administrator in this regard and the Adviser had directed the S.E.(B&R) telephonically to bring this issue in the House and take appropriate decision regarding increased rates of material. He asked what action has been taken in this regard.

The Chief Engineer said that the contractors are being penalized for non-execution of works as per Clause of Agreement. However, some projects are going on at a slow pace and the main problem is non-availability of material in the market.

Sh. Davinder Singh Babla said that some roads are to be re-carpeted after widening. But in case widening of road cannot be done due to non-availability of material then re-carpeting can be executed. He further said that estimates amounting to Rs.1 Crore have been passed by the House for widening of roads in sector 27 & 28 but work has not so far been started. He requested that at least paver blocks be provided in these sectors.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra suggested that revised estimates be brought in the House, F&CC and other concerned Committees for the works already allotted to the contractors during last one year but work could not be started. He said that no contractor want to be black listed. The House should take appropriate decision on this issue as it is serious matter and projects have been pending for the last two years and elections for the next House are due in

October, 2011. It has come to know that an engineer has been issued notice for poor performance. He further said that a project of Multi Level Parking was passed in the year 2007, but the Architect Department has not passed the drawings for the said Multi Level Parking. Similarly, estimate amounting to Rs.5 crore was passed in the year 2007 for construction of upper stories of the building of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, but structural design has not so far been passed by the Architect Department. He said that Engineers should not be issued letter for poor performance for inaction of the Chandigarh Administration.

The Mayor said that issuance of letter for poor performance is a blot on the service record of an Engineer and **suggested that the said letter be withdrawn.**

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that keeping in view gender budgeting, an agenda was brought before the House and it was decided to construct a Mahila Bhawan. The land was allotted by Chandigarh Administration but the Zoning Plan has not so far been approved by the Chandigarh Administration even after lapse of four years. Even the Administration had written that it cannot work on women resource centre and therefore she suggested that this House should ask the Administration to not to object the decisions of the House. Even workshops were organized on "Bhagidari" and invited national resource persons, but it yielded no result just because of non-cooperation of Chandigarh Administration. She further said that the Administration has banned celebration of functions at Shanti Kunj just because it belongs to the Corporation despite that the Chief Architect has planned a big stage there, whereas the rose festival is being organized at Rose Garden.

Smt. Anju Beniwal a said that no work is being done by the contractors of Horticulture Wing for installation of playing equipments even after allotment of work.

The Mayor said that she had directed the XEN Horticulture to black-list the contractors, who have not started installation of playing equipments even after lapse of six

months after allotment. She asked the S.E.(B&R) to intimate whether the contractors have been black-listed or not.

The S.E.(B&R) apprised that the contractor has been penalized.

The House adjourned for lunch at 2.30 p.m. and re-assembled at 3.20 p.m.

The Chief Engineer said that the issue of non-availability of material needs to be pondered over for which he sought some time and further said that appropriate solution can be tendered in the next meeting as the Commissioner will also be present then and the Councillors may also forward their suggestions in this matter.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia pointed out that at page No.26, serial No.34, wrong statement has been given that the said work is in progress, whereas the paver blocks supplied by the contractor have been returned back as they were not of good quality. He further pointed out that administrative approval in this case was accorded on 26.2.2009, whereas the work has been allotted in August, 2010 and asked the reason of delay.

The S.E.(B&R) said that the contractor started digging on the road berms and brought paver blocks on the site but due to poor quality they were returned back. He further said that this work was earlier allotted to M/s A.K. Sood & Company, but the said Company was black-listed and re-tendering was done for this work.

Sh. Jatiner Bhatia said that regarding the work at serial No.35, the Welfare Association of Industries has written a letter that quality of this work is not satisfactory and the office has issued a defect list to the contractor. He asked to read out the said defect list. He further said that the F&CC had resolved that quality of work can be got checked through 3rd party. He recommended that the quality of this work be got checked through 3rd party.

“The House resolved that quality of the work regarding strengthening and carpeting of roads in front of plot No.802-843, Marla Industrial Plots near railway line along with paver foot path at Industrial Area, Phase-II, Chandigarh be get checked through 3rd party.”

Smt. Sheela Devi said that carpeting has not been done in her ward for the last four years neither playing equipments have been installed in the parks. She further said that re-carpeting was done on a road in Dhanas but the said road has been damaged only after six months.

The Mayor said that there was a piece of land in Ambedkar Colony and a drawing for development of this land in park has been received from Chandigarh Administration.

Sh. P.K. Mukherjee said that as per guidelines of BIS and Ministry of Road Transport, before carpeting the road, stripping has to be done, which is not in practice in this Corporation. He quoted an example of Mall Road in Patiala which was repaired after sixty years and suggested that carpeting of roads be done as per specifications of BIS.

The Mayor said that there is problem of drinking water at Cremation ground and people are facing inconvenience. **She directed the Chief Engineer to make sufficient provision of drinking water at Cremation ground immediately and also renovate the toilets.**

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla asked about the status of the UGRs of tertiary water.

The Chief Engineer replied that 2 UGRs will start functioning upto 31.3.2011 and remaining 2 UGRs will start upto 30.6.2011.

Sh. Ram Sumer Morya said that many works have been allotted to a particular contractor and none of the work has been started. He suggested that the said contractor should

be blacklisted. He asked the date of receiving the tender for construction of community centre in Sector 49-C, as mentioned at Sr.No.32 of page No.37.

The Chief Engineer apprised that this is a combined tender and all the 3 wings are working on it.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra asked about the progress on agenda item at Sr.No.1, page 56 regarding Multi Media Laser Show.

The S.E.(P.H.) said that Councillors had given representation that similar laser shows have been installed in Kerala at economical rate and similar laser shows have been running on BOT basis in Tamil Nadu and asked to check the same. Letter was written to Kerala Government in this regard but no reply has so far been received. It has been informed by the State of Tamil Nadu that the proposal of laser show on BOT basis has not matured. He further said that we have visited Kerala and found that only civil work is under process for this project and moreover there is lot of difference between the project in Kerala and Chandigarh. There are 129 water effects in the proposed laser show at Chandigarh whereas in Kerala there are only 10. Similarly, in the proposed laser show at Chandigarh there is provision of 360 lights whereas in Kerala there are 60 lights. He further apprised that a laser show of similar capacity has been executed by the Delhi Administration at the same cost and on the basis of that project, the cost was estimated. There is provision of maintenance for 5 years.

“All the Members resolved that as the specification of Multi Media Laser Show installed in Delhi and proposed in Sector 17, Chandigarh are same so the Corporation should not delay the project unnecessarily & execute it on priority as Sector 17 is a Tourist attraction Centre.”

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that global tender be floated for this project and time frame for its completion be fixed.

Sh. Davinder Singh Babla suggested that a Committee of Councillors be constituted, which will invite the officers to contractors and discuss the matter of shortage of material with them and submit their recommendations to sort out the problem.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia pointed out that at page No.34 at serial No.16, it has been mentioned that work was allotted in September but could not be started due to shortage of material and penalty has been imposed, whereas the work mentioned at serial No.14 was allotted in August, 2010 but no penalty has been imposed for non-start of work. He asked why double standard is being maintained.

The S.E.(B&R) replied that penalty has been imposed in both cases.

The Mayor said that the issue of shortage of material will be again discussed in next meeting of the House scheduled to be held on 27.12.2010 and desired that officers should also discuss this issue at their own level and come in next meeting with solutions and suggestions. She further said that the final schedule of posts has been distributed to the members and requested that all the members should bring it in the next meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**