

MINUTES OF 157th MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH HELD ON 29.09.2010 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. Pawan Kumar Bansal	M.P., Ex-Officio Member
4.	Sh. Bhupinder Singh	Sr. Dy. Mayor
5.	Smt. Sheela Devi	Dy. Mayor
6.	Sh. Arshad Khan	Councillor
7.	Sh. M.P.S.Chawla	Councillor
8.	Brig.(Retd.) K.S.Chandpuri	Councillor
9.	Dr. A.P. Sanwaria	Councillor
10.	Sh. Resham Chand Jakhu	Councillor
11.	Dr. Neelam Malik	Councillor
12.	Ar. P.K. Mukherjee	Councillor
13.	Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma	Councillor
14.	Sh. Pardeep Chhabra	Councillor
15.	Sh. Vijay Singh Rana	Councillor
16.	Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan	Councillor
17.	Sh. S.K. Jagota	Councillor
18.	Smt. Kamlesh	Councillor
19.	Sh. Devinder Singh Babla	Councillor
20.	Sh. Manjit Singh	Councillor
21.	Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang	Councillor
22.	Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh	Councillor
23.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
24.	Smt. Anju Beniwala	Councillor
25.	Smt. Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
26.	Sh. Jatinder Bhatia	Councillor
27.	Smt. Sarita Devi	Councillor
28.	Smt. Raj Kumari	Councillor
29.	Sh. Ram Sumer Morya	Councillor

30.	Sh. Ram Lal	Councillor
31.	Smt. Sunita	Councillor
32.	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. R.S. Bedi	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.1)
12.	Sh. R.S.Ahluwalia	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.2)
13.	Sh. K.S. Sihag	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.3)
14.	Sh. V.K. Garg	XEN (P.H. Divn.No.4)
15.	Sh. Arun Kansal	XEN. Horticulture

At the outset Sh. Manjit Singh thanked Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh and Chandigarh Administration for accepting the long pending demands of colony residents. The residents of colonies will take sigh of relief as the Administration has allowed the construction of first floor in their houses.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla pointed out that the works under the Ward Development Fund are being unnecessarily protracted despite the assurance by the Mayor to complete the works within three months. Now the e-tendering system has been started but contractors are not coming forward. In case of single tender, it is not being accepted and tenders are re-called, as such development works have not been carried out. On inquiry, the concerned J.E. says that there is shortage of material in the store. The

contractors are not ready to work as the rates of material have increased considerably whereas the estimates are prepared on the old rates. As such inviting tenders time and again causes financial loss to the Corporation. He asked the Chief Engineer to reply on this issue. He suggested that the development works should not be stalled on the ground of single tender.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra seconded the views of Sh. Devinder Singh Babla and added that the engineers of the Administration informed that the rates of sand & bajri have been increased and labour charges are also being paid to the contractors on D.C. rates. He was of the view that the system of rejection of single tender needs to be reviewed as many projects are lying pending.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that the work of widening and carpeting of roads almost in every sector is due and works are not being started even after lapse of two months of allotment due to shortage of material. She suggested, if it is due to inflation, then a decision has to be taken in this regard. She asked the officers to assure the House that the work will be started within the stipulated time after allotment of work. She further asked the officers to explain the reason of delay in execution of the works.

Smt. Kamlesh said that contractors are not ready to execute the work as the rates of material have been increased considerably whereas the estimates have been prepared on old rates. She suggested that single tender should also be accepted.

Dr. A.P.Sanwaria said that the Plan budget of the Corporation is for Rs.409.00 Crore, whereas during the current 6 months only Rs.36.00 Crore have been utilized. He asked whether the officers will be able to utilize the remaining Rs.373.00 Crore in the next 6 months.

Sh. S.K. Jagota pointed out that the allotment of tenders is delayed as the officers call the contractor time and again for negotiation. He suggested that the contractor should not be called for negotiation more than once.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia said that delaying the allotment of work to the contractor on the plea of negotiation time and again is not fair and work should be allotted to the contractor within 15 days of opening of tender. He said that in some cases, the allotment of tenders has been delayed for 3 months. In

case, the rates quoted by the contractor are on higher side and unacceptable to the officers, then tender be cancelled and decision should be taken within 15 days.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma said that the rates in the DNIT are quoted by the officers and they should update themselves with the rates of material prevailing in the market to avoid such problem. He further said that 3 months ago it was assured by the officers to place before the House a schedule of time to be taken for different works but it has not been brought in the House so far.

The Commissioner admitted that works are being delayed and expressed his concern over it. He said that he is reviewing the progress of works in the weekly meeting with the officers. He has been informed that there is shortage of material in the market due to ban on quarrying by the High Court due to environment effect. Second reason for delay in the execution of work is heavy rains during last 2-3 months. He further said that he is aware of the situation and it has come to his notice that in one case 4 months have been taken to allot the work and he has marked an inquiry in it. He admitted that there is no reason to call the contractor again and again for negotiation. **He directed all the XENs to ensure that in future contractor should not be called more than once; otherwise action will be taken against the concerned officer.** He apprised the members that he has already issued directions to officers to process the allotment of tender within a month after opening of tender. So far as accepting the single tender is concerned, he read out the guidelines of CVC which does not allow accepting single tender. In a meeting held with the officers 15 days ago, it has been decided that in case of single tender, the case be rejected at the level of XEN himself and there is no need to send the file to the higher authority. The issue of revising the rates of old estimates in which works have been allotted was also discussed and it has been felt that there is no need to revise the rates of earlier estimates otherwise it will delay all the projects. The officers should get the work done from the contractors by prevailing upon them. The instructions have also been issued to the officers that in case work is not completed within stipulated date, 5% penalty should be imposed immediately on the contractor. The priority of the officers should be work as per guidelines and no leniency should be shown to any contractor in any case. There are set procedures and officers should

act as per agreement. In case the contractor again fail to complete the work in the extended period, then the Clause III has to be invoked. He suggested that office can increase the penalty from 5% to 10% if the members agree and agenda can be brought in this regard.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said that there are many projects in which two months have lapsed after allotment of the work but the contractor has not started the work at site.

The Commissioner aptly said that the reason of delay in the projects is shortage of material and heavy rains. He further said, during the first three months of the financial year, the estimates have been prepared and the estimates worth Rs.75.00 Crore have been got approved from the House and Committees. In the second quarter, the DNITs have been approved and Administrative approval has been issued. Now the tenders are under process of allotment.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma reiterated that schedule of time to be taken for different works has not been brought as per decision of the House.

The Mayor said that the Commissioner has assured that the schedule of time for different works will be placed before the House in the next meeting. She further said that the Commissioner will ensure that the allotted works are completed within stipulated time frame.

Sh. Manjit Singh requested the Mayor to convene meeting of officers in her room every month and discuss the pending works and sort out the matter well in time.

Sh. Ram Lal pointed out that there are 3-4 projects in Hallomajra, where work has been allotted to the Contractor but the work at site has not so far been started even after lapse of 6-10 months.

The S.E.(B&R) said that in one case there is encroachment on public land as a result the work cannot be started. In other cases pre-cast paver blocks are to be fixed, which are ready with the contractor but due to heavy rain work cannot be started.

The Mayor requested the Commissioner to apprise her and the area Councillor about the time limit fixed for each allotted work. She also asked S.E.(B&R) to apprise the time limit for all the allotted works in Hallomajra to Sh. Ram Lal after the meeting.

The Commissioner assured the House that whole engineering wing will try its best to complete all the pending projects at the earliest. Councillors keep on approaching the officers for their works and as a result the priority of the works also changes day-by-day, whereas the manpower is limited. He further said that main reason of delay in work is shortage of staff.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of 156th meeting of the General House of the Corporation held on 25.8.2010 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.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that he had earlier pointed out that there is shortage of about 1200 safaikaramcharis in the M.O.H. Wing for proper sanitation of the city and it was decided to place an agenda before the House for taking appropriate decision but the same has not so far been placed.

The Commissioner said that he had reviewed the whole sanitation system in September, 2008 and a Committee was constituted and it was recommended that the manpower required for sanitation of the city should be on the basis of guidelines laid in the manual of Municipal Solid Waste Management. Earlier there were 1422 safaikaramcharis but the number of safaikaramcharis was raised up to 1845 in the year September, 2008, which was based on the guidelines of S.W.M. Three days ago a note regarding requirement of 1650 more safaikaramcharis was received in his office for which financial liability per annum is Rs.12 crore, which will be a permanent burden on the Corporation. He has directed the M.O.H. to examine the issue again.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia said that population of Sector 48 & 49 has increased manifold during the last two years, whereas number of safaikaramcharis are deployed there is as such. He further said that in Sector 46 & 47, the number of safaikarmcharis deployed is 46 whereas in Sector-48 & 49, only 16 safaikarmcharies have been deployed.

The Commissioner said that the requirement of safaikarmcharies was reviewed two years ago and within these two years no extra area has been included in the municipal limit, then where from the requirement of 1650 safaikarmcharies has arisen. He said that the matter has to be reviewed thoroughly as it involves recurring financial burden on the Corporation.

The Mayor said that an agenda in this regard be prepared and placed before the House in its next meeting after examining the matter thoroughly.

Sh. P.K.Mukherjee asked the detail of existing 3500 safaikarmcharies, their position of deployment etc.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said that at Page 3 of the minutes, it has been mentioned that Sh. Nirvikar Singh, ADC to the then Administrator sent a letter to the Commissioner and it was promised by the officers to supply a copy of the same to the House. He again requested to supply a copy of the said letter.

The MOH said that according to the record handed over by the Project Officer, the letter dated 9.5.2005 is available in the record which does not pertain to the inauguration of Garbage Processing Plant.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma said that he himself has seen the letter during the inquiry on Garbage Processing Plant.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that at Page No.33, it has been mentioned that bye-laws for community centres would be finalized and placed before the House in next meeting. She wanted to know the status of bye-laws. She further said that the Councillors are policy makers and execution is the responsibility of the office of the Commissioner and if the office fails to execute as per decision of the House, it is the failure of the Chair as well.

The Mayor said that it was discussed by the Art, Culture & Sports Committee. Since, Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.), Chairman of the Committee is busy in the Commonwealth Games, the Committee could not discuss the issue and any other decision not conveyed to her.

Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.) said that he has drafted the rules for management of the community centres thrice but the members of the Arts, Culture & Sports Committee have different views for different rules. Moreover, the opinions of the members also keep on changing in every meeting. Therefore, the bye-laws can not be finalized so far. He requested the Mayor to constitute a committee under her Chairmanship, in which officers should also be involved and finalize the bye-laws at her own level.

The Mayor said that she will constitute a 5 members Committee in which Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.) being Chairman of the Committee, Additional Commissioner & Joint Commissioner will also be invited and rules will be finalized accordingly.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma pointed out that at Page No.9 of the minutes, in line 6 of the para attributed to him, the line be read as **“He said either the House or the Administrator was misinformed.”** He further said that as assured by the Commissioner in the last meeting, the consolidated information regarding the staff has not been supplied to the House.

The Commissioner said that the information is ready and assured that it will be placed before the House in its next meeting.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma said that at page No.18 of the minutes in the last para, the line be read as **“Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma, Sh. Pardeep Chhabra, Sh. Devinder Singh Babla & Sh. Manjit Singh moved resolution that House should pass resolution that the Commissioner has written letter is in excess and abuse of power and the said letter be treated as null and void and Chandigarh Administration be apprised accordingly.”**

“The House confirmed the minutes of the 156th meeting of the House held on 25.8.2010 with aforementioned amendments.”

Question Hour

Sh. S.K.Jagota asked whether a Councillor is free to get procured the item under Ward Development Fund as per his will. He showed photographs and said that that the benches worth Rs.

12,000/- and a planter worth Rs. 40,000/- have been provided in a particular park. He suggested that a policy decision be taken that all the Councillors be free to install such items in his/her area as per his/her will.

The Mayor asked Sh. S.K.Jagota to give in writing to the officers to get such benches installed in the parks of his ward.

Sh. S.K. Jagota further said that whenever he approached to the officers for raising tow wall beneath railings of the parks, the officers say that there is no such policy.

The Mayor said, it has already been passed in the House to install the railings with tow wall.

Sh. S.K.Jagota further asked about the area of park where the water feature can be installed.

The Mayor apprised that it was decided that water feature be installed in the parks with one acre area, but some Councillors approached that there is no park with one acre area in their ward and in such cases the condition of one acre land was relaxed.

Smt. Kamlesh thanked Sh. Jagota for appreciating and showing the good quality of benches installed in her ward. She further said that all the Councillors should introduce new concepts in their respective wards.

Sh. Ram Sumer Morya said that the work on development of green belt in his ward was started in 2008 but it has not been completed till now. He further pointed out that the stray cattle have created mess in his ward and have damaged saplings planted there.

The Mayor assured Sh. Ram Sumer Morya that she will visit his ward alongwith officers and solve the problems.

Sh. Ram Sumer Morya pointed out that maintenance of green belt in Sector-49 has been given to a contractor and the condition of the said green belt is worse as the contractor is doing nothing to maintain it. Neither any light is functioning nor any cleanliness is maintained.

Sh. Ram Lal & Sh. S.K.Jagota said that the menace of stray cattle is prevailing in the city and milkmen drive their cattle in the city in the evening with the connivance of officials, who are causing damage to the green belts & parks.

The Mayor asked the S.E.(B&R) to ensure that the lights in the green parks of Sector 48 & 49 are in working condition within this week.

Sh. Ram Sumer Morya said that there are heaps of garbage in colonies which are causing diseases and there is no proper disposal of water which are main source of breeding of mosquitoes. Many new Kabaris have settled there by encroaching the public land in Colony No.5.

The Mayor said that this issue was raised in the meeting of Co-ordination Committee where Adviser to the Administrator had ordered to arrange for the disposal of water. She asked the Chief Engineer to explain the position.

The Chief Engineer said that in rainy season, the water get stagnated in low lying area.

Sh. Arhsad Khan mentioned a classic example of fish market which show the functioning of officers of the Corporation. He said that fish market was planned on the writ petition of fish sellers of Shastri Market, Shanti Nagar, Manimajra. The Standing Counsel of the Corporation and the Administration had assured in the court that a fish market is being planned. Now the fish market is ready and the officers have fixed the reserve price at Rs. 17.55 lac. Explaining the concept of fish market, he said that whole sale market of fish is 10% whereas retail sale is only 20%. There are limited sale point of fish like Shastri Market, Sector-21 and some other elite outlets. There is only 7%-8% margin between whole sale and retail price and the retail sale of fish in the city is not more than 200 kg per day. He questioned the criteria of fixing the reserve price as it is not the real estate with commercial activities. The shops in the fish market will be purchased only by those persons who are already engaged in this business and those small retailers are not able to purchase the shops at such higher rates. Therefore, the criteria of fixing the reserve price is failure as a result no taker came forward to purchase the shops. He asked, in case the fish market is air conditioned, whether the people will start buying fish at higher rates? The people like to

purchase fresh fish for which pond is necessary where fish can be stored. The purpose to create fish market was to rehabilitate the fish sellers working in Shastri Market of Shanti Nagar, Manimajra and some other sellers in the city. He suggested that these shops be given on rent at normal rates. He also suggested that persons already in this business should also be involved to fix the rent of the shops.

The Mayor said that the shops in the fish market will be given on rent and this matter will be discussed and decided in the meeting of the Finance & Contract Committee.

Sh. Arshad Khan further pointed out that the land of Kabristan, for which the Chandigarh Administration has already passed an order to transfer ownership in the name of Waqf Board, has not so far been transferred. Any development on the site can be executed only after the ownership is transferred and an agreement is executed between the Corporation & Waqf Board & handing over the possession of the land in question. Whenever officers are asked about this matter they say that the land has been handed over to the Waqf Board. He said that the Waqf Board has recently been constituted one month ago, therefore, the transfer of land can not be said to be finalized until agreement is executed with Waqf Board. He requested the Mayor to get the said land i.e. 12 Kanal 9 Marla transferred in the name of Waqf Board at the earliest.

The Mayor said that Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, Member Parliament and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India has kindly spared some time to attend this meeting of the House which shows that how much he is concerned with the issues of the city. She requested Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, Member Parliament and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to say something.

Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, Member Parliament and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, appreciated the Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh for accepting the long pending demand of the Corporation to transfer some functions which are supposed to be within the ambit of the Corporation and instructions have already been issued in this regard. He further said that powers are devolved instead of delegation and the functions, functionaries and the funds should be transferred simultaneously and hoped that all these things would be given to the Corporation with the transfer of

functions, the responsibility of Corporation has increased and the Corporation should prove itself upto the expectations. He asserted that much more has been done after creation of Municipal Corporation and now it can be said that Chandigarh is a city of parks and gardens and not Bangalore. Earlier the small parks provided between the clusters of Houses in sectors, were in bad shape but now they are well maintained and equipped. He exhorted the members of the House and the officers to perform better than the Chandigarh Administration in the field of primary education as well as health. He further said, it is a good news that the Councillors are going on study tour after a gap of two years. He said, though Chandigarh is better in every field than other cities of India, still there is something in other cities to learn and worth evolution. He said that Corporation should take up and decide the issue of garbage disposal on priority basis as it is very important matter.

The Mayor said that Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.) has specifically requested to take the issue for providing international level stadium in the city as it is vehement demand of sports persons.

Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, Member Parliament and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India said that it is very important and genuine demand which will add a feather in the cap of the city. He assured that he will take up this matter with the Administration and Government of India. He assured that he will do his best in this regard.

The House adjourned for tea break at 12.45 p.m. and re-assembled at 1.05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Question/Answer

Questions by Brig. K.S. Chandpuri (Retd.) MVC, VSM

The Secretary placed agenda item No.2 before the House for information and discussion.

Question No.1

Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.) said that he had submitted a question regarding service charges and the office has given its reply and list of outstanding service charges and the arrear of water charges since 2004. He said that the Corporation has already exempted some organizations from service charges

and offices of political parties and similarly Sainik Rest House is also being charged of service charges which cater to dependants and widows of the Ex-servicemen and this organization get limited grant-in-aid from Government of India. It is a welfare organization and it should be exempted from paying the service charges and the arrears of service charges be realized from other Government offices and organizations.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma pointed out that 1/3rd offices shown in the list of pending arrears are with the Municipal Corporation.

The Mayor asked the members of the House to decide on the issue raised by Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.).

Smt. Harjinder Kaur favoured the proposal.

Sh. Devinder Singh Babla said that any matter pertaining to defence personnel should be given priority. He suggested that a group housing society of Councillors, officers and officials should be constituted and Administration be requested to provide land for the society. He further said that he has been raising the issue of Community Centre in Sector-27 for the last 3-4 years and many inquiries have been conducted on this issue but it has not been constructed so far. Similarly, he has requested to construct first floor of the Community Centre, Sector-28, after removing the tower installed on its roof, but nothing has been done.

“All members unanimously resolved that Sainik Rest House be exempted from paying service charges.”

Question No.2

Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.) said that the office has supplied a list of Government offices which are defaulters in paying the water charges to the Corporation according to which Rs. 5.75 crore are due against them. He said that whenever budget estimates for a particular financial year is prepared, this amount is shown in the budget as amount to be recovered. He asked how such a huge amount i.e. Rs. 10.00 lac is due against these Govt. buildings whereas the water connection of general public is dis-connected if he fails to deposit water bills. He said that even the payment of bill is also taken on account in the budget of all departments then why such huge amount is due against various departments and why they are not

made to pay the bills. He further said that after going through the list it seems that most of the defaulters' water connections have been disconnected but whether it is possible that these buildings are not being supplied water. He asked the officers to reply whether the buildings, whose water connections have been shown as disconnected, are not being supplied water and if yes, then whether it is illegal.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma thanked Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.) for putting such important question through which the House has come to know the exact outstanding figure of the dues against government buildings. Most of the offices shown in the defaulters' list are under Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh and it seems that there is lack of coordination between different wings of the Corporation. He further asked whether the office has taken any action to recover the water charges after disconnecting the water connection. He asked, the health club shown at serial No.21 is under Hotel Mount View. It is unbelievable that the said health club is not using water after disconnection of water supply. Whether any officer has checked whether the water connection is running or disconnected.

The Commissioner explained that out of Rs.5.67 crore shown due in the list, Rs.4 crore are due against Horticulture Department, which was transferred to Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh in the year 1996. The water charges bills before that period are pending. Since the whole Horticulture Department has been transferred to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, there is no alternative except to write off the outstanding water charges amounting to Rs.4 crore. So far as other wings of the Corporation are concerned their heads have been directed to make the payment which is just adjustment of the heads in the books. The Command Hospital in Sector-12 has been shifted to Panchkula and there is no provision in the Bye-laws to recover the dues of water charges except to disconnect the water connection. There are some cases where the consumer has made part payment of the water charges and their water connections have been restored. Facility of part payment is provided to the Government Buildings, Institutions and Private consumers as well.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma said that when the public toilets were transferred to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh a huge amount of electricity bill was due for payment. Had the

Chandigarh Administration has written off those electricity bills only then the water charges bill against those departments could have been written off. He suggested to constitute a committee to check all the disconnected connections whether water is being supplied there or not.

The Mayor endorsed the views of Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma and said that the public toilets remained without electricity for months as the electric connection was disconnected due to non-payment of electricity bills.

The Commissioner directed the Chief Engineer to constitute a team of officers to check the latest status of the disconnected water connections and give report to the House whether pending electricity bills were written off at the time of transfer of public toilets.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Acquiring of land for new Dumping Ground - regarding.

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

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that the agenda to identify the land for new dumping ground may be passed. However, agenda in respect of acquisition of land should be brought again before the House.

The Commissioner said that the Corporation is to identify the land for new dumping ground whereas the Land Acquisition Officer is to acquire the land and pay compensation as per prevailing rate of land acquisition.

Dr. A.P.Sanwaria asked the Mayor about the action taken to contain the smell emanating from garbage processing plant, Dadumajra.

The Commissioner replied that Chandigarh Pollution Control Board is pursuing this matter and the company is installing some equipment to minimize the foul smell.

Sh. Arshad Khan said that the Corporation has a bio-methanation plant in Industrial Area which is said to be operational. He asked how much vegetable refuse is being processed there and how much energy is being generated and sold.

The Commissioner clarified that only slaughter house waste is processed there.

Sh. Arshad Khan further said that there are different type of waste like medical waste, restaurant waste, slaughter house waste and there is pre-determined destination for all type of waste. He asked where is sabji mandi waste supposed to go.

The MOH apprised that the solid waste is divided in two parts, one part go to garbage processing plant and the other go to land fill. Sabji mandi waste is supposed to go to land fill.

The Commissioner said that there is technical difference and the sabji mandi waste is going to the Dumping Ground. The site of sanitary land fill is lying un-used. He asked MOH to make a proposal so that the said land could be make to use. At present the existing dumping ground is being used and whenever it is filled up, the office will go for capping and closure. After that the land of sanitary land fill will be used. Meanwhile, the office is going to procure new dumping ground so that after filling of existing dumping ground, new site would be available.

Sh. Arshad Khan said that whatever inert is produced by the garbage processing plant certain percentage of the said inert is to be considered as manure for the horticulture purpose.

The MOH said that the company was supposed to get it checked, involving the representatives of CPCB & MOH but so far it has not been checked.

Sh. Arshad Khan said that as per DPR, the moisture contents in the garbage has to be checked after every 6 months to see, whether there is any increase or decrease in the calorific value. He also asked the time when stock taking happened between the Corporation and garbage processing plant.

The MOH said that the garbage processing plant is not separating the inert and garbage till date.

Sh. Arshad Khan said that the lining has been provided at dumping ground for the inert but that area is not being utilized for the purpose and the inert is also not being disposed of there. He suggested that the Corporation should ask the garbage processing plant to get the moisture contents checked as per DPR & agreement.

The Commissioner invited Sh. Arshad Khan in his office to discuss all the issues.

The Mayor said that Brig. K.S.Chandpuri (Retd.) has raised a question as to where the horticulture waste is to be dumped. She said that the Corporation should display sign boards informing the citizens to throw the horticulture waste at the area meant for it.

The Commissioner apprised that earlier the horticulture waste was being sent to the garbage processing plant but they refused to accept it. The office had asked them to dry it at their site and use it as bio-fuel and the plant management agreed on this proposal. He further said that the Corporation has sanitary land fill site where horticulture waste can be dumped and can be used as bio-fuel.

The Mayor said that door to door collection of garbage was in practice in some sectors but they do not lift the horticulture waste, therefore, there is need to make the people aware to throw the horticulture waste in a particular dustbin for which green coloured dustbins may be provided in sectors. She further said that the horticulture wing do not collect the waste which keeps on heaping up.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma pointed out that Horticulture Wing trim the grass and prune the trees but never lift the waste as a result it keeps lying on the roads and parks for many days. He said that a mechanism has to be developed to lift the horticulture waste immediately.

The Mayor said that pamphlets were distributed in Sector-15 requesting the residents to throw different types of garbage in different dustbins but the response of the residents was not upto expectation.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that compensation to the farmers for the land to be acquired for dumping ground should be at par with the Punjab Government and all the technical formalities be completed and necessary approval should be obtained from the concerned departments.

“The House considered & unanimously approved in principle the proposal to acquire 85 acre land across Patiala Ki Rao Choe for the purpose of dumping ground.

The House further resolved that before finalization of acquisition of land, the agenda be again brought before the House for approval.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Providing and fixing 60mm thick interlocking paver blocks in Sector 28-D near houses & sector dividing road sector 27-C and Sector 28-D, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the Rough Cost estimate amounting to Rs.43.36 lac for providing and fixing 60mm thick interlocking paver blocks in Sector 28-D near houses & sector dividing road sector 27-C and Sector 28-D, Chandigarh be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Providing and fixing 60mm thick interlocking paver blocks in front of Radha Swami Satsang Bhwan, Sector 27-D, Chandigarh, in front of H.NO.1355-1370, Sector 28-B and in front of H.No.1033/1-1044/1, H.No.1001-1016, Sector 30-B, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the Rough Cost estimate amounting to Rs.38.85 lac for providing and fixing 60mm thick interlocking paver blocks in front of Radha Swami Satsang Bhwan, Sector 27-D, Chandigarh, in front of H.NO.1355-1370, Sector 28-B and in front of H.No.1033/1-1044/1, H.No.1001-1016, Sector 30-B, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Carpeting of V-6 Roads in Sector 28-D, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.38.21 lac for Carpeting of V-6 Roads in Sector 28-D, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Estimate for the work of “Raising of Boundary Wall and strengthening of barbed wire fencing, construction of path way around the boundary wall for Security Arrangement at Water Works, Sector-39, Chandigarh.”

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

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma pointed out that this agenda has been prepared by the Public Health Wing whereas the work relates to the B&R Wing. He asked whether the rates & specifications have been checked by the B&R Wing?

The Chief Engineer replied that normally rates & specifications are same. Moreover the work will be got done through B&R Wing.

The Commissioner said that estimate has been prepared by the Public Health Wing and P.H.Wing also executes civil works. Moreover, the estimate has been checked by the office of the Chief Engineer, therefore, everything is in order.

The Mayor said that the Horticulture Wing had raised tow wall beneath the railing in some sectors in which lot of complaints were received for sub-standard work.

The S.E.(P.H.) assured that the work will be executed as per P.H. specification.

The Mayor said that on the basis of assurance given by the S.E.(P.H.), the agenda be passed however in case any discrepancy is found he will be held responsible.

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that on the basis of assurance given by the S.E.(P.H.) rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.83.40 lac for the work of “raising of boundary wall and strengthening of barbed wire fencing, construction of path way around the boundary wall for security arrangement at Water Works, Sector-39, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Estimate for the Re-Construction of Boundary Wall around Water Supply Houses in place of Existing Damaged/ Broken Boundary Wall at Water Works Sector-39, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that on the basis of assurance given by the S.E.(P.H.) rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.39.17 lac for the re-construction of boundary wall around water supply houses in place of existing damaged/ broken boundary wall at Water Works Sector-39, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Estimate for the Repair and renovation of Pump chambers and construction of boundary walls of various tubewells i.e. RN-20, RN-21, RN-22, RN-26, RN-52, RN-61, RN-77, RN-82, RN-83 and RN-91 located in Forest area under MCPH Divn. No. 1, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.41.24 lac for the repair and renovation of Pump chambers and construction of boundary walls of various tubewells i.e. RN-20, RN-21, RN-22, RN-26, RN-52, RN-61, RN-77, RN-82, RN-83 and RN-91 located in Forest area under MCPH Divn. No.1, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Rough Cost Estimate for Widening of V-5 road and P/F 60mm thick interlocking paver blocks in Sector 5, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.41.29 lac for widening of V-5 road and P/F 60mm thick interlocking paver blocks in Sector 5, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

Sh. P.K. Mukherjee shown a set of two under water lights and said that the Electricity Wing of the Corporation is purchasing the light in Rs.1500/- whereas the Road Wing has mentioned the rate of the same light as Rs.7000/-.

The Chief Engineer said that the statement of Sh. P.K. Mukherjee is totally wrong as the specification of the light mentioned by the B&R wing is of 300mm dia whereas the light shown by Sh. P.K. Mukherjee has only of 100mm dia. Moreover the said rate includes the installations etc. He strongly said that the statement is wrong and it is not possible.

The Mayor asked the Chief Engineer to look into the matter in detail.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

Rough Cost Estimate for construction of parking in pocket no.7 back side of Shanti Nagar, Manimajra, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the Rough Cost estimate amounting to Rs.42.86 lac for construction of parking in pocket no.7 back side of Shanti Nagar, Manimajra, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

Rough Cost Estimate for widening & Carpeting of V-6 roads in Sector 28-B, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.12 before the House for consideration.

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.52.92 lac for widening & carpeting widening of V-6 roads in Sector 28-B, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Rough Cost Estimate for P/F 60mm thick paver blocks on berms around District Court, Parade Ground and Police Station, Sector 17, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the Rough Cost estimate amounting to Rs.62.73 lac for P/F 60mm thick paver blocks on berms around District Courts, Parade Ground and Police Station, Sector 17, Chandigarh be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

RCE for P/L 40mm thick bituminous concrete on V-5 road from Haryana new Secretariat to slow carriage way in Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.71.49 lac for P/L 40mm thick bituminous concrete on V-5 road from Haryana new Secretariat to slow carriage way in Sector – 17, Chandigarh be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Fact finding Inquiry report in respect of:

- 1. Widening of V-6 roads, Sector 8-A, B & C, Chandigarh .**
- 2 Construction of Hall in Ground Floor, Lobby and Mini Hall in First and renovation of existing Community Centre Building, Sector-8, Chandigarh.**

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

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma said that at page no.8 the date of publication of tender has been mentioned as 26.2.2009. He asked about the date of opening of tender. He further asked as to how many days are required for opening of tender after publication. He further said that as per manual 15 days' time

has to be given to the contractors for submission of tender after publication and asked whether this rule was kept in view. He said that the tender was opened on 06.3.2009 as such sufficient time was not given to the contractors to submit the tender. He further said that even after lapse of 5 months the detailed enquiry report has not been submitted in the House.

Sh. Kamlesh, Joint Commissioner-II replied that he was directed specifically to enquire whether wide publicity has been given to the tender or not.

The Commissioner directed Sh. T.P.S. Phoolka, Additional Commissioner to enquire into the matter in detail and submit report.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Draft Recruitment Rules of officials/officers in respect of Group A, B, C & D in the office of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia said that this agenda directly relates to the employees of the Corporation working for the last 10-12 years. These employees have been expecting promotions for many years and therefore it was decided to frame the Recruitment Rules so that they could get their due promotion. The Chandigarh Housing Board framed its Recruitment Rules with a policy of 50% by promotion whereas it was 35% in the Administration. Even the Center Government issued a Notification according to which 67% posts were to be filled by promotion. He suggested that Corporation should also frame its Recruitment Rules and give maximum promotional chances to our employees instead of adopting the Chandigarh Administration Rules. He suggested that the agenda be deferred.

The Mayor said that many Councillors have expressed their desire to defer this agenda and have requested to constitute a Committee which will review the Recruitment Rules and invite the officials and the officers and make necessary amendments.

Sh. Manjit Singh said that earlier there was rule to keep 5% post reserve for rural candidates, which should also be adopted in these rules. He also suggested that upper age limit should be increased from 25 to 37 on the pattern of Punjab State.

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the Mayor shall constitute a Committee of 5 members, which will review the Recruitment Rules and hear the officials and officers and submit report to the House. The agenda was deferred.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Detailed Project Report (DPR) for replacement & augmentation of trunk brick sewers by RCC NP-3 Pipes with Sulphate Resistant in U.T. Chandigarh under JNNURM Scheme (Amended as per CPHEEO observations)

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

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the Rough Cost estimate amounting to Rs.123.04 Crore for replacement & augmentation of trunk brick sewers by RCC NP-3 Pipes with Sulphate Resistant in U.T. Chandigarh under JNNURM Scheme (Amended as per CPHEEO observations, Chandigarh be and is hereby approved.”

Leave application of Dr. Amrit Bolaria

The Mayor apprised the House that Dr. Amrit Bolaria has sent a leave application for excusing her absence for today's meeting of the House.

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

**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**