

**MINUTES OF THE 194th MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
CHANDIGARH HELD ON 28.6.2013 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF
THE CORPORATION.**

The following were present:

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| 1. | Sh. Subhash Chawla | Mayor |
| 2. | Sh. V.P. Singh, IAS | Commissioner |
| 3. | Sh. Satish Kumar | Deputy Mayor |
| 4. | Sh. Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.) | Councillor |
| 5. | Dr. Amrit Tiwari | Councillor |
| 6. | Prof. Aruna Goel | Councillor |
| 7. | Sh. Anoop Sunny Gill | Councillor |
| 8. | Maj.(Retd.) D.S. Sandhu | Councillor |
| 9. | Sh. M.P. Kohli | Councillor |
| 10. | Dr. Shagufta Parveen | Councillor |
| 11. | Sh. Surinder Bahga | Councillor |
| 12. | Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal | Councillor |
| 13. | Smt. Raj Bala Malik | Councillor |
| 14. | Sh. Darshan Kumar | Councillor |
| 15. | Smt. Sheela Devi | Councillor |
| 16. | Sh. Saurabh Joshi | Councillor |
| 17. | Sh. Pardeep Chhabra | Councillor |
| 18. | Smt. Gurbax Rawat | Councillor |
| 19. | Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala | Councillor |
| 20. | Smt. Asha Kumari Jaswal | Councillor |
| 21. | Smt. Poonam Sharma | Councillor |
| 22. | Sh. Arun Sood | Councillor |
| 23. | Sh. Malkiat Singh | Councillor |

24.	Sh. Harphool Chander Kalyan	Councillor
25.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
26.	Sh. Mukesh Bassi	Councillor
27.	Sh. Satinder Singh	Councillor
28.	Sh. Naresh Kumar	Councillor
29.	Smt. Heera Negi	Councillor
30.	Sh. Davesh Moudgil	Councillor
31.	Smt. Rajinder Kaur	Councillor
32.	Sh. Des Raj Gupta	Councillor
33.	Sh. Rajiv Gupta, PCS	Secretary

The following Officers also attended the meeting: -

1.	Sh. Sunil Bhatia, PCS	Additional Commissioner-I
2.	Sh. Lalit Siwach, HCS	Additional Commissioner-II
3.	Sh. S.S. Bida	Chief Engineer
4.	Sh. Mukesh Anand	S.E.(B&R)
5.	Sh. R.C. Diwan	S.E.(PH)
6.	Dr. B.K. Salwan	M.O.H.
7.	Sh. Desh Raj	C.A.O.
8.	Sh. Inderjit Gulati	XEN (Roads-I)
9.	Sh. Jai Pal Singh	XEN (Roads-II)
10.	Sh. Arjeet Singh	XEN (Roads-III)
11.	Sh. Sham Lal	XEN (P.H. Div No-I)
12.	Sh. Rajesh Bansal	XEN (P.H. Div No-II)
13.	Sh. B.K.Dhawan	XEN (P.H. Div No-III)
14.	Sh. Gurpreet Singh	XEN (P.H. Div No-IV)
15.	Sh. Surinder Pal Singh	XEN (Electrical)
16.	Sh. Krishan Pal Singh	XEN (Horticulture)

At the outset of the meeting, the Secretary welcomed the Mayor, Commissioner & all the Councillors.

The Mayor said that an agenda had been received from the Councillors for debate in the House on disaster in Uttarakhand, which is not directly related with the Corporation, but in view of the loss of human lives & property, the agenda had been included. He further said as per provisions laid down in the Municipal Act, the confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting should be done first before the debate on this issue. After that chance for expressing their views would be given to every Councillor one by one.

Agenda Item No.1

Confirmation of the minutes of 193rd meeting of the House held on 24.5.2013 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Corporation.

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

Sh. Arun Sood pointed out that at page No.3 of the minutes of previous meeting, it had been mentioned that the Councillors of BJP & SAD insisted for discussion on the table agenda, whereas the table agenda was signed by the Councillors of BSP also. ***Therefore, the Councillors of BJP, SAD & BSP should also be mentioned in all the paras at page No.3 of the minutes of previous meeting.*** He further asked what was the fate of the said agenda.

The Mayor said that there was no provision in the Municipal Act that the House should debate on the issue of such a member, who was not present in the House. Therefore, he had rejected the said agenda.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta said that it had been mentioned in the minutes of previous meeting that all agendas had been passed by majority. He asked how the majority had been counted and who supported the agendas. He said since last four months all the agendas are passed by majority.

The Mayor told that except Councillors of BJP & SAD supported the agendas, therefore, the agendas had been passed by majority. He further said that when there was mixed action and reaction, the agendas were passed by majority.

Thereafter, there was din in the House.

Ultimately, the House was adjourned at 11.35 a.m. for 15 minutes and reassembled at 12.10 p.m.

The Mayor told that there was no provision in the Act to mention the name of the Councillors or their party for passing the agendas by majority. The agendas are written to be passed either by majority, voice or by voting, hence there would be no change in the minutes.

Thereafter, the House confirmed the minutes of 193rd meeting of the House held on 24.5.2013 at 11.00 a.m. alongwith aforesaid amendments.

Table Agenda Item No.1

Disaster in Uttarakhand.

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

Smt. Gurbax Rawat thanked the Mayor for accepting the agenda as table agenda item No.1. She further said that being the representative of people we should help the people during the time of crisis. The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh is a democratic body and we should perform our duties towards the public. She further said that the House should decide how we could help the people suffering from disaster, because M.C. had no such fund from which the relief could be given. She further said that the House should resolve regarding the help/contribution for the peoples suffering in Uttrakhand due to disaster. She further explained the loss of property occurred in Uttrakhand. Besides big loss of humanity and property it should be declared a national disaster. She suggested that a Bhajan Sandhya should be organized to tribute the homage for those who had died in disaster.

Smt. Heera Negi said that the Councillors of her party had decided to pay one month salary in the relief fund of Uttrakhand and she further suggested that the other members of the House should also pay one month salary for the help of the sufferers in Uttrakhand. The Corporation should have a sympathy towards all the sufferers.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that this disaster should be declared as National Disaster. He further appreciated the efforts of Indian Army due to which lives of thousands of people were saved and prayed towards the deceased who had died in disaster. He further described the mis-happening of Sh. Harpreet Singh who had died recently due to the accident met with cow and it was assured that his wife would be given employment in Municipal Corporation, but nothing had been done so far and Rs.10.00 lac was to be provided to the families of the deceased who died in diarrhoea in

Mauli Jagran. He further asserted that the House should fulfill the commitment made by the House regarding to help of sufferers in Uttarakhand. He further said that the citizens of Chandigarh had also gone to Uttarakhand as pilgrim and many of them were not traceable. The Chief Ministers of the respective States went to Uttarakhand and helped the peoples of their States, but none had asked about the citizens of Chandigarh those had been suffering in disaster and no efforts had been made to bring them back in Chandigarh. He further said that the Administration had no list of the people belonging to Chandigarh who had died and are untraceable in Uttarakhand and demanded that a list of such people should be prepared and published. He alleged that the Administrator, Governor and Mayor all were sleeping and did nothing for the citizens of Chandigarh, those had been missing in the disaster.

There was din in the House on this issue.

The Mayor said that the present agenda had no relevancy with the Municipal Corporation, however, due to loss of human & property, we should express our feelings towards the deceased who had died in Uttarakhand. He further said that it had already been decided that the issue regarding a person who was not present in the House should not be raised. He further told that on the first day, a group of sufferers came to Bus Stand, Sector-43, Chandigarh and he talked telephonically with the Commissioner that if he would announce for any kind of relief, whether the Corporation would fulfill it or not. The Commissioner assured him that as per our resources the Corporation would help the sufferers of disaster. The drinking water, moveable toilets and sweepers were provided to the sufferers, those had come from Uttarakhand. On the next day, instructions were issued to the supervisors of the community centres in

Sector-43,44 & 45 that the sufferers of disasters should be allowed to stay in the community centres free of cost and all basic amenities including eatables etc. should be provided to them. He further told that the M.P. of Chandigarh had donated Rs. 30 lac in the relief fund of Uttarakhand. He further said that he went to all the camps of sufferers in Chandigarh and asked them for the help from Corporation, Chandigarh, however, we could not raise the issue with the Welfare Department. There is political issue involved in this agenda.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil thanked the Mayor for the efforts made by him for providing basic amenities to the sufferers and visited the camps organized in Chandigarh. He further said that no efforts had been made either by the Administration nor by the Corporation for preparing a list of missing and killed persons belonging to Chandigarh in Uttarakhand during the disaster. He demand that a Disaster Management cell should be formed, so that the information could be available regarding the sufferers of disaster. He further suggested that the Municipal Corporation should prepare a list of missing, killed and untraceable persons belonging to Chandigarh and a help line should also be created, so that the sufferers could be contacted.

Sh. H.C.Kalyan said that we should pay homage to the deceased and a proposal should be sent to the Administration the help of their families.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that the Administration had not taken the disaster as a serious issue and did not make any efforts for the relief of sufferers belonging to Chandigarh in Uttarakhand. He condemned the Administration for not taking any steps in this respect.

Sh. Darshan Kumar Garg said that it was resolved in the House that an amount of Rs. 5000/- per Councillor would be paid to the family of Sh. Harpreet Singh, but some of the members had not paid the said amount so far. He asserted that the remaining Councillors should deposit the amount immediately.

Sh. Arun Sood second the proposal submitted by the Councillors for the relief to the sufferers of Uttarakhand disaster. He further said the competent authority (Administration) had done nothing for the relief to the sufferer. The Corporation is House of representative of the people and any kind of disaster or crisis should be discussed in the House in future also. He pointed out that the table agenda No.1 had not been signed by the four members.

The Mayor said that the political issues should not be raised on this sensitive agenda. He replied to the query raised by Sh. Arun Sood. He told that the agenda had been signed by the four members including Mayor. He further told when the crises arises in any state, the help is sought by the concerned state from the neighbouring states. He further said that he would send the sentiments of the councilors to the Administration to prepare the list of dead and missing persons belonging to Chandigarh. In the end the Mayor announced that the Municipal Corporation would contribute Rs.1.00 crore for the relief fund for Uttarakhand. He further requested the Commissioner to send proposal to the U.T., Administration for the approval of the same. The Councillors unanimously endorsed the views of the Mayor.

Major D.S.Sandhu (Retd.) said that we should observe two minutes silence to pay the homage to the soliders who died during the rescue operation in air crash. He praised the rescue operation of the army who saved the lives of thousands of people, they faced all the adverse calamities and helped the people. He further said

that the disaster management committees should be strengthened and made more active during such crisis.

Sh. Malkiat Singh said that pilgrims of Sh. Hemkunt were also sufferers of the disaster, Punjab Government sent their buses to bring the said pilgrims and when they were got back, but their condition was very miserable. He further told that 40 trucks of material had been returned and no one is to care for them. He stressed that our donation should be utilized properly.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta said that if M.P. could give Rs. 30.00 lac from his M.P.LAD Fund, so all the Councillors of BJP want to donate Rs. 20.00 lac each from their ward development fund in Uttrakhand relief fund.

Sh. M.P. Kohli said, "Uttrakhand is the integral part of India and everybody has sympathy towards the sufferers of disaster. Every NGOs and other organizations have been trying their best to help the sufferers in Uttrakhand. He told four trucks of ration had been sent to Uttrakhand and Rs.2.5 lac had been donated by the Veopar Mandal and Rs.2.5 lac had been donated by the Grain Market Association. He demanded that a special relief fund should be created to help the sufferers in such disasters / natural calamities. He further told that a team of 16 persons i.e. Disaster Management Committee had been sent to Uttrakhand by the Chandigarh Administration. He said that the DDR should be withdrawn before handing over the cheque of relief to the family of late Sh. Harpreet Singh Sodhi. He criticized the statement of Sh. Arun Sood which was made against Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, M.P., Chandigarh.

There was din in the House on this issue.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi told the House that a picture titled as Sikandar had being shot regarding the present circumstances of University Campus, Punjab University Chandigarh, the scenes of film were very objectionable as the student politics had been shown in negative manner. He further told that the students had been shown using the opium and drugs. In the wide interest of public such movies should not be released and be censored properly by the censor board. The heroine of this movie is resident of Sector-11, Chandigarh. This movie would have adverse affect on the youths. He further said that so many kinds of dramas and nukkar natak are staged in Tagore Theatre/Plaza and good dramas/nataks selected by the Arts, Culture & Sports Committee should also be screened in the general public interest and he suggested that the Sikandar Movie should be banned immediately.

The Mayor said that the House would send their feelings to the Administration regarding this issue.

“It was resolved that an amount of Rs.1.00 crore be given by the Municipal Corporation for victims of Uttrakhand tragedy. It was further decided that the House should sent a proposal to the Chandigarh Administration in this regard.”

Table agenda item No.2

Action plan for generation of 9 MGD drinking water due to shortfall in supply of canal water.

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

A table agenda on the subject mentioned above was brought in the House by the members of BJP & SAD regarding the Action plan for generation of 9 MGD drinking water due to shortfall in supply of canal water in the next year.

The Mayor allowed the said agenda and apprised the House that 6 MGD water pertaining to the share of Panchkula and 3 MGD water pertaining to Chandi Mandir presently being used by the Chandigarh would be withdrawn by the respective states by the end of year, 2013. With the result, the city which already facing shortage of water during summer season would be deprived of 9 mgd. water and the position of water supply would be more critical in the summer during the year, 2014 and the demand would rise in future. He further said that the Public Health Department has proposed 34 tubewells would have to installed in order to overcome the shortage of 9 mgd. water and places had been identified for the said tubewells. The Mayor further told that the matter was placed before the F&CC and it was approved by the F&CC in principle.

Sh. Satish Kainth took the chair of Mayor at 1.27 p.m. and the Mayor resumed his seat at 1.45 p.m.

Sh. Arun Sood said that an agenda on this issue came in the F&CC meeting held on 26.6.2013 and it was decided that it was a major decision and it should be discussed in the House before taking any final decision. He said that he had gone through the action plan framed by the Corporation. According to that plan, most of the tubewells would be installed within the radius of 150-200 meter. He further told that 34 tubewells would be installed parallel to the already existing tubewells and 11 tubewells would be bored after obtaining permission from the Administration. He further said that as the tubewells would be installed on the same place and at the nearest distance, it

would effect the ground level water and water level of the catchment area. He said no study/examination had been done regarding the water level at the 34 sites, where the tubewells would be installed. He said that the information regarding action plan was incomplete. He gave the example of a tubewell which was bore in Dhanas, but the water was not available even at the depth of 1100 ft. He suggested that before identifying the site, it should be ensured that the water would be available at that particular site. He told that the Central Ground Water Board can ensure about a particular site that the water is available on what depth and quantity of water also. He further said that although the action plan had been prepared with the best efforts, yet the second opinion should also be obtained from the experts. He told that 40 percent water was to be taken as due share from Kajauli water works, but the matter could not be pursued properly. He further told that 10% tubewells had to re-bore per year, according to action plan more than one tubewell would be installed at a particular site due to this the catchment area of ground water would be effected. He suggested that more and more ground water should be saved otherwise our generation would be deprived of this natural resource. He told that about 25% water was wasted due to leakage. He suggested that leakage should be stopped, which would help to improve the shortage of water. He told that requirement of per capita water in Chandigarh was 135 Ltr. per day. He suggested that the public should be awakened to stop the wastage of water. He further suggested that the tertiary water should be used for irrigation instead of drinking water and the project of T.T. water should be expedited. He told that all the samples of shallow water had been found unfit for human consumption. He told that the shallow water in Chandigarh is chemically fit but not biologically. He further

suggested that the shallow water can be used if it is improved biologically. He further told that biological impurity occurred due to dirt and filth and it should be stopped. He suggested that the physical survey should be got done from all angles before the installation of tubewells. The technology is available, we should obtain the opinion from the said authority also. In the end, he suggested that expert opinion should be obtained, maximum ground water should be saved and a detailed discussion should be done on this agenda.

The Commissioner replied that till the Punjab & Haryana Government did not agree to give some water from their shares, the water could not be taken from Kajauli water works. He further said however, if both the states agree to give the water from Kajauli water works, that will also take a time of 2-3 years. He further said that 6 mgd. water i.e. the share of Haryana & 3. Mgd. water i.e. share of Chandimandir was being used by the Chandigarh. The water pipe lines for Panchkula & Chandi Mandir have been laid down and by the end of this year, supply would be started and there would shortage of 9 mgd. water in Chandigarh. In order to recoup this shortage, there are three alternatives either the consumption per capita be reduced, capacity of present tubewells should be improved or new tubewells be installed. He further told that the basic need of city is to fulfill the shortage of 9mgd. water from new tubewells. So far as the distance of tubewells is concerned, before boring the tubewell all the technicalities would be ensured by the M.C. Engineers. He further said that the sites of tubewells mentioned in agenda were merely a summary report. The 25% or 27% water is non-revenue water, which is not giving revenue to the Corporation. However, Corporation is taking steps to reduce the non-revenue water. He further told that the

potable water was not being used in green belts & parks because they have their own shallow tubewells. As far as, the leakage of water is concerned, we have taken strict steps to stop the leakage. He further told that 255 Ltr. per capita water was being supplied in the city. In this way, there is no shortage of water in the city, but the expectations of the people is more. He further said, "if the Corporation does not want to install the new tubewells, then we have to manage ourselves with the availability of water after shortage of 9 mgd. We will have to awaken the people to cut down their demand of water." He further told that actually we are consuming more water than our requirement, which is particularly high in northern sectors mainly due to irrigation use. The solution of this problem is only to raise the water tariff, which should be extremely steep for excessive consumption. But this system would not be applicable to the weaker section. The water of 38 shallow tubewells is being tested. Initial reports are not OK. He further said that the agendas for installation of every new tubewell will come in future in the respective Committee / House as per the competence for approval.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta said that the residents residing out of lal dora had been using the water without meter. He suggested that the water meters should be installed in such houses, so that the revenue of the Corporation could be generated.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) appreciated the efforts made by the officers of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh for preparing an action plan regarding 9 MGD water. He further said that the efforts / action had been taken by the concerned officers at a proper time.

Sh. Surinder Bahga read out the reports of experts from Delhi, Environment and Technical Board and Chandigarh. He said according to the reports 30720 ml rain water was available in Chandigarh. He further said awareness among the public was required for the use of portable water. He said that choe was available nearby Chandigarh and the water could be re-treated by installing the water treatment plant. He further told that 219 tube-wells were installed in 60 years in Chandigarh and now 34 are going to be installed in six months.

The House was adjourned for lunch at 2.50 p.m. and reassembled at 3.25 p.m.

Sh. Arun Sood said that second opinion for generating 9 MGD water should be obtained from the experts. He further said that technology was available shallow water can be re-treated. He further said that water leakage was everywhere and due to that 25% water was wasted. He suggested that the leakage of water should be stopped.

The Commissioner read out the action plan submitted by the S.E.(P.H.) with figures.

Sh. Satish Kainth said that we should act on the action plan submitted by the officers of M.C. and all the shortcomings would be shorted out after the result of this action plan. He further suggested that the present system of water distribution should be improved. He further said that the problem of low pressure of water should be solved by removing the pump / motors from the main water pipelines.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil apprised the House that according to the Punjab Reorganization Act of 1952 assets and liabilities of the states were defined. He further said that instead of exhausting our natural resource of water, we should take our share from Kajauli water works. He suggested that an inter-state organization on water should be formed. He further suggested that the water could be available from Ghaggar which is only 5 K.m. away from Chandigarh. He suggested that the constructive steps should be taken to solve the water problem in Chandigarh. He further said that the Corporation should think about the other alternates / sources of water instead of boring tube-wells in hurry.

“After delebration the House retified the decision taken by the F&CC in its last meeting held on 26.06.2013.”

Smt. Asha Jaswal thanked the House for re-carpeting of roads of her ward.

Agenda Item No.2

Question by Maj. D.S.Sandhu (Retd.).

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that his question was very simple, but the proper reply had not been given by the authority. He further said that he asked the question regarding the stay / tenure of SDEs like the tenure of HCS, PCS officers and Exeucitive Engineers, those had been shifted recently. He stressed that the tenure of SDE must be defined / fixed. He further said that the reply of the question had not been vetted properly and read out the present posting of XENs along with their divisions. By the fixation of tenure the efficiency would raise and transparency would exist.

The Commissioner clarified that the 4 SDE had been given the current charge of XEN, therefore, they had been given dual charge i.e. SDE as well as XEN. Similarly there are only two XENs in Electrical and they also had been given dual charge due to the shortage of staff. So far as the fixation of tenure is concerned the guidelines of CVC / Government are available in this respect and these guidelines are kept in view at the time of shifting of the officers.

Sh. Arun Sood asked about the advertisement on the kiosk of water in Sector 17.

The Commissioner said that an agenda was put in the F&CC and approved by the House and he was allowed for three years for advertisement for which he had been paying fees to the Corporation. Now the advertisement had been removed from the kiosk.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Rough cost estimate for construction of civil dispensary at Sector 49-D, Chandigarh.

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

The Commissioner said that according to the drawing this dispensary would be a big dispensary having two floors. He further told that only one or two doctors are posted in the dispensaries. Therefore, there would be no need of first floor. Only the ground floor would be sufficient for the dispensary. The Commissioner asked the S.E.(B&R) about the expenditure involved in this regard. He informed the House that an amount of Rs.260.00 lacs would be incurred on the ground floor. However, the provision for first floor would be kept in the structure.

“The House considered and approved an amount of Rs.260.00 lac for the ground floor. Further it was also decided that the provision for the first floor be kept in the structure.”

Sh. Rajesh Gupta pointed out that although we had been constructing the dispensaries in the city, but doctors had not been posted in the dispensaries and medicines were not available in the dispensaries.

The Commissioner apprised that about 4 months ago there were vacancies of Doctors in the dispensaries. Now all the posts of Doctors are filled up and there is no shortage of medicines in any dispensary.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that the rainy season had started, but the Health Department had not taken the steps to prevent the diseases like malaria and swine flu. The fogging had not been done properly. The Malaria Department was previously with the Municipal Corporation, later on it was transferred to the Administration. Due to Primary Health Department with M.C., the people approach to the area Councillors. He suggested that the Malaria Department may be requested to take preventive measures for the diseases of rainy season. He said, “the medicines which is spread on the logged water remains almost out of stock.”

The Commissioner told that two meetings had been held with the Director Health Services. The Municipal Corporation had been trying best in this regard. He further said that anybody had any suggestion that would also be incorporated in the next meeting. The employees of the Sanitation Wing of the Corporation have also been directed to take necessary steps and report day to day. He said that the arrangement of medicine for spray would be made.

Agenda Item No.4**Rough cost estimate for special repair of cement concrete streets of Manimajra, Chandigarh.**

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

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that agenda item No.4 was pertaining to the special repair of cement concrete street of Manimajra, Chandigarh. He further said according to the estimate lowest layer as well as sub grade upper layer was to be laid down. The year of the street has not been mentioned when it was constructed, if so, the reasons have not been mentioned for the special repair. He opposed the DSR rates.

The S.E.(B&R) told that all the internal streets of Manimajra were constructed with the concrete. He further told that on the demand of the area Councillor, it was decided that paver blocks should be fixed but the paver blocks were not successful. The streets of cement concrete were constructed 12 years ago and due to water connection and leakage of water, there are pits in the streets, therefore, the repair of the streets is required. The estimate is only for the repair of streets not as a new construction of the streets and whole of the Manimajra has been covered. He replied the query of Sh. Surinder Bahga regarding the DSR rates. He further told, "the life of cement concrete road is 25 years, but it is repair of pits, which have occurred due to cable, water connection and leakage of water."

Sh. Malkiat Singh said that about one year ago, after the approval of dispensary on reserve land, case was sent to the Administration, but nothing has been

done so far. The poor people have been residing in the villages and dispensary is necessary in his ward.

The Commissioner said that the request for dispensary in Sector-41 was sent to the Administration, but in the Health Plan, dispensary in Sector-41 had not been approved. The said land may be reserved for another purpose.

Smt. Sheela Devi said that the proposal for the construction of community centre in Sector 43 was sent to the Administration, but nothing had been done so far.

The S.E.(B&R) said that the case has been rejected by the Administration.

“The House considered & unanimously approved the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs. 37.89 lac for special repair of cement concrete streets of Manimajra, Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Purchase of Winter Uniform Articles for the year 2011-13 and 2013-2015, Summer Uniform Articles for the year 2012-13 and 2013-14.

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

Sh. Rajesh Gupta said that Rules of 1977 had been mentioned in the agenda, whereas the rules of Punjab Fire & Emergency Services, 1962 were applicable. He further said that the copy of rules was not required for the purchase of winter uniform. These unnecessary pages of agenda should be deleted first. He further said that in 1994, it was decided that the rules of 1962 would be applicable in the Fire &

Emergency Services of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, instead of Rules of 1977. He demanded that this agenda should be deferred and the agenda should be prepared according to the Rules of 1962.

“The House considered & by majority accorded approval for the amount of Rs. 97.00 lac to purchase the uniform of Winter Uniform Articles for the year 2011-13 and 2013-2015, Summer Uniform Articles for the year 2012-13 and 2013-14, as per previous practice.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Rough cost estimate for recarpeting of roads & parkings (Zone-I) in Sector 34-A, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously approved the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs. 97.49 lac for recarpeting of roads & parkings (Zone-I) in Sector 34-A, Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 25mm thick SDBC on V-6 roads in Sector 46-D, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Surinder Bahga pointed out that item No. iv) had not been mentioned in non-schedule instead of DSR.

The Commissioner suggested that the matter should be referred to the Road Committee.

The S.E.(B&R) said, “the DSR item is mentioned on the basis of prevailing rates of market.

“The House considered & unanimously approved in principle the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs. 49.70 lac for providing and laying 25mm thick SDBC on V-6 roads in Sector 46-D, Chandigarh and decided that the matter be sent to Road Committee for further examining it. The decision of Road Committee, thereafter, shall be final.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Implementation of standing order framed for the formation and working of Fire Brigades in the Punjab State as required under Rule 3 (a) of the Punjab Municipal Fire Brigade Rules, 1977, circulated by Punjab Government, Department of Local Government (Trust Service Cell) vide Memo No. IDLG-TSC-(F)-04/12644-676 dated 09.07.2004.

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

The Additional Commissioner-I apprised the House that the present agenda had been brought in the House for the adoption of Punjab Municipal Fire Brigade Rules, 1977 in the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta said that the House had already approved that 1962 rules would be applicable in the Fire & Emergency Services of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

The Additional Commissioner-I told that the staff of Fire & Emergency Services, Municipal Corporation, had come from three wings i.e. Administration, Market Committee and NAC, Manimajra. He further said that when the Fire Wing of

Administration was transferred to Corporation, rules of 1977 were applicable on them whereas Rules of 1962 were applicable on the wings of Fire & Emergency Services from Market Committee & NAC and the Corporation had been following their respective service rules. He further said that the Punjab Standing rules were to be adopted.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta said that after over ruling the Rules of 1977, Rules of 1962 were adopted and the employees of Fire & Emergency Services had been availing the facilities according to said rules.

This agenda item was deferred.

Sh. M.P.Kohli said that the rainy water enters in the Fire Station and there was a need of two pumps for the disposal of water from there.

The Commissioner said that Public Health wing had already purchased two pumps.

Sh. Arun Sood said that there are five colonies in his area and water logged there, therefore, the pumps are required to be purchased. He further said that it was decided by the Committee that two pumps for each Fire Station should be purchased.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Purchase of 9 no. of Dumper Placers.

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

Sh. M.P.Kholi suggested that there should be own workshop of Corporation and own petrol pump of the Corporation.

The Commissioner said that the diesel would be Rs. 10/- costlier at our own pump, therefore, we purchase the diesel from CITCO. So far as, the workshop is concerned, we have purchased 25 new dumper placer recently. Only three or four dumper placers are old, therefore, we have decided that the AMC will be with the company where from the 25 dumper placers have been purchased.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that MOH had a motor garage in Industrial Area and near this there was a junk yard of Enforcement Wing. He further said that e-rickshaw was started in Chandigarh, but said rickshaw did not come on the roads, which were laying in the junk yard. Besides this, 100 of cars were dumped there. In addition to this, five dumper placers of MOH were also lying there for condemnation. He further said that the Corporation had only one Mechanical Engineer, who could not give the time for whole the machinery of M.C. He suggested that proper workshop of M.C. should be started.

“The House considered and approved the purchase of 9 chassis alongwith fabricated dumper placers on the earlier terms & conditions while purchasing of 25 dumper placers in place of condemned dumper placers at the approximate cost of Rs. 95.00 lacs.”

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra thanked the F&CC for reducing the paid parking rates in Sector-17. He further said that due to the shifting of Bus Stand, District Court and closing of all the cinema halls, the attraction of Sector-17, has reduced. He further apprised that project of Central Plaza was approved in the year, 2008 and the work had

not been started so far. In addition to this, the fountains had also not been installed and major issue was regarding the main fountain in Sector-17, the agenda was passed again and again in this regard and tenders were floated, work was also allotted, but due to some technical hitch, the work could not be started. He further told that the House had already approved the laser fountain in Sector-17.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that the rate/cost of the fountain was exorbitant.

The Commissioner said that the rate had come through the tenders, therefore, the rates could not be objected for which tenders were invited three or four times. He further said that tenders were within the estimate passed by the House and the work would be done according to the specification, moreover, the Govt. of India has also approved it. He further told that the project was sent to the Administration as the Corporation had to take the expenditure of this project from Tourism Corporation of India and for the approval of design of the fountain.

Smt. Asha Jaswal said that the fountain in Fragrance Garden, Sector-36, had already been approved, but the work had not been started.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta said that the agendas were being passed of different sectors, but an agenda for the community centre of Sector-33, was rejected due to the bigger estimate.

The Commissioner said that the matter was discussed on the level of Administration and it was decided that a new building after dismantling the old one would be better rather than renovation amounting to Rs. 2.50 crore.

The Mayor apprised that the matter was discussed in the Co-ordination Committee for the construction of a new community centre in Sector-33 rather than renovation, therefore, he directed the concerned officers to prepare the estimates for the new building of the community centre. He assured that the said agenda would be brought in the next meeting.

Sh. Malkiat Singh asked whether there was any policy regarding the cost of fountains, which would not be more than Rs. 15.00 lac. He further said that an estimate was got prepared for Rs. 35.00 lac for the fountain in his ward, but the same was not passed on the plea that the fountain more than Rs. 15.00 lac would not be installed.

The Mayor replied the query of Sh. Malkiat Singh that it had already been decided that the fountains would not be installed in small parks and it was decided in the Committee that the fountains more than Rs. 15.00 lac would not be installed. He said that the policy would be examined in the next meeting.

The S.E.(P.H.) apprised that before his joining 36 fountains were functional and work on some fountains was carried on and their estimate were of around Rs. 35.00 to Rs. 40.00 lac each. He further said that it was considered by the Water Supply & Sewerage Disposal Committee that the huge amount on fountains was a extravagant practice and it was decided that the expenditure should be restricted upto Rs. 15.00 lac and it was also decided that the fountain should not be more than one in any sector. The estimate of the fountain of Sector-17 was passed for Rs. 3,72,50,000/- by the House and the Administrative approval of the same was also received. He

further said that an estimate of Rs. 45.00 lac for the fountain in the ward of Sh. Malkiat Singh was prepared but it was decided that as per policy, the amount of the fountain should be restricted to Rs. 15.00 lac.

The Mayor apprised that no fountain was installed in his area i.e. Dhanas, but now the fountain is being installed amounting to Rs. 7.50 lac

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 40 mm thick bituminous concrete on V-4 road in Sector 48, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously approved the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs. 50.79 lac for providing and laying 40 mm thick bituminous concrete on V-4 road in Sector 48, Chandigarh.”

Sh. Satinder Singh said that mobile towers had been installed on 18 community centres, out of which two had obtained stay from the court, therefore, the mobile towers from rest of the community centres should be removed.

Supplementary Agenda Item No.11

Estimate for the work of Diversion of flow from stand posts of Sector-52, over flow of village Kajheri sewerage and old sump of Sector-52, Chandigarh from storm drains to sewers.

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

“The House considered & unanimously approved the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs. 41.79 lac for the work of diversion of flow from stand posts of Sector-52, over flow of village Kajheri sewerage and old sump of Sector-52, Chandigarh from storm drains to sewers.”

Supplementary Agenda Item No.12

Estimate for the work of Extension of RCC box and construction of tail end for 60” I/D and 96” I/D drains in connection with proposed garden of springs in Sector-53, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Surinder Bahga invited the attention of the House towards the drawing at page 19 to 22 of the agenda. He apprised the House that the work had been allotted to the contractor whereas the work of designing has been assigned to the contractor and the work had been got done through the Creative Consultant. He objected the drawing designed by the Creative Consultant, which was not justified.

The Commissioner apprised the House that this work should be done by the Administration as the Municipal Corporation had done the work of the tail end. The Corporation should not incur the amount of Rs. 1.50 crore on this project.

“The House considered & deferred the agenda with the observation that the matter be referred to the Administration to do this job at their own.”

Supplementary Agenda Item No.13

Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 40 mm thick bituminous concrete on V-5 road in Sector 43-A & B, Chandigarh and providing and laying 25 mm thick SDBC on parking in Mini Market Sector 43-B, Chandigarh .

The Secretary placed the supplementary agenda item No.13 before the House for consideration and approval.

The S.E.(B&R) told that there were already parking in Mini Market, Sector 43-B, Chandigarh, only the re-carpetting was required according to the drawing approved by the Chief Architect. So far as the condition of Sector-36 is concerned, parking has not been approved in the drawing.

“The House considered & unanimously approved the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs. 46.46 lac for providing and laying 40 mm thick bituminous concrete on V-5 road in Sector 43-A & B, Chandigarh and providing and laying 25 mm thick SDBC on parking in Mini Market Sector 43-B, Chandigarh.”

Table Agenda Item No. 2-A

Analyzing the recruitment rules of various categories.

The Secretary placed the table agenda item No.2-A before the House for consideration and approval.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that this agenda had been brought for the 67:33 ratio in promotion of SDEs. He further said when the Corporation came into existence, most of the officers came from the Administration and assurance was given to them that they would be given promotion in the Corporation. He read out the name of the SDEs working in the Public Health Wing and B&R Wing those are going to retire in near future, but no promotion had been given to them. He apprised the House that these officers had completed the services of more than 30 years, but no promotion had been given to them, although, CDC had been given to them. He suggested that first of all

DPC should be called and their promotion should be considered immediately in accordance with the ratio of 67:33. He further said that they were aware of the ground map of pipelines in other projects laid down by them and newly direct recruited would gain the experience to work with them. If the promotions are made in the ratio of 50:50 that would be inhuman treatment with them.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that the Corporation had not framed its own service rules. The rules were framed and passed by the House and sent to the Administration for approval in ratio of 67:33, but the Administration changed the ratio at its own level and notified the rules. As a matter of right the Administration can not change the agenda, if any amendment is required, they can refer the agenda back. He suggested that we should again recommend the case to the Administration for 67:33 ratio and DPC be called immediately. He thanked the Commissioner and the Chief Engineer for assigning the CDC of XENs to the SDEs. He demanded that the proper promotion should be given to the employees whose promotion was due and many of them are going to be retired in near future. He further said that the second agenda was regarding the regularization of the services of contractual employees on the pattern of Punjab Government. He requested that the agenda should be passed in toto.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the rules were sent to the Administration for approval in the ratio of 67:33, but the Administration amended the rules at its own level, whereas the Administration had no power to make any kind of amendment in the proposed rules. The Administration can either reject or notify the same. Only the House has power to make any amendment.

Sh. Satinder Singh read out the Section 398 of Municipal Act, vide which only the House is empowered to make any kind of amendment. He further apprised the House regarding the provisions under Section 422 & 423 of Municipal Act, vide which the show cause notice was required before any amendment. The Act of the Administration is beyond their jurisdiction. He suggested that the Administration should be requested again to act according to the Section 398 of Municipal Act.

The Commissioner said that there was already shortage of staff in the Corporation and stoppage of new recruitment process would be disaster for the Corporation. The agenda for the DPC is being prepared as the Vigilance clearance certificate is required from the Public Health Wing. The DPC of the gazetted officers is chaired by the Home Secretary not by the M.C. He further apprised that the promotion of the officers could be done according to the existing rules, but if the Corporation wants amendment in the ratio of 67:33, the matter would be discussed. He interpreted the Section 398A of Municipal Act. He further said that there are so many Municipal Corporations in Punjab, but the service rules are same. He further told that meeting of the Co-ordination Committee would be held on 3rd July and the Mayor may raise the issue in the meeting.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari said that the approving authority is the final authority. The matter should be discussed with the Administration and solution of 67:33 ratio in promotion be found out amicably. She further said that direct confrontation should be avoided.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the Commissioner should raise the issue in the Co-ordination Committee that the notification issued in respect of the service rules of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh was wrong.

The Commissioner assured that he would raise the issue in the meeting. As far as the new recruitment of J.Es & SDEs is concerned, that will take atleast six months time.

The Mayor suggested that an agenda should be brought in the next meeting of the House for the amendment in the notification as the Committee had already been constituted.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra suggested that the case had been sent to the Finance Department for new creation of posts, but the F.D. had put the query on the case. He further suggested that the posts of SDEs should be excluded from the said proposal for the creation of new posts and recruitment process should be started immediately and promotion would be according to the ratio of 50:50.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved the proposed agenda and further resolved that the proposal be sent at the earliest again to amend the recruitment rules for promotion of the SDEs in the ratio of 67:33 instead of 50:50.”

Table Agenda Item No. 3

Estimate for the work of Replacement of 2 No. mixed flow type 150 HP Pumping Sets including other works contingent thereto at Water Works, Sector-39, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously approved the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.52.92 lac for the work of Replacement of 2 No. mixed flow type 150 HP Pumping Sets including other works contingent at Water Works, Sector-39, Chandigarh.”

Table Agenda Item No. 4**Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 40mm thick bitumen concrete on V-3 road in Sector 23 & 24, Chandigarh.**

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

Sh. Satish Kainth said that according to the policy, the re-carpetting of the roads was done after five years. The carpeting of this road was done in March, 2009 four years prior. He further said that first of all the estimates of re-carpetting goes to the Road Committee, but this agenda had been brought directly in the House.

The Mayor apprised the House that a piece of road dividing Sector-23 & 24 had remained without recarpetting in the year, 2009, which require the recarpetting. The agenda was brought in the F&CC and it was discussed that the recarpeting of this road was due in the year, 2014 after one year. Therefore, it was decided in the F&CC that the agenda should be brought in the House for the recarpetting of the whole road instead of only a piece of road. Therefore, this agenda has been brought on the recommendation of F&CC.

“The House considered & unanimously approved the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.99.54 lac for providing and laying 40mm thick bitumen concrete on V-3 road in Sector 23 & 24, Chandigarh.”

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

**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**