

**MINUTES OF 159th MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
CHANDIGARH HELD ON 26.11.2010 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL
OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CHANDIGARH.**

The following were present:-

1. Smt. Anu Chatrath	Mayor
2. Dr. Roshan Sunkaria	Commissioner
3. Sh. Bhupinder Singh	Sr. Dy. Mayor
4. Smt. Sheela Devi	Dy. Mayor
5. Sh. M.P.S.Chawla	Councillor
6. Sh. Arshad Khan	Councillor
7. Dr. A.P. Sanwaria	Councillor
8. Sh. Resham Chand Jakhu	Councillor
9. Dr. Neelam Malik	Councillor
10. Dr. Pam Rajput	Councillor
11. Ar. P.K. Mukherjee	Councillor
12. Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma	Councillor
13. Sh. Pardeep Chhabra	Councillor
14. Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan	Councillor
15. Smt. Kamlesh	Councillor
16. Sh. Devinder Singh Babla	Councillor
17. Sh. Manjit Singh	Councillor
18. Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang	Councillor
19. Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh	Councillor
20. Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
21. Smt. Anju Beniwala	Councillor
22. Sh. Jatinder Bhatia	Councillor
23. Smt. Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
24. Smt. Sarita Devi	Councillor
25. Smt. Raj Kumari	Councillor
26. Sh. Ram Sumer Morya	Councillor
27. Smt. Sunita	Councillor
28. Sh. Anil Kumar Dubey	Councillor
29. Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kalaa	Councillor
30. Sh. Lalit Siwach, HCS	Secretary

The following Officers also attended the meeting: -

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

At the outset the Secretary welcomed the Mayor, Commissioner, Members of the House, Officers and Media persons.

Sh. Bhupinder Singh Badheri said that two years ago many people were killed in Mumbai in a terrorist attack on the same day i.e. 26.11.2008. He proposed that House should observe two minutes' silence to pay respect to the killed persons.

The House observed two minutes' silence.

Dr. A.P.Sanwaria thanked the Administrator for accepting the long pending demand of the Councillors to provide them laptops. He specifically thanked the Administrator for conveying message to the officers to not to object on the decisions taken by the House.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of 158th meeting of the General House of the Corporation held on 29.10.2010 at 11.00 a.m. In the Assembly Hall of the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.1 before the House for confirmation.

Dr. A.P.Sanwaria pointed out that at Page No.7 in last line of Para 4, the word “40% of grant-in-aid” be read as “**40% of budget allocation**”.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla asked, how much rent from the liquor vends has been recovered and how much is left over.

Sh. T.P.S. Phoolka, Additional Commissioner-II replied that Rs. 1.02 Crore was to be recovered from the liquor vends, out of which Rs.1.00 Crore has been recovered.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said that earlier the liquor vends situated on the Municipal land were taken into account, but now V-3 roads have also been transferred to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh and these liquor vends should also be surveyed.

Sh. T.P.S. Phoolka said that a list of liquor vends situated on Municipal land was supplied by the Chandigarh Administration on the basis of which the rent from 24 liquor vends has been recovered.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said that about 40 more liquor vends are yet to be issued notice for depositing the rent. He said that earlier the Corporation had recovered rent from the cable operators within 24 hours and whosoever failed to deposit the rent, their cables were confiscated. He said that the officers should take action immediately to recover rent from the remaining liquor vends and premises of defaulters should be sealed.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia pointed out that there are some liquor vends which are not paying any rent either to the Chandigarh Administration or to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh since the status of the land on which they are situated is not ascertained. He said that this matter should be taken up with the Excise Department and rent from all the liquor vends situated on the land of Chandigarh Administration or Corporation, should be recovered. He also suggested that a fresh survey of the liquor vends be conducted to get exact figure and to take further necessary action to recover the rent and **detailed information be placed before the House in its next meeting.**

Sh. M.P.S.Chawla pointed out that some temporary industrial sheds have been built-up which are being charged property taxes and similarly the property allotted by the Chandigarh Administration on lease hold basis is also being charged property tax. Therefore, the liquor vends which have been leased out should also be charged property tax.

The Mayor said that the income source of the Corporation should not be compromised at all. She said that it is strange that the data of the said liquor vends was prepared by the office only when she had raised it in F&CC meeting and then by Sh. Jatinder Bhatia. She desired that the complete data of such property and sources of fund generation should be updated. **She further said that earlier it was decided by the House that the responsibility of the concerned official be fixed for delay in recovery of rent, so that in future the rent should be deposited well in time. Inquiry report should be placed before the House in the next meeting along with detailed information on Verka/Vita Milk booths.**

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia said that as the House has already taken a unanimous decision not to allow the Municipal land for opening the liquor vends and concerned officer should convey the decision of the House to the Chandigarh Administration, so that future action plan could be chalked out accordingly.

The Mayor pointed out that in the last meeting Sh. T.P.S.Phoolka said that he had written letter to AETC, U.T. Chandigarh, whereas at page 4 of the minutes, it has been written that he had talked with the AETC. She desired that minutes be amended at page 4 and the first line of the 3rd para be read as **“Sh. T.P.S. Phoolka said that he had written a letter to AETC”**.

“The House unanimously confirmed the minutes of 158th meeting of the General House of the Corporation held on 29.10.2010 at 11.00 a.m., with the aforementioned amendments.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**QUESTION/ANSWER****Q.NO. 1 BY Smt. Harjinder Kaur, Councillor**

The Mayor said that the reply to the question of Smt. Harjinder Kaur has been received and circulated to the members, but Smt. Harjinder Kaur is not present in the House, therefore, the question will be discussed in the next meeting of the House.

The House deferred the question for discussion in the next meeting.

Smt. Kamlesh pointed out that she had submitted a question regarding persons engaged on outsourcing basis and difference of salary being paid to contract basis and outsourcing.

The Secretary replied that no such letter has been received in his office.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**Transfer of functions to Municipal Corporation.**

The Secretary placed agenda item No.3 before the House for consideration.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma said that the Member Parliament, Administrator and all other concerned have contributed to get the functions transferred to the Corporation but no councilor has been involved in this issue. It would have been better if a Committee be constituted to monitor the transferred functions. It is not clear as to how the funds would be transferred to the Corporation to meet out expenditure for the transferred functions as the grant-in-aid is to be released by the Govt. of India on the recommendations of the Planning Commission. He suggested that a Committee be constituted to dwell upon the issues relating to the funds to be released by the Government of India and to take up the matter in the Co-ordination Committee as well otherwise it would be a heavy liability on the Municipal Corporation. He further pointed out that some dispensaries have been transferred whereas the centrally sponsored programmes are still with the Administration which will create confusion. Similarly, some schools have been upgraded and retained by the Administration whereas some primary schools have been transferred to the Corporation.

Sh. Manjit Singh said that status of Councillors has improved after the transfer of functions. He pointed out that Dental Wing of the Health Services has not been transferred to the Corporation.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said that the concept of transferred functions and their scope is not clear in the minds of Councillors after going through the notification issued by the Chandigarh Administration. He suggested that a meeting of all the councillors with the officers of the Chandigarh Administration be convened to discuss in detail the scope and limit of the transferred functions since all the Councillors are directly or indirectly linked with the functions transferred to the Corporation. Dental department of the dispensary, Sector-8, has not been transferred to the Corporation. He suggested that before proceeding further, a meeting of Councillors be convened in which detail of the functions transferred to the Corporation be apprised to the Councillors.

Dr. A.P. Sanwaria said that there is very complex situation in which there will be Medical Officer in a dispensary but the doctors of the Dental Department will not report to him. Similarly the doctors and staff under "AYUSH" and Family Planning will also be reporting to the DHS instead of the M.O. as such the situation is sketchy and detailed discussion is required in this matter.

The Mayor apprised that a Committee has already been constituted to review the schedule of post and Recruitment Rules for different categories of the officials. The Committee has recommended engaging retired persons up to the level of under Secretary, Superintendent and Senior Assistant having experience in dealing with Recruitment Rules. Moreover it is proposed to involve the various unions of the employees by inviting their objections and suggestions in the Recruitment Rules so that their interest could be protected. She suggested, if members agree, these functions, posts and their Recruitment Rules may also be considered and reviewed by the said Committee.

The Members agreed with the proposal.

Sh. Ravinder Singh Palli said that suggestions of the nominated members, who are doctors by profession, can be availed to finalize the Recruitment Rules for transferred functions. He further said that the Corporation should accept the transferred functions and their implications would come to fore after some time, which can be sorted out later on however we should be thankful to the Administration for transferred functions. However, he suggested that House should constitute 2-3 Committees to discuss these rules in detail and bring their recommendations in the House for final approval.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia also thanked the Member of Parliament, Administrator, U.T., Chandigarh and the Mayor for pursuing the matter for transfer of functions. He said that the Corporation has to construct two hospitals with 100 & 30 beds and similarly the buildings of the schools are also to be constructed by the Corporation. As per data submitted by the Nodal Officers an amount of Rs.67 crore is to be spent by the Corporation during 2010-11 on these functions. He suggested that the Corporation should take up the matter with the Administration to release 40% of the Budget allocation to the Corporation, which is its right as already said by Dr. A.P. Sanwaria. Now all V-3 roads have been transferred to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. As per recommendations of the Delhi Finance Commission 17½% of Grant-in-aid is to be released to the Corporation. The major part of the revenue is from road tax and since all V-3 roads have been transferred to the Corporation and Corporation has to maintain these roads, therefore matter should be taken up with the Administration to get the Grant-in-aid increased out of road tax.

Smt. Kamlesh suggested that Committees should be constituted to review these functions in detail and give recommendations for final consideration of the House.

Smt. Anju Beniwala suggested that area Councillors of those sectors where the transferred schools and dispensaries are located should also be involved in the Committee.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur complemented the Administration and all the members of the House for this achievements and said that this is just a beginning. Earlier it has been experienced that the villages have been transferred to the Corporation along with liabilities but

no income generating sources have been transferred. She suggested that since all roads have been transferred to Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, the functions of licencing and road tax should also be under the Corporation. For Primary schools and dispensaries transferred to Corporation, she suggested that we should take input and feed back from the other cities of India, which are already dealing with primary health and education successfully. She also suggested that entire Social Welfare Department should also be transferred to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh since the Councillors are directly involved in social welfare of the public and they can better know the basic problems of the lower strata and their root cause. She requested the Mayor to take up this issue with the officers of the Chandigarh Administration in the next meeting of the Coordination Committee.

The Mayor apprised the House that she has already taken up the issue with the Administration and the officers informed that area Councillor is already a part of the monitoring Committee constituted for the area, where food supply depots are located. She agreed with the proposal of Smt. Harjinder Kaur and said that the Road Tax and Food Supplies Department should also be transferred to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh as all V-3 roads have been transferred to Corporation, though some specific roads (Paths) are still with the Chandigarh Administration. She admitted that the Corporation should obtain a written document from the Chandigarh Administration in which it should be assured to release sufficient budget for the transferred functions in future also as all the officers as well as she herself would not be permanently with the Corporation.

Sh. Arshad Khan also thanked the Administrator, officers of the Administration and Councillors for transfer of functions to the Corporation. He said that when functions are transferred from one department to another department, there is a concept of reverse engineering in which it is to be seen that to whom the functions serve and how much beneficiaries are there and then reverse engineering is applied and observed that how much infrastructure and officers are required. For example, he said that with the transfer of primary schools, it is to be seen that how much students are going to be affected and it is also to be

seen that how much overlapping of functions between the Administration and the Corporation exist. There will be difference in service delivery particularly in case of Health Services. He said that this document is not complete solution for approval unless all the aspects of the functions transferred is looked into thoroughly.

Sh. Anil Kumar Dubey pointed out that the population of Mauli Jagran is about 1.00 lac but the facilities available in the dispensary of Mauli Jagran are not sufficient to meet out the requirement of the residents. There are not sufficient doctors and related infrastructure. Similarly, the condition of Higher Secondary School situated in Mauli Jagran is also worse as the fans in class rooms do not work, walls are broken, drinking water is not sufficiently available and sufficient space is not available for students as a result they sit in the open even in winter season. He requested the Mayor to take up this matter also with the officers of the Administration in the meeting of the Co-ordination Committee.

The Mayor assured that she will write a letter to the Home Secretary in this regard.

“The House considered & resolved that the transferred functions be also referred to the Committee already constituted to review draft recruitment rules for detailed examination and giving its recommendations for consideration and approval of the House.”

Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala said that in the year, 2006, an agenda regarding Motor Market, Manimajra, was placed before the House and there was pressure on the Councillors to pass the said agenda when Sh. P.S.Aujla was the Commissioner. The said estimate worth crore of rupees was passed by the House but no work has so far been started there. There are some other similar projects in which work has not so far been started even after lapse of 3-4 years and the House is going on passing more estimates. Earlier, mechanics were removed from motor market to pave the way for commencement of the project but the mechanics have again encroached on the land and the work has not been started.

The Chief Engineer explained that earlier it was decided to make the bituminous pavement, but later it was decided to make the concrete pavement and now the work has been allotted one month ago.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra admitted that the agenda was passed 3 years ago and at that time the councilors were pressurized to pass the agenda on the plea that it is to be made the best motor market of Asia. That time, a survey was also conducted on the mechanics working there and it was also proposed to issue identity cards to them. The revised estimate of the said project was placed before the House 5-6 months ago as the rates of material have been increased.

The Chief Engineer said that work on the project has been allotted to the contractor one month ago but due to encroachment on public land, the work can not be started. A letter has also been written to the Joint Commissioner to get the encroachment removed from the motor market.

The Mayor directed to get the encroachment removed within 2-3 days and work should be started within a week.

Sh. Anil Kumar Dubey suggested that the mechanics should be given alternative site, so that they could earn their livelihood.

On request of the Mayor, Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Sr. Dy. Mayor took over the chair of Mayor.

All the Councillors congratulated him and he thanked all the members.

Sh. M.P.S.Chawla said that there are many similar cases which were passed 3-4 years ago but work has not so far been started on those projects.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla suggested that a Special Meeting be called to discuss the action taken report on the decision of the House.

Smt. Kamlesh said that the work on constructing a sump near House No.2500 to 3000 was started in Dadu Majra. The sump has been set up but the situation of water received by the residents is still as such. She said that a foundation stone was laid down for

construction of another sump for theme park but the work on it has not so far been started, whereas work has already been allotted. She further said that estimates are prepared keeping in view some problems being faced by the residents and to remove such problem but even after completion of the said project the problem remain unsolved. There should be responsibility of officers for not solving the said problem.

Smt. Anu Chatrath, Mayor came back to preside over the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Providing Additional SWD lines and road gullies due to wedning of V-5 road of Sector -28 A & D and V-6 road of Sector 28 A, B, & C Chandigarh .

The Secretary placed agenda item No.4 before the House for consideration.

Sh. P.K. Mukherjee said that at the time when the city was in infancy the total rainfall was 1500 mm but now it is 1100 mm, then why this estimate has been prepared and why in piece meal manner. He suggested that it should be done in the entire city in comprehensive manner.

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.44.39 lac for providing Additional SWD lines and road gullies due to wending of V-5 road of Sector 28-A & D and V-6 road of Sector 28-A, B & C, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Revalidation of outsourcing sanitation contract for villages, colonies and Sectors.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.5 before the House for consideration.

Smt. Kamlesh said that in colonies and villages this problem can be sorted out without widening of roads or shifting of pipes then why the same system cannot be adopted in the planned city. She further said that the Corporation lays pipes one by one as a result there is network of pipes under the ground.

Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh said that some areas have been given on outsourcing for sanitation but the number of safaikaramcharis deputed in those areas are not sufficiently

present. For example in Sector-46, 35 safaikaramcharis have been shown to be deputed but hardly 25 can be found to be present. He suggested that number of safaikaramcharis be increased and the Councillors should be informed about the timings of safaikaramcharis when they are available there. He suggested that Councillors should be asked whether they are satisfied with the sanitation work through outsourcing.

Sh. Manjit Singh said that Sector-55, 56 of sanitation work in his ward should also be given through outsourcing. He said that the sanitation work in his ward through outsourcing is satisfactory and recommended revalidation of the contract.

The MOH said that a Committee to assess the requirement of safaikaramcharis recommended to engage 1600 more safaikaramcharis but this requirement is to be checked on the basis of norms of the manual. The matter has been referred back to the Government of India for examination. He further said that it is old tender and number of safaikaramcharis can not be increased. He further apprised that some outsourced safaikaramcharis have been deputed in community centres, if they are withdrawn, they can be deputed to other places.

Sh. Anil Kumar Dubey said that a number of safaikaramcharis remain absent as a result sanitation work is not proper. It is duty of the contractor to provide sufficient number of safaikaramcharis.

The MOH said that an amount of Rs.11.00 lac has been deducted from the payment of contractors on the ground of absence of safaikaramcharis from duty.

Sh. Arshad Khan said that recently a prominent citizen of the city has made disparaging comments that most of the Councillors are uneducated and therefore, they do not require laptops. He requested the Mayor to deliver the message to the said prominent citizen that technology has nothing to do with education instead of technology is to do with the understanding & technology itself. He also requested the media persons to carry his words carefully that it is not based on the word of said person that we conduct our business but we do it at our own level.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said that MOH Wing of the Corporation regularly publish in the newspapers and request through electronic media the public not to burn dry leaves but the sweepers themselves burn dry leaves. He himself has caught 3 sweepers burning dry leaves on road side who later on apologized. He requested the MOH to check the burning of dry leaves by safaikaramcharis and to issue strict instructions in this regard. He further said that the Corporation is charging money for cleanliness of the community centres after the function is over but the community centres are not being cleaned unless the Councillors call the concerned officer. However, he appreciated the satisfactory cleanliness in the city.

Smt. Kamlesh objected that the contract should not be extended in such a manner after the period of contract has expired and tender should be re-invited. Last time, this proposal was brought before the House at the last moment of expiry of contract and now the House is again going to extend the said contract which is wrong procedure. Moreover, the numbers of safaikaramcharis shown in the agenda are never deputed for sanitation job neither the terms & conditions of the contract are being followed. She asked why this agenda for re-validation of the contract has been brought before the House. If the performance of the contractor is so good then whole city should be given on contract for sanitation work. She strongly objected that the contract should not be re-validated in such a manner.

“The House considered & resolved that the sanitation contract in respect of outsourced area for villages, colonies and Sectors be extended for one year w.e.f. 1.1.2011 to 31.12.2011 on the same terms & conditions.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Inquiry report regarding widening of V-6 Roads, Sector 8-A, B & C, Chandigarh and construction of Hall at Ground Floor, Lobby and Mini Hall in First Floor & renovation of existing Community Centre Building, Sector 8, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.6 before the House for consideration.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma said that this inquiry was conducted because the work was got delayed and there was some lapse on the part of the office. He said the inquiry

was conducted 2nd time to find out whether wide publicity was given or not but after going through this report, it is clear that the proposed corrigendum for extending the date of opening of tender was not published in a newspapers. Moreover, the file was kept pending by an officer for 3 ½ months on the pretext of negotiation but this delay has not been attributed to any officer neither any responsibility has been fixed for said delay. He requested the Commissioner to fix the responsibility of the concerned official/officer for delay and the House should be apprised accordingly.

The Commissioner agreed that the responsibility will be fixed and the House will be apprised accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Draft Bye-Laws for running of various community centres under the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.7 before the House for consideration.

Sh. Manjit Singh said that the House in its meeting held on 29.1.2010 referred the matter to the Arts, Culture & Sports Committee to examine and suggest necessary amendments in the terms & conditions. Therefore, the Committee was supposed to recommend only amendments in terms & conditions and not to frame fresh bye-laws.

The Mayor said that Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.), Chairman of the Arts, Culture & Sports Committee is not present in the House. He has submitted a fresh set of bye-laws for community centres which are not part of the agenda. She said that Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.) be conveyed the message that the House had referred the matter to the Committee for recommending amendments in the terms & conditions and accordingly examine the same in the Arts, Culture & Sports Committee and send the recommendations of the Committee to the House for consideration and approval.

“The House considered & resolved that the Arts, Culture & Sports Committee be requested to suggest amendments keeping in view the resolution of the House passed in its meeting held on 29.1.2010.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**Augmentation Water Supply Scheme PH.V & VI ,Kajauli.**

The Secretary placed agenda item No.8 before the House for consideration.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that matter to acquire approximate 66 acre land be taken-up with the Punjab Government through Chandigarh Administration for augmentation of water supply scheme Phase-7 & 8, with scope for future expansion.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**Construction of Pump Chamber including W.C. And boundary wall and all others allied works at various tube-well at Manimajra, U.T. Chandigarh.**

The Secretary placed agenda item No.9 before the House for consideration.

“The House considered & resolved that the proposed estimate amounting to Rs.40.16 lac for construction of pump chamber including W.C. and Boundary wall and all other allied works at various tubewell at Manimajra, U.T. Chandigarh, be & is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Re-boring of two nos. 12” x 8” (304.80x 203.20 mm) i/d deep bore tubewells along with Pumping Machinery and other allied works (with percussion-cum-rotary drilling rig/any other method of latest Technology). In lieu of abandoned/low discharge tubewell at MHC Part-iii and tubewell ohsr in Manimajra, U.T. Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.10 before the House for consideration.

Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh said that the situation of water supply in his ward is very grim and requested that number of tubewells be increased for sufficient supply of water to the residents.

“The House considered & resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.51.40 lac for re-boring of two nos. 12” x 8” (304.80x 203.20 mm) i/d deep bore tubewells along with pumping machinery and other allied works (with percussion-cum-rotary drilling rig/any other method of latest technology). in lieu of abandoned/low discharge tubewell at MHC Part-III and Tubewell OHSR in Manimajra, U.T.Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**Proposal for considering imposition of congestion tax.**

The Secretary placed agenda item No.11 before the House for consideration.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that by imposing congestion tax, the problem of congestion can not be solved in the city having highest per capita income and having 700 cars delivery in one day. There is need to find out other solutions for reducing the congestion due to heavy traffic. The project of multi-level-parking is hanging fire for the last 4-5 years due to delay on the part of the Administration for approval of the plan and shifting of cables has been completed in one year. He suggested that more multi level parking should be created and entry tax may be imposed on every entry point to the city. He further said that Delhi & Calcutta have heavy rush of vehicles but none of these metro cities has imposed such congestion tax. He further suggested that public transportation should be improved to minimize traffic congestion. He further said that during a visit to Gangtok they came to know that parkings have been set up on four directions of the city where the vehicles coming from the outside are parked and people use local transportation system to go to city. He suggested that the Chandigarh Administration may be requested to control the entry of outsider vehicles in the city during peak hours by issuing direction to the traffic police to control the traffic and declared one way traffic during some hours. He was of the view that imposing congestion tax is not a good idea as it cannot solve the problem rather some other solutions should be find out and this matter can be discussed in the meeting of the Advisory Council to find out better solutions.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia proposed that Chandigarh Administration be requested to clear the projects of community parkings at the earliest.

Sh. M.P.S. Chawla was of the view that imposition of congestion tax cannot reduce the traffic however, the House should discuss this issue in detail and find out alternative solutions for this problem and send its suggestions to the Chandigarh Administration. He further said that the work on the project of multi level parking be get started at the earliest.

“The House considered and unanimously rejected the proposal of congestion tax. However, the House was of the view that Chandigarh Administration should be requested to consider the proposal to construct parkings at the entry point of the city where vehicles from outside could be parked and the visitors should use transportation system to visit the city.”

The House adjourned for tea at 12.25 p.m. and reassembled at 12.45 p.m.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla sought clarification whether all the V-3 roads have been transferred to Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh or not.

The Mayor said that in the meeting of Co-ordination Committee, the Adviser had said that the maintenance of all parks & gardens is to be monitored by the Corporation, therefore, all V-3 roads seems to be transferred to the Corporation.

The Commissioner clarified that in the notification, it has been clearly mentioned that the existing staff will continue to look after the parks & gardens upto 31.3.2011 or till the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh creates required posts or whichever is earlier.

The Mayor said that till 31.3.2011, staff of Administration will continue to work as such, however, the ownership has been transferred to the Corporation. She further said that the Chief Engineer should take up the matter with the Chief Engineer of the Chandigarh Administration and clarify the issue regarding transfer of V-3 roads, parks & gardens. She further said that in Co-ordination Committees meeting it has also been clarified that the Corporation will monitor and supervise the parks and gardens which have been given on outsourcing. Therefore, those gardens, parks & roads can be said to be under the control of Corporation. She further said that she will take up the matter with the officers of the Chandigarh Administration in the next meeting of the Co-ordination Committee and will seek clarification on the transferred functions and ask them to give in writing for allocation of budget after 31st March, 2011.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said that it was desired by the members that a special meeting to discuss action taken report on the resolutions of the House be convened in

December. He requested the Mayor to fix the date of meeting so that the officers could prepare action taken report well in time.

The Mayor said that a special meeting of the House will be held on 21.12.2010 at 11.00 a.m. in which action taken on all the decisions of the House during the current year will be discussed.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla suggested that Residents Welfare Association should be involved on the outsourcing jobs and satisfactory report from the office bearers of RWA be obtained before releasing the payment to the contractor.

The Mayor suggested that the Ward Committee may be informed after completion of work in that particular ward.

The Commissioner was of the view that there should not be dual responsibility and involving the Residents Welfare Association will also delay the process. The contractors are rarely willing to execute the projects of the Corporation. However, the responsibility of the cleanliness can be handed over to the Residents Welfare Association, if so desire. However, he agreed that ward committee can be informed after completion of the work.

Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh said that the area SDO is the Secretary of the Ward Committee who attends the meeting, but from Electrical wing a person below lineman, from Horticulture wing the Supervisor, from Sanitation wing the Supervisor of the contractor attend the meetings.

Most of the members said that no responsible official from different wings of the Corporation attend the meetings of Ward Committees and desired that instructions should be issued to concerned officials to attend the meeting of the Ward Committees.

The Mayor directed the Chief Engineer to issue instructions to all the concerned JEs & SDOs to attend the meetings of Ward Committees.

“All the members unanimously resolved that J.E. & S.D.O. of all wings must attend Ward Committee meetings and ensure action on all points discussed.

It was also resolved that Ward Committee members will be informed about the start and completion of all projects/development works in that area.”

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said that a file keep on rolling from one table to another from JE to Chief Engineer and it takes atleast 6 months to finalize an estimate. He said the coming year is the last year of the current House and election for the next General House would be declared in the month of July-August and after that Code of Conduct will be imposed under which no development work can be taken up. As such this House has only 7-8 months to get the work on the approved projects started. He requested the officers to check the DNIT properly at initial stage and once the DNIT is finalized, all the other formalities and approvals be sorted out at the table of the Chief Engineer itself and the work should be started within 3 months after the approval of the estimates. He said that there is only one SDO who check the DNITs of Public Health as well as Electrical Wing and he has submitted in writing that he is over-burdened with work. He suggested that one more SDO be deputed for checking of DNITs. He requested the Mayor that in case the works are not to be started within 3 months , then no other estimate should be brought before the House for approval in the next meeting. He also requested that the rates of material be revised as contractors are not coming forward to take up the projects and the office has to call tenders again and again.

Sh. Anil Dubey said that the work of widening and carpeting of roads had started after 8 months of approval of estimates but recently a person who resides in Panchkula & have shop in Mauli Jagran visited the office of the Mayor and the Mayor directed the Chairman, Roads Committee to visit the Mauli Jagran. Sh. Resham Chand Jakhu visited Mauli Jagran and got the work stopped on the plea that the Mayor will visit the area herself and decide the issue.

The Mayor said that she received a complaint from the residents of Mauli Jagran in which it was stated that Sh. Anil Dubey has allowed the widening of roads in the area of his supporters upto 6 feet whereas he is asking to widen the road upto 10 feet in the area where the supporters of Congress Party reside. To verify the contents of the complaint, she directed the Chairman, Road Committee to visit the area along with other members of the Committee and see that uniform policy be adopted in whole area and people should not suffer on the basis

of political party they support. She said that there is no direct involvement of the Mayor in this issue and neither she has asked anybody to stop the work. She assured that whatever decision the members of the Road Committee and the officers will take would be acceptable to the House.

Sh. Anil Dubey said that complainant is misguiding in the name of political party and he is the person who has himself encroached on public land and had also complained against Sh. Parminder Pal Singh, the then Assistant Commissioner and Sh. Balraj Singh.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Estimate for the work of "Supplying, Laying, testing & commissioning of Sluice valve D.I. Butterfly valves dismantling joints Motor Driven Actuators at various RD's on existing PSC/MS pipe line for Augmentation W/S Scheme, Phase I & II from water works Kajauli to water works, Sector-39, Chandigarh."

The Secretary placed supplementary agenda item No.1 before the House for consideration.

"The House considered & resolved that the proposed estimate amounting to Rs.151.51 lac for the work of "Supplying, Laying, testing & commissioning of Sluice valve D.I. Butterfly valves dismantling joints Motor Driven Actuators at various RD's on existing PSC/MS pipe line for Augmentation W/S Scheme, Phase I & II from water works Kajauli to water works, Sector-39, Chandigarh, be & is hereby approved."

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Development of Theme Park at Village Dadumajra Colony, U.T.Chandigarh (Landscape).

The Secretary placed supplementary agenda item No.2 before the House for consideration.

"The House considered & resolved that the proposed estimate amounting to Rs.56.92 lac for development of Theme Park at Village Dadumajra Colony, U.T.Chandigarh (Landscape), be & is hereby approved."

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Estimate for Up-gradation of 11 KV Sub Station at Water Works Sec. 37, Chandigarh by replacement of existing obsolete equipments with Supplying & Installation of New Equipments & other works contingent thereto.

The Secretary placed supplementary agenda item No.3 before the House for consideration.

“The House considered & resolved that the proposed estimate amounting to Rs.96.25 lac for Up-gradation of 11 KV Sub Station at water works Sec. 37, Chandigarh by replacement of existing obsolete equipments with supplying & installation of new equipments & other works contingent thereto, be & is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Providing and fixing stainless steel House Indicator Boards under the jurisdiction of Roads Division No.2 M.C. Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed supplementary agenda item No.4 before the House for consideration.

Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala said that the project of numbering of houses in Manimajra area was started some years ago but it was stopped in between. He said that there are narrow streets in Manimajra, then how these indicators will be provided there.

The Mayor asked the members to go through the agenda in detail before taking decision on the issue. These house indicator boards are to be fixed in whole area under Municipal limit and involve huge amount.

Sh. M.P.S.Chawla suggested that the manufacturers of these boards should also be considered as eligible for the tenders for this purpose.

Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh said that huge amount is involved in this project, therefore, it need to be looked into in detail. He further suggested that initially 1-2 sectors can be taken up for this project.

The Commissioner apprised the House that the body of the board is made of stainless steel and the number will be written by the Retro Reflective Sheet, which will glow at night.

“The House considered & resolved that the proposed estimate amounting to Rs.97.26 lac for providing and fixing stainless steel House Indicator Boards under the jurisdiction of Roads Division No.2 M.C. Chandigarh, be & is hereby approved.”

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla pointed out that pick & choose policy is being adopted while distributing works between the officers.

The Mayor said that the F&CC had taken two decisions in its last meeting and desired that House should also approve the same. First there should be equal division of work and budget between 3 divisions of roads. Secondly, the Joint Commissioner will look after the work of enforcement only in Manimajra and the enforcement work in rest of the city should be looked after by Additional Commissioner-II, as there is no clarity in distribution of work and Councillors never come to know as to which area is under whose control and there should be responsibility of one officer for removal of encroachment from public land, so that in case of lapse, responsibility can be fixed accordingly.

Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh said that apart from above mentioned decisions, the areas of SDEs should also be changed.

“The House resolved that there should be equal distribution of budget between all the divisions of roads.”

The House further resolved that Sh. Kamlesh Kumar, Joint Commissioner will look after Enforcement Wing only in Manimajra and the Enforcement work in rest of the city will be looked after by Sh. Lalit Siwach, Additional Commissioner-II.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Purchase of Car for Senior Deputy Mayor & Deputy Mayor.

The Secretary placed supplementary agenda item No.5 before the House for consideration.

Sh. Bhupinder Singh Badheri, Sr. Dy. Mayor said that Sr. Dy. Mayor & Dy. Mayor being elected representatives of people are invited by the people in different kind of functions where they visit by their own car and have to park their vehicles in public parking, whereas an

SDE can go upto the site by official car. He asked whether the status of Councillors is above Class-II Officers or not ? He further said that there should also be a reserved vehicle which can be used to ferry Councillors, who can not come to Corporation at their own.

Sh. M.P.S. Chawla said that Sr. Dy. Mayor and Dy. Mayor should also be given some file work, so that providing them official vehicles could be justified.

“The House considered & resolved that official vehicles be provided to Sr. Dy. Mayor & Dy. Mayor.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Providing and fixing stainless steel House Indicator Boards under the jurisdiction of Roads Division No.1 M.C. Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed supplementary agenda item No.6 before the House for consideration.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the proposed estimate amounting to Rs.184.00 lac for providing and fixing stainless steel House Indicator Boards under the jurisdiction of Roads Division No.1 M.C. Chandigarh, be & is hereby approved.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Providing and fixing 60 mm thick interlocking paver blocks in front of Cheema Bhawan and H.No.22-D to 34-D in Sector-30, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.1 before the House for consideration.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the proposed estimate amounting to Rs.39.21 lac for providing and fixing 60 mm thick interlocking paver blocks in front of Cheema Bhawan and H.No.22-D to 34-D in Sector-30, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Providing and fixing 60 mm thick interlocking paver blocks in front of Dispensaries, Mandir and Schools in Sector-27, 28 & 30, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.2 before the House for consideration.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the proposed estimate amounting to Rs.67.15 lac for providing and fixing 60 mm thick interlocking paver blocks in front of Dispensaries, Mandir and Schools in Sector-27, 28 & 30, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

RCE for providing and fixing 25mm thick SDBC in parking alongwith Madhya Marg in Sector 8-C, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.3 before the House for consideration.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the proposed estimate amounting to Rs.55.11 lac for providing and fixing 25mm thick SDBC in parking alongwith Madhya Marg in Sector 8-C, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Construction of Community Centre, Mauli Complex, Mauli Jagran.

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.4 before the House for consideration.

Sh. P.K. Mukherjee pointed out that in the agenda only earth work at Sr.No.2 is schedule item and rest of the points are non-schedule items. He asked what system office is using.

“The House considered & resolved that the proposed estimate amounting to Rs.72.06 lac for Construction of Community Centre, Mauli Complex, Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that no action is being taken on the decision of the Ward Committees. He further said that pruning of trees is required urgently as all the light points are covered with the tree branches. He also desired that an agenda regarding requirement of more safaikaramcharis be also placed before the House at the earliest. He further said that the staff of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh is being deputed in the functions of Administration. Recently during a function at Kalagram, the sanitary Inspectors were deputed for supervision of sanitation work at the cost of city. Safaikaramcharis from other areas were also withdrawn and deputed for sanitation work at Kalagram. He said that in future only the area sanitary Inspector be deputed for supervision of sanitation in case of any function being held there. He further said that the Corporation is not using LED lamps to save the energy. He suggested that an exhibition is going to be held in the month of December at Delhi on energy saving and suggested that the Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, Chairman, Electricity Committee and XEN (E) should visit Delhi where different kinds of LED lights from various countries would be displayed. He suggested that the officers should bring the concept of LED lights for parks, gardens and street so that energy could be saved.

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Deployment of security guards in big gardens/green belts and nurseries under jurisdiction of Horticulture Division of M.C. Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.5 before the House for consideration.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the proposal to deploy approximately 180 security guards in 60 big gardens/green belts and nurseries under jurisdiction of Horticulture Division of M.C. Chandigarh through outsourcing @ Rs.6000/- each per month, be and is hereby approved.”

REPORT ON STUDY TOUR TO KERALA

Smt. Sheela Devi thanked the Mayor for declaring her leader of the group for study tour to Kerala and said that the report on the said study tour has been prepared and

circulated to all the members. She requested that the recommendations made in the report be implemented.

Sh. Ravinder Singh Pali suggested that the report on the study tour be discussed in the next meeting of the House as they have not gone through it.

“The House deferred the matter for next meeting.”

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor,
Municipal Corporation,
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