



**Agenda for Special meeting of
Finance and Contract Committee,
Municipal Corporation Chandigarh**

Date: 12.04.2012

Time: 12.00 Noon

Venue: Committee Room

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Subject: Regarding directions of Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh in CWP No. 7500 & 18390 of 2010 titles as Court on its own Motion Versus state of Punjab & Others.

The above mentioned case is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana Chandigarh and fixed for 20.4.2012. The matter is being defended by the Senior Standing Counsel Sh. Sanjay Kaushal, on the part of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

The Hon'ble Court had directed the Chandigarh Administration to identify a part of Chandigarh and declare the same as "Vehicular Free Zone" and also suggested to initially consider declaring Sector – 17, Chandigarh for the same as per copy of orders annexed as "A".

In this regard, it is stated that an agenda was placed before the Finance & Contract Committee in its special meeting held on 16.3.2012 (Annexed as "B"). The committee resolved as under (Annexed as "C").

"In light of above, the F&CC decided that a reference should be sent to Chandigarh Administration immediately requesting them that while taking/finalizing any decision in this regard, the Corporation along with the stake holders should be duly consulted and the Corporation's interests should be kept in mind. The F&CC further felt that the Administration should also consult some experts before arriving at the final decision."

Accordingly, the decision of the Finance & Contract Committee was intimated to the Secretary, Local Govt. U.T. vide letter No. 516 dt. 20.3.2012 (Annexure "D"), for further necessary action at the level of Administration.

Consequently, a meeting of the senior officers of the Administration and Commissioner, M.C., Addl. CMC-I and the Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh was held under the chairmanship of H.E. Governor of Punjab and Administrator U.T. to discuss the issue of making Sector – 17 as vehicle free zone and it was desired by H.E. that Sector – 17 falls under jurisdiction of M.C., as such M.C. will file reply on this account in the Hon'ble Court at its own level.

There is a pedestrian piazza in front of the shopping complex in all along Sector – 17 commercial zone, width of which varies from 45'-100' to facilitate the smooth pedestrian movement, and apart from it, there are designated parking lots all over Sector – 17 as per plan enclosed (Annexure –E), to facilitate the public to park their vehicle and further access the shopping area by way of continuous pedestrian movement. The overall planning of Sector – 17, allows the shoppers to have

access from one corner of the commercial zone i.e. slow carriage way Madhya Marg upto Neelam Theatre through a pedestrian pathway with only bottleneck of the road in between TDI Mall and Anand Theatre, for which the construction of over bridge has already been started on the said road, which would facilitate safe and uninterrupted movement of pedestrians under the bridge.

The designated parking lots to accommodate the vehicle is merely to facilitate the visitors for parking their vehicles and to visit shopping complex/plaza through pedestrian movement and there is no fast movement and thoroughfare in these parking lots that may interrupt the movement of pedestrian, as detailed below.

Sr. No.	Parking Lot	Area (in Sqmtrs.)	Capacity	
			Two Wheelers	Four Wheelers
1	Empire Store, Sector – 17.	13628	230	460
2	Gurudev Studio, Sector – 17.	24879	415	830
3	Jagat & Anand Theatre Sector – 17.	14399	240	480
4	Bank Square Sector – 17.	29448	590	980
5	CMC Sector – 17.	13328	225	450
6	Neelam Cinema Sector – 17.	377	10	20
7	Sahib Singh, Sector – 17.	25880	435	870
8	MOH Sector – 17.	12798	215	430
9	District Courts Sector – 17.	4462	75	150
	Total	139199	2435	4670

Moreover, Chandigarh has the largest number of vehicle per capita in India and the existing parking as marked in the plan are quite insufficient, to overcome the problem of congestion of parking, there is a proposal for construction of four multilevel parkings i.e. at the back of Sahib Singh, in front of Gurudev Studio, in front of Taj and in front of S.B.I. Sector – 17. The parking behind Sahib Singh was allotted to contractual agency under PPP mode, but presently the matter is under arbitration and after finalization of the arbitration case, the construction of this multilevel parking will be taken by the M.C. through its own resources. Now, the Deptt. of C.A.U.T. has supplied the drawings for construction

of another multilevel parking in front of Gurudev Studio, for which the work will be taken up shortly. This will decongest the existing parking lots.

The Sr. Standing Counsel, Sh. Sanjay Kaushal has intimated that the Hon'ble court has desired to solve the problem of congestion in some of the parking lots or to make it vehicle free zone. It is, therefore, proposed that the following options may be considered.

- i) **Closing of some of the designated parking lots:** Partial / complete closure of some of the designated parking lots for whole or part of the day or may be during peak hours may be considered.
- ii) **Prohibitive measures:** Measures such as implementation of higher parking charges on hourly basis or even extra parking charges during peak hours, may be introduced.
- iii) **Regulation of Parking:** Management and regulation of parking lots with the assistance of traffic police by way of challaning wrongly parked vehicles, other than the designated parking slots.

Matter is placed before the Finance & Contract Committee for its consideration and decision please.

S.E.(B&R).M.C.

E.E.R-1 M.C.

S.D.E.(HQ) M.C.