

MINUTES OF 269th MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND CONTRACT COMMITTEE HELD ON 14.2.2017 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CHANDIGARH.

PRESENT :-

Sarv./Sh./Smt.:-

1.	Asha Jaswal	Mayor
2.	B. Purushartha, IAS	Commissioner
3.	Ajay Dutta	Councillor
4.	Jagtar Singh	Councillor
5.	Kanwarjeet Singh	Councillor
6.	Sh. Devinder Singh Babla	Councillor
7.	Manoj Khatri, HCS	Secretary

OFFICERS PRESENT :-

Sarv./Sh./Smt.:-

1.	N.P. Sharma	Chief Engineer
2.	P.K. Aggarwal	XEN (Roads-I)
3.	Gursharan Dass	XEN (Roads-II)
4.	Arjit Singh	XEN (Roads-III)
5.	Harish Saini	XEN (P.H. Div. No.I)
6.	Shyam Lal	XEN (P.H. Div. No.II)
7.	B.K. Dhawan	XEN (P.H. Div. No.III)
8.	Suresh Gill	XEN (P.H. Div. No.IV)
9.	Krishan Pal Singh	XEN (Horticulture)
10.	Vinod Vyas	XEN (Electrical)

The Commissioner welcomed all the newly elected members of the F&CC and apprised that F&CC is the second major authority after House. He further said that the agendas pertaining to the amount upto Rs.50.00 lac come within the jurisdiction of F&CC. He further said that the F&CC had a vital role for development of the city. He further said that the Municipal governance system should be more responsible and financially self dependent. He further said that one of the cardinal principles of democracy is collective responsibility. He further asserted that the F&CC should take decisions with collective responsibility.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 267.1

Revised Estimate 2016-17 and Budget Estimate 2017-18.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.1 before the Committee for discussion on revised budget estimate 2016-17 & Budget Estimate 2017-18.

The Secretary read out the suggestions received from Sh. P.C.Sanghi, Member, Administrator's Advisory Council, U.T. Chandigarh, Sh. Akhilesh Goyal, BSNL Society & Sh. Charanjiv Singh, Nominated Councillor. He further said that the suggestions had been kept in view for preparing the budget estimate for the year 2017-18 as the suggestions had been communication to the concerned officers.

"The Committee considered & unanimously approved the proposed revised budget estimate 2016-17 & Budget Estimate 2017-18 for placing the same in the meeting of the House for approval as under :-

(Rs. In lac)

Brief Position of Revised Estimates 2016-17 And Budget Estimates 2017-18					
Sr. No.	Head of Accounts	Balance	Balance at bank as on 31.3.16	Likely Balance on 31.3.2017	Remarks
A		17318.75	27288.69	7513.95	
Sr. No.	Head of Accounts	Approved Budget Estimates 16-17	Revised Estimates 16-17	Budget Estimates 2017-18	
B		Receipts			
1	Total Grant in aid		*	**	
	Capital	54770.00	18470.00	32685.00	GIA proposed as recommendations of 4th DFC
	Revenue	34217.00	23456.00	50591.00	
	Own Receipts	15841.00	15598.48	16022.00	
	Total B	104828.00	57524.48	99298.00	
	Total funds available (A+B)	122146.75	84813.17	106811.95	
		Expenditure			
	Capital	49030.00	22865.43	33955.00	
	Revenue	58268.00	54433.79	66613.00	
	Total Expenditure (iii to iv)	107298.00	77299.22	100568.00	
Note	*GIA for 2016-17 and the balance thereof are subject to actual receipts.				
	**GIA for 2017-18 are subject to actual sanction by Chandigarh Administration. If GIA will not be released as per demand the expenditure on budget object will not be incurred accordingly.				

AGENDA ITEM NO. 269.2**Procurement of Gur for Safaikaramcharis.**

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

The Joint Commissioner-I apprised the Committee that the office invited e-tenders for procurement of 38,000 kg. gur for one year for Safaikaramcharies, Sanitary Jamadar, Sanitary Beldars & Drivers working on regular basis. He further told that three firms participated and submitted the relevant documents as per DNIT in the office on the stipulated date and time. He further told that after getting the approval from the competent authority, the financial bid was opened on 18.1.2017. He further told that as per BOQ, comparative rates quoted by different general stores was found lowest i.e. Rs.18.84 per kg. with FOR at store Sector-20, Chandigarh. He further told that total expenditure amounting to Rs.18,55,920/- would be involved. The rates are valid for one year i.e. from 1.2.2017 to 31.1.2018.

Sh. Devinder Babla asked whether sweepers are provided gur or cash?

The Joint Commissioner-I told that the gur is provided instead of cash, so that the sweepers can consume gur for their health. He further told that the MOH wing of the Corporation procure the gur and the same is distributed among the sweepers. He further told that 2 kg. per head per month is provided. He further told that gur is not provided to the outsourced employees.

Sh. Ajay Dutta asked the specification of the gur. He further said that there are so many kinds of gur having different rates. He further asked what is parameter for the purchase of gur.

The Commissioner said that if specifications were not mentioned, then the tender should be invited again along with the specification of gur and better quality of gur should be purchased.

The Joint Commissioner-I and MOH explained and show the specifications which was part of the tender and said that Grade-I gur will be purchased, which is the approved standard for human consumption.

The Committee considered and approved the expenditure amounting to Rs.18,55,920/- (Rupees eighteen lac fifty five thousand nine hundred twenty only) for procuring 38,000 kg. Grade-I gur for safakaramcharies for one year from M/s Defence General Store, SCF.No.35, Sector 28-C, Chandigarh."

AGENDA ITEM NO. 269.3

Rough cost estimate for P/F PCC tiles pavement on V-4 road berm in front of Victoria Society in Sector 50 C & in front of Mandir & Commerce College in Sector 50, Chandigarh.

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

The Chief Engineer apprised the Committee with the budget provision and expenditure upto 25.1.2016. He further said that estimate for PCC tiles is Rs.41.09 lac.

The Commissioner apprised that although Administration pass the Plan & Non-Plan Budget placed by the Corporation, but grant-in-aid is not provided as per demand. He further apprised the Committee with the plan provisions and expenditure incurred during the year, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 under plan head, which was more than the grant-in-aid. He told that in such condition Municipal Corporation spends money from its own corpus thereby bringing down the income for future.

The Chief Engineer told that the budget provision for PCC tiles for the year 2016-17 i.e. Rs.1650.00 lac out of which Rs.1647.92 lac had already been incurred. Now the estimate had been prepared for Rs.41.09 lac which is almost over and above the

budget provision. He further told that 20% of the budget was provided as grant-in-aid by the Administration, which results for less funds actually available.

Sh. Devinder Babla said that once it was considered by the Corporation that the parks & green belts should be given to the private companies on the advertisement basis. He further said that in big cities the parks are being maintained by the private companies. He suggested the same mode should be adopted in Chandigarh also, so that the Corporation could earn from advertisement and save the amount for maintenance of parks and green belts. He further said that the maintenance of roundabouts should also be allowed on advertisement basis.

The Chief Engineer told that almost all the big roundabouts had been handed over to the private companies for maintenance. He further told that 650 neighbourhood parks had been handed over to the RWAs for maintenance. He further told that the RWAs are paid by the Corporation for the maintenance of neighbourhood parks. He further told that the advertisement policy is with the Administration, which is out of the jurisdiction of Corporation. He further told the Corporation had to seek the permission for advertisement from the U.T. Administration. He further told that the Corporation would have to consider the matter for generating the revenue from other sources. He further told that earning of the Corporation is Rs.80.00 crore approximately per annum. He further told that the expenditure on water is around Rs.125.00 crore whereas earning from water bills is Rs.57.00 - 58.00 crore. He further apprised that the Corporation would have to generate the revenue for the development of the city. He further told that rates of electricity, water & parking are higher in other cities, whereas facilities are better in Chandigarh. He opined that the Corporation would provide the smart parking to the public, therefore, the rates of parking also should be increased.

Sh. Devinder Babla said that being the public representative, he was not in favour of enhancing the rates of electricity, water & other taxes.

The Mayor supported that rates of parking should be increased in view of the provisions of facilities in the parking lots. She further said that agenda would be brought in the next meeting of the House for consideration. She further suggested that the sources of revenue should be increased every year. She further said that the property of the Corporation is lying abandoned which could be either rented out or sold.

Sh. Devinder Babla suggested that the parking space on the road berms should be extended by more than 6 feet, so that the vehicles could be parked properly. He further suggested for fixing the green paver blocks on the road berms.

The Commissioner said that the Councillor should also identify the property of the Corporation in the villages & sectors, which has been encroached by the public.

Sh. Devinder Babla said that the property of the villages should be sold on free hold basis. He gave the example of the shops in Village Badheri.

Sh. Kanwarjit Singh said that as expenditure has been incurred on the construction/renovation of new community centres and their rates should also be increased accordingly to generate the revenue. He suggested that the rates of community centres should be revised.

Sh. Devinder Babla suggested that the rates of cleanliness charges of community centres should be revised. He suggested that the cleanliness charges should be Rs.5000/- per function. He further suggested for open air gym i.e. more successful than the gym installed in the community centres. He suggested to promote the open air gym atleast one in every sector. He further suggested that the rates of community centres should be increased category-wise. He further said that a committee of the officers & Councillors should be constituted to visit all the community centres to ascertain the management & to revise the rates of community centre.

“The Committee considered and approved estimate amounting to Rs.41.09 lac for P/F PCC tiles pavement on V-4 road berm in front of Victoria Society in Sector 50 C & in front of Mandir & Commerce college in Sector 50, Chandigarh, subject to the condition the expenditure be incurred in the next financial year.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 269.4

Rough Cost Estimate for renovation of Community Centre in Dhanas, Chandigarh.

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

The Chief Engineer said that the wall tiles would be fixed after dismantling the old plaster for renovation of community centre in Dhanas, Chandigarh.

The Commissioner asked about the budget provision.

The Chief Engineer told that there was a provision of Rs.25.00 crore out of which only Rs.7.00 crore had been incurred.

Sh. Devinder Babla asked what was the receipt from the paid parking lots.

The Joint Commissioner-I told that approximately Rs.4.50 crore per annum was the receipt from parking lots.

Sh. Devinder Babla suggested that the rent of the Verka & Vita Booths should be increased upto Rs.5000/- per month.

The Commissioner suggested that the Municipal Corporation should charge for ROW. He further asked the engineering wing to study and bring an agenda in this regard. He further said that it may also be studied whether the entry tax (octroi) on commercial vehicles can be imposed after implementation of GST.

“The Committee considered and approved estimate amounting to Rs.7.47 lac for renovation of Community Centre in Dhanas, Chandigarh.”

Sh. Devinder Babla said that the responsibility should be fixed if the road breaks before five years instead of patch work. He gave the example of roads in Nashik. He further said that he was appraised if the material is utilized properly, then the life of road can be strengthened.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 269.5

Rough Cost Estimate for PCC tiles on passage of EWS Colony near H.No. 6709 to 6780 in Sector 56, Chandigarh.

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

“The Committee considered and approved estimate amounting to Rs.5.45 lac for PCC tiles on passage of EWS Colony near H.No. 6709 to 6780 in Sector 56, Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 269.6

Rough Cost Estimate for construction of foot bridge for new Jogging Track Across N-Choe in Leisure Valley, Sector 10, Chandigarh.

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

“The Committee considered and approved estimate amounting to Rs.7.12 lac for construction of foot bridge for new Jogging Track Across N-Choe in Leisure Valley, Sector 10, Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 269.7

Rough Cost Estimate for furnishing of Rest Rooms, Library and Councillor Room in Sports Stadium, Village Dadumajra, Chandigarh.

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

“The Committee considered and approved estimate amounting to Rs.9.29 lac for furnishing of Rest Rooms, Library and Councillor Room in Sports Stadium, Village Dadumajra, Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 269.8**Providing and installing 200 KVA, 11 K.V/4.4 K.V. Transformer at Water Works, Phase-I & II, Kajauli.**

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

The Executive Engineer, P.H.Divn.No.1 said that the work of pumping of 40 mgd. raw canal water from Bhakra main line to treatment plant Sector-39, Chandigarh, was undertaken by Water Supply & Sanitation Department Punjab in the year, 1982. He further told that there five transformers were installed in Ph-I & II at Water Works Kajauli. Three transformers of 11000VA/6600VA stepped down transformers which were used run 04 No. motors of 950 BHP and 04 No. pumps of capacity 10 MGD and two transformers of 11000VA/4400VA stepped down transformers which are used to run vacuum pumps electrical appliances and lights in and outside the plant. He further told that these transformers had been working since 1982. He further told out of two smaller transformers, one had damaged completely during lightening that fell on 21.2.2015 and the above mentioned equipments of plant is running on one transformer only without any standby arrangement.

“The Committee considered and approved estimate amounting to Rs.19.35 lac for providing and installing 200 KVA, 11 K.V/4.4 K.V. Step down Transformer as deposit work, at Water Works, Phase-I & II, Kajauli.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 269.1**Supply and fixing of open air gym and fitness equipments in Green Belt Sector 43 and 61, Chandigarh.**

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

The Chief Engineer apprised that the open air gym had become more popular, therefore, the concerned Xen. and SDE had observed that the installation of open air gym equipment in Green Belt Sector-43 & 61 were required to be fixed.

Sh. Devinder Babla suggested that atleast one open air gym in every Sector should be installed.

“The Committee considered and approved estimate amounting to Rs.16.56 lac for supply and fixing of open air gym and fitness equipments in Green Belt Sector 43 and 61, Chandigarh.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 269.2

Hiring of 02 No. of Chain Dozer for maintenance and upkeep of Dumping Ground at Dadu Majra.

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

“The Committee considered and accorded ex-post factor approval to hire 02 No. Chain Dozer from L-1 i.e. Mr. Krishan Singh @ Rs. 790/- per chain dozer per hour basis for one year i.e. 1.11.2016 to 31.10.2017 at the total tentative expenditure of Rs.46,13,600/-.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 269.3

Expression of Interest (EOI) for appointment of second operator for Garbage Processing Plant.

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

The Joint Commissioner-I apprised that the garbage processing plant came into operation in May, 2008. The operator M/ Jai Parkash Associates Ltd. had been demanding tipping fee for processing of garbage which was rejected twice by the House. He further said that after rejecting the demand, the House resolved that in case M/s Jai Parkash Associates Ltd. upgrade the garbage processing plant to accept all the sorts of waste, the tipping fee might be considered. He further told that the Hon'ble NGT ordered that the operator would run the plant by 31st March, 2017 and Corporation would pay tipping fee Rs. 500/- per M.T. on the waste treated in the plant. He further said that in the meantime, the Corporation had written to Punjab Government for inclusion of Chandigarh in the cluster of cities for setting up waste treatment plant Dera Bassi on the same terms &

conditions applicable to other cities also. He further said similarly the Corporation had floated RFP for selection of transaction adviser for integrity solid waste management. As it would take some time, meanwhile the Corporation is floating expression of interest to engage alternate operator to run the plant.

Sh. Devinder Babla was not in favour of the membership of cluster with the Punjab Government at Dera Bassi.

“The Committee accorded ex-post-facto approval to the proposal sent to the Govt. of Punjab for inclusion of Chandigarh in the cluster of cities for setting up waste treatment plant at Village Samruli at Dera Bassi and for floating RPF for selection of Transaction Adviser (empanelled by MOUD) for Integrated Solid Waste Management Plant.

Further, the Committee considered & accorded approval for Expression of Interest to float in the newspapers and website of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh for engaging the 2nd alternate Operator to run the plant without tipping fee.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 269.4

Construction of boundary wall between village Burail and Housing Board Colony, Sector 45-A, Chandigarh.

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

The Chief Engineer said that the work of special housing scheme for board employees, Sector 45-A, Chandigarh, was taken up by the Chandigarh Housing Board. The work of construction of boundary could not be started by Chandigarh Housing Board due to order passed by the Hon'ble High Court in CWP No.20578 of 2011 which was filed by the RWA Vs. Chandigarh Administration. The Hon'ble High Court directed the Chandigarh Housing Board to construct the said wall within four months. He further said that the Chandigarh Housing Board took up the matter with the M.C.C. that road berms/open spaces of Village Burail are vested with the Corporation, therefore, the construction of wall be done by the M.C.C. He further told that contempt petition had been

filed in CWP No.20578 of 2011 due to non-compliance of orders of Hon'ble High Court and finally it was decided in the meetings of Secretary of Chandigarh Housing Board & SLG that the Housing Board would construct the boundary wall between village Burail & Sector 45-A, Chandigarh and the Corporation would reimburse the expenditure incurred by the Chandigarh Housing Board.

Sh. Kanwarjit Singh objected against the construction of this boundary wall. He said that after the construction of said wall, there would suffocation in village Burail. He further said that railing had already been fixed there. He further said that the area of Burail is already very congested.

The Mayor said that when the Corporation was impleaded as party, the engineering wing of the Corporation should have to defend the case instead of depositing the cost.

Sh. Ajay Dutta suggested that the legal opinion should be obtained to defend the contempt.

Sh. Devinder Babla said that the estimate had not been received so far, therefore, the Corporation should take necessary steps in the meanwhile.

"The agenda was deferred."

The Secretary reiterated the suggestions of Sh. P.C. Sanghi & other two persons received regarding the budget provision for the year 2017-18. He further said that the suggestions had been communicated to the concerned officers for taking necessary action. He further apprised the members how to communicate with the company of mechanized sweeping, if they had any problem.

Sh. Devinder Babla asked who would clean the back lanes.

The Chief Engineer told that first time in the history of M.C, Corporation has launched a drive for cleaning back lanes. The schedule of one month is available on the

website of M.C. regarding cleanliness of back lanes. It has been ensured that all back lanes shall be cleaned at least once in a month.

Sh. Ajay Dutta said that the garbage bins had been installed in open and the garbage is always littered there.

The Jt. CMC-I apprised that safaikaramcharies are being deputed especially for garbage bins to keep bins and area around bins clean.

Sh. Kanwarjit Singh said that due to shortage of manpower, the sanitation was not being done properly in his ward and cleanliness should be done in the morning shifts.

The Jt.CMC-I told that according to prescribed norms, the deployment of sanitation workers has been made. He further told that he will review and ensure proper cleanliness & sanitation.

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

Sd/-
**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**