

**MINUTES OF THE 181st MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
CHANDIGARH HELD ON 19.06.2012 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE
CORPORATION CHANDIGARH.**

The followings were present:-

1.	Smt. Raj Bala Malik	Mayor
2.	Sh. V.P. Singh, IAS	Commissioner
3.	Sh. Darshan Kumar	Sr. Dy. Mayor
4.	Sh. Satish Kumar	Deputy Mayor
5.	Sh. Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.)	Councillor
6.	Sh. Anoop Sunny Gill	Councillor
7.	Prof. Aruna Goel	Councillor
8.	Dr. Amrit Tiwari	Councillor
9.	Maj.(Retd.) D.S. Sandhu	Councillor
10.	Sh. M.P. Kohli	Councillor
11.	Sh. Pardeep Chhabra	Councillor
12.	Smt. Sheela Devi	Councillor
13.	Sh. Surinder Bahga	Councillor
14.	Sh. Saurabh Joshi	Councillor
15.	Smt. Asha Kumari Jaswal	Councillor
16.	Sh. Subhash Chawla	Councillor
17.	Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal	Councillor
18.	Sh. Arun Sood	Councillor
19.	Smt. Gurbax Rawat	Councillor
20.	Sh. Malkiat Singh	Councillor
21.	Smt. Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
22.	Sh. Harphool Chander Kalyan	Councillor
23.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
24.	Sh. Mukesh Bassi	Councillor
25.	Sh. Satinder Singh	Councillor

26. Smt. Heera Negi	Councillor
27. Sh. Davesh Moudgil	Councillor
28. Smt. Rajinder Kaur	Councillor
29. Sh. Gurcharan Das	Councillor
30. Sh. Des Raj Gupta	Councillor
31. Sh. Rajiv Kumar 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 Yogesh Gupta	XEN (Roads-I)
9. Sh Jai Pal Singh	XEN (Roads-II)
10. Sh Harinder Singh	XEN (P.H. Div No-I)
11. Sh R.S. Ahluwalia	XEN (P.H. Div No-II)
12. Sh Gurpreet Singh	XEN (P.H. Div No-IV)
13. Sh Surinder Pal Singh	XEN (Electrical)

At the outset, the Secretary welcomed the Mayor, Commissioner, all the members of the House, Media persons and all the persons present in the House.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of 180th meeting of the General House held on 28.5.2012 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the M.C. Chandigarh.

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

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that the F&CC in its meeting held on 25.5.2012 passed a resolution that the Chief Engineer should review the progress of works in every ward once in three months, in which Councillors should be involved. He requested that the nominated Councillors should also be invited in that meeting. It is duty of the visiting officer to invite the nominated Councillors residing in that ward. In the past a list of safaikaramcharies was supplied to the elected Councillors only, but nominated Councillors were ignored, whereas they can also contribute to the development of the city. He requested that a list of the safaikaramcharies should also be supplied to the nominated Councillors.

“The House confirmed the minutes of 180th meeting of the General House held on 28.05.2012 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.”

Sh. Satinder Singh and Sh. Saurabh Joshi enquired about their questions.

The Commissioner assured that the reply of their questions will be placed before the House in the next meeting.

Sh. Satinder Singh desired that the concerned Councillor may be intimated in case his question is not being placed before the House.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that there is shortage of drinking water in southern sectors. In sector 48, 49, 50 and 51 multistorey flats have been constructed where basic facilities are not being provided by the Corporation. He requested that boosters be arranged for these sectors, so that supply of water could improve.

The Commissioner said that in most of societies water is being supplied in underground tanks and then the societies supply it to the other areas. They have installed their own booster, but somewhere boosters are not there. The matter is being regularly taken up with the Chandigarh Administration in the meeting of Coordination Committee for providing land for

boosting station. The Chandigarh Administration has been requested to provide land for nine boosters for the whole city and out of those two boosters are proposed in the southern sectors.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil requested that the House should pass the resolution in this regard and a letter be sent to the Chandigarh Administration recommending for development of southern sectors.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that letters have been received by some Councillors from the 4th Delhi Finance Commission in which their suggestions have been invited. The budget estimate of the Municipal Corporation was passed in the month of January, 2012. In that budget about Rs.400.00 crore was proposed in Non-Plan Budget and Rs.425.00 crore in Plan, but the Chandigarh Administration has promised to release Rs.204.00 crore under Non-Plan and Rs.156.00 crore under Plan Head. There is difference of Rs.440.00 crore between the Budget Estimate and funds to be received. The Corporation collect about Rs.80.00 crore from various sources as such there would be huge deficit of budget. The Corporation had deposited Rs.500.00 crore in fixed deposit five years ago to meet out the emergency in future, but an amount of Rs.200.00 crore has been spent out of the said F.D. He asked whether the grant has been released by the Chandigarh Administration as per norms. The F&CC should decide as to which approved projects are to be cut down and priority has to be fixed. Two new departments have been transferred to Corporation and the schools and the primary health centers transferred to the Corporation are in bad condition. The Corporation is going on passing the agendas pertaining to paver blocks and road carpeting. As per information collected from the Chandigarh Administration the total revenue collected by them comes to Rs.1596.33 crore for the year 2011-2012, but the share of the Corporation has not been intimated. The share of revenue of the Corporation was fixed as 17% when the primary health, primary education, big gardens were not transferred to the Corporation and the share of the Corporation should also have been increased accordingly. The Corporation should spend money prudently on the paver blocks,

road and other projects and other functions like primary health and primary education also need to be looked into.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that when primary health and primary education were transferred, the Corporation should have asked for the assets along with the liabilities. She further said that the liability of construction and maintenance of the roads are with the Corporation, therefore, the road tax collected by the Chandigarh Administration should also be transferred to the Corporation. The Corporation should take up these departments only if the Administration release funds for them. Lot of funds are required to provide basic amenities to the public. She further said that division of electricity is not proper by the Chandigarh Administration and the northern part of the city is getting sufficient electricity whereas the southern sectors are getting electricity in less quantity. She requested that House should pass a resolution that the Chandigarh Administration should be requested to release sufficient electricity to the southern sectors keeping in view the population and the load. She suggested that the Councillors should meet to discuss the priorities keeping in view the assets, income, expenditure and liabilities.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that the control of street lights is with the Chandigarh Administration and the Corporation pay money for maintenance of street lights. Whenever the officers are contacted for maintenance, no spare parts are available there. As a result most of the street lights are not functioning.

The Commissioner apprised that the revenue share is decided by the Delhi Finance Commission as they are the sole arbitrator in this regard. Earlier 17½ % share was decided keeping in view the functions transferred to the Corporation. Now new Finance Commission has been constituted and they will decide the share keeping in view the responsibility of the Corporation. They are trying to get feedback from the prominent persons including NGOs. The Secretary of DFC has intimated that they would arrange a seminar exclusively with the Councillors to get their views. It is

to be seen as to what facilities the Corporation would provide to the city in the coming five years and what projects are proposed. All the aspects about plan and non-plan funds have to be put before them. So far all the expenditures are being borne by the Chandigarh Administration in respect of the transferred functions of Primary Education and Primary Health. The Corporation has been asked to create its own posts for these two departments, however, the tax revenue sharing need to be reconciled.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the condition of dispensaries is very bad as Doctors are not available there neither other related facilities are available to the public. Similarly the schools are also in dilapidated condition. An installment of grant-in-aid was expected from the Chandigarh Administration in the first quarter, but the same has not been received. The Chandigarh Administration even did not release an installment of grant-in-aid last year also.

The Commissioner apprised that the budget is prepared in anticipation. The income of Corporation from the tax is about Rs.20.00 crore, an amount of Rs.30.00 crore is earned through interest, and about 50 crore are received as service charges for water supply. As such actual income of the corporation is about Rs.50.00 crore and the budget estimate is for Rs.800.00 crore.

Smt. Heera Negi said that four storey houses are situated in Sector 46 and there is very low water pressure. Even the pressure of water is at ground floor is very low, whereas the water bills amounting to Rs.22,000/- have been received by the residents.

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan said that there is no proper distribution of electricity in the city. A part of the Electricity Department is with the Chandigarh Administration and another part is with Corporation as a result there is confusion about the functions, therefore, either the whole Electricity Department should be given to the Chandigarh Administration or to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that there is shortage of drinking water in whole city. He suggested that if the pumping of water is started one hour earlier then the problem can be sorted out to some extent. He further said that the monsoon is approaching near, therefore, he asked whether the storm water drainage system has been cleaned up and whether arrangement for fogging in the colonies has been made in coordination with the Malaria Department.

The S.E.(P.H.) apprised that the cleaning of road gullies is under process and the whole city will be covered upto 7th July, 2012.

Smt. Asha Jaswal said that she was informed that the road gullies of her ward have been cleaned up, but when she checked then it was found that road gullies were not cleaned properly and lot of malba and sand is dumped inside the drainage system. She desired that road gullies be cleaned up with machines.

Smt. Gurbax Rawat thanked the Commissioner, Chief Engineer and other officers for solving most of the problems of her ward. She further said that it is not clear as to who is responsible for cleaning the parks and community centres after marriage, whereas the payment for cleaning is charged by the Corporation in advance. There is shortage of drinking water in the dispensary of Sector 40. She further said that complete information about the safaikaramcharies engaged through the service providers be supplied to her.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the road gullies are not being cleaned up properly from inside and in most of the cases the malba removed from the road gullies is collected on the road berm which again enter into the road gully when it rains. He further said that as informed by the concerned J.E. the road gullies on V-6 roads are not being cleaned up.

The S.E.(P.H.) apprised that the road gullies on V-6 roads will also be cleaned up and action will be taken against the contractor if he does not remove the malba from the site.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that as per the documents supplied by the office, 43 safaikarmacharies have been deputed in his ward, whereas only 13 safaikaramcharies were present there. On enquiry, the supervisor said that the Councillors have no power to check the attendance.

Sh. M.P. Kohli thanked the Mayor for constitution of committees. He appreciated the performance of fire officials and said that they fight the fire incident very efficiently. He requested that nominated Councillors should also be invited when any officer visit a sector. He further said that Municipal Corporation is not to earn the revenue, but to provide basic amenities to the public. He suggested that a big chunk of land is lying vacant in Manimajra which can earn crore of rupees if sold after planning. He further said that as per data supplied to the House Tax Assessment Committee an amount of Rs.51.11 crore is due against the Chandigarh Administration. He suggested that a delegation of Councillors should meet the Administrator to increase the share of the Corporation.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur said that in ward No.24, drain water is mixing with the drinking water and this problem need to be taken care of at the earliest. She further requested that the road gullies should be cleaned up at the earliest in her ward and also requested to rehabilitate the rehri-phariwalas in day market.

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan thanked the officers for visiting his ward and said that the Councillors being representative of the public have to attend the complaints of the public and the incident happened with Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal is condemnable.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta thanked the Commissioner for visiting his ward. He said that a booster has been set up in Indira Colony four months ago, but in absence of electricity connection, it is not functioning. He further said that there are some daily wage workers in Sub Office Manimajra for the last 20 years, their services should be regularized. He further said that the rehri market of Manimajra should be converted into booths as promised by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament. He had proposed to install four water coolers out of Ward Development Fund, but the officers did not

agree as a result the people are suffering for drinking water in the hot summer. He said that the Gaushala situated in Maloya is in very bad condition and it should be allotted to the Aggarwal Sabha which would maintain it properly. There are some jhuggies in Indira Colony for the last 20 years which should be rehabilitated.

Sh. Darshan Kumar said that the work of laying pipeline in his ward, which is 150 ft. in length, should be completed at the earliest.

Sh. Gurcharan Das said that there is acute problem of parking of vehicles in Manimajra which should be sorted out at the earliest.

Dr. Amrit Tewari said that nominated Councillors had submitted two agendas, first regarding appointment of Nodal Officer and second about releasing of payment to the contractors, but these agendas have not been placed before the House.

Sh. Surinder Bahga showed a newspaper and said that a news has been published about imposing 5% penalty by the Executive Engineer and then reducing it to 0.5% and there are three such cases. He said that this matter is very serious and there may be such other cases which need to be investigated through Vigilance.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that in the newspaper the statement of the concerned XEN has also been published and he has admitted occurrence of such mistake. The XEN can impose the penalty, but cannot reduce it and the contractor has the option to appeal before the Arbitrator i.e. Superintending Engineer. Therefore, inquiry should be conducted in this matter.

The Commissioner said that before taking any decision regarding inquiry, it would be better to obtain the comments of the superior officers of the concerned XEN.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that there should be Nodal Officer to monitor the maintenance work as proposed by Dr. Amrit Tewari.

The House adjourned for tea at 12.50 a.m. and reassembled at 1.20 p.m.

The Commissioner announced that so far as the incident occurred with Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal, the matter would be taken up at the administrative level. Regarding the issue raised by Sh. Surinder Bahga the matter would be inquired by the Vigilance Officer of the Corporation. He further apprised that the installment of grant-in-aid has not so far been received. The matter would be taken up with the Chandigarh Administration to release funds in advance in future.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that the condition of roads in Industrial Area, Phase-II is very bad. The contractor has left the work in between and further asked whether the said contractor was also penalized for not completing the job.

Sh. Arun Sood thanked the nominated Councillors for intervening and managing to constitute the committees. He further said that so far as the matter of issuance of free parking passes is concerned, a complaint has been filed with the Chandigarh Administration for taking action in this regard and the same is pending with them. Therefore, the demand for action for issuing free parking passes more than entitlement stands as such and the loss incurred to the exchequer should be recovered. In case any fresh policy is framed in this regard which allows free distribution of parking passes then the BJP would strongly oppose it.

At this there was din in the House.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that this issue was discussed in the pre House meeting and the members agreed on it. On persuasion of the nominated Councillors, some members of the committees were asked to resign and then the committees were reconstituted, but the members of the opposition party have not withdrawn their resignation. He further said that the Congress is not in

favour of issuing free parking passes, but suggestions came forward from the nominated Councillors that the policy on free parking passes be framed in the Finance & Contract Committee.

At this there was again din in the House.

The House adjourned for lunch at 1.55 p.m. and reassembled at 2.55 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 25 mm thick SDBC on V-6 road in Sector 38-B, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the allocation of funds in the head under which the expenditure is to be incurred should be mentioned in the agenda along with funds already utilized and the balance fund available. He questioned whether the agendas passed in the House would be executed in proper time.

Sh. M.P. Kohli said that the House should see the availability of funds before passing any agenda, otherwise it would be useless to pass agendas.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that work has not so far been started on the agendas passed three years ago. Therefore, it is necessary that the detail of allocation of funds and utilization thereof should be mentioned in the agenda.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the Corporation passed the Budget Estimate just three months ago and the funds allocated under this head would not have been utilized completely.

The Commissioner was of the view that a Committee should review all the agendas passed under a particular head. He agreed that the detail of the allocation of funds under a particular head and fund utilized should be mentioned in the agenda.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that there is lack of planning. At one hand the office provide paver blocks on a road side and after some days other proposal of widening of road and road gullies are approved. In Dhanas, in 70% areas where paver blocks have been installed, the water supply pipelines are underground and whenever the pipe leaks the paver blocks are to be removed. The priorities of the works are not kept in view while preparing an agenda.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that detail report on the budget allocation in the different heads and agendas passed there under during the last six months should be brought before the House for information.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that it was decided in the House to install three big fountains in the city, keeping in view the area of the green belt, but at present there are 3-4 fountains in every ward as the officers did not guide the Chair properly. She said that uniform policy should be there and the officers should rightly guide and counsel the Councillors. She desired that policy should be framed and then followed strictly.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.35.17 lac for P/L 25mm thick SDBC on V-6 road in Sector 38-B, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 25 mm thick SDBC on V-6 road in Sector 24-D, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.40.86 lac for P/L 25mm thick SDBC on V-6 road in Sector 24-D, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Construction of 5 MGD (22.7 MLD) Sewage Treatment Plant and main pumping station(Phase-I) based on SBR technology and all other works contingent thereto along with operation and maintenance for a period of 120 months after successful completion of trial run for a period of minimum 180 days.

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

Sh. Surinder Bahga enquired about the procedure for appointment of the consultant and what was the criteria to select the consultant. As per Architect Act, 1972 an Architect cannot write like that. He further said that he had a list of Architects working in the area and as per his information the consultant mentioned in the agenda is not an Architect. He further said that the figures of population mentioned in the agenda are inflated. As per report of the newspaper the Corporation already have capacity to treat 67.5 MGD sewage, therefore, there is no need to set up such a big plant.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that as per report of the census for the year 2011, the growth rate of population is 1.5%. An STP is already functioning in Diggian which has capacity of 45 mgd, the 2nd STP is in 3BRD area which have 15 mgd capacity, 3rd STP is situated in Raipur Kalan which have 5 mgd capacity, 4th STP is situated at Raipur Khurd and its capacity is 1.5 mgd, 5th STP has been proposed by the Chandigarh Administration in Dhanas with a capacity of 1.5 mgd and now the 6th STP has been proposed by the Corporation in Maloya with a capacity of 5 mgd. As such the total capacity of all the STPs comes to 73 mgd whereas the total discharge of whole city is 72 mgd. 60% of total discharge goes to STPs which comes to 43.2 mgd. Therefore, the total requirement of the city is 43.2 mgd whereas the total capacity of STPs is 73 mgd. He further said that at present SBR technology is being implemented which require lot of land for setting up a plant. There are many other technologies available in the world and while floating tender for this purpose all technologies should have been invited. In Diggian an STP plant with SBR technology is already running from where T.T. water is being supplied. The expenditure for running this plant is Rs.5.00 crore and for

maintenance is Rs.3.00 crore per year. As per report of CFPHEEO, Chandigarh is having sufficient STP to cater the population of 15 lac. He further said that possibility of setting up a plant in the southern side be explored as there is slope of land towards Sector 31. At present the requirement of T.T. water for whole city is 12 mgd and the city is already having STPs with a capacity of 72 mgd.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that the plant is not feasible at the proposed site as the figure of population has been inflated.

Sh. Subhash Chawla agreed with the views of Sh. Surinder Bahga that the credential of the consultant should be checked. There is open discharge of sewage in Patiala ki Rao from the colonies situated near it. On some petitions the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court has banned entrance of sewage water of Chandigarh in the State of Punjab. In the coming two months about 8000 families are to be shifted from colonies. He said that other technologies should also be explored.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that it should be ascertained whether setting up a new STP is the need of the hour. He proposed that the STP existing in 3BRD can be expanded. He again suggested that offer should be invited with all the existing technologies in this field.

The S.E.(P.H.) explained that all the technologies were examined and mentioned in the detailed agenda. The consultant has recommended the SBR technology as there is land saving and the quality of the treated water. He further said that the STP of 15 mgd at Diggian which was set up in 1991 has been redundant and the newly set up plant of 10 mgd is functional. He explained the different stages of treatment of water in detail.

Sh. Arun Sood said that T.T. water supplied at present has foul smell. In MBR technology the land to be used for the plant would be 1/3rd less than other technologies as it requires only one acre to set up the plant and as such about 2 acre land can be saved. The quality of affluent

in MBR technology is better and its operation cost is also less. He requested that a consultant be engaged to study the SBR & MBR technologies.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that huge technicalities are involved in this project and it would have been better if the consultant should have present in the House to apprise the members the detail of the project. She suggested that a Committee of the Councillors be constituted to examine the project in detail.

Sh. Subhash Chawla suggested that a Committee of five members and two officers be constituted and sent on a study tour to the places where the plants with both the technologies are running. The Committee will study the plants already set up in other cities and compare both technologies and after that the agenda would be passed.

“The House considered & unanimously authorized the Mayor to constitute a Committee of five members and two officers which would go to the cities where STP of MBR & SBR technologies are running and submit its recommendations. After that the Agenda would be decided accordingly.”

The House adjourned for tea at 5.10 p.m. and reassembled at 5.30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Rough cost estimate for construction of toe wall around the various parks and refixing of M.S. flat railing on toe wall in Maloya Colony, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Arun Sood said that many theft cases of bench, jhulas and railings have been reported. By providing toe wall it would check the theft of railings and entry of cattle. Therefore, toe wall should be provided in the parks wherever the area Councillor deem fit.

The Commissioner said that the members should take policy decision about the area of the park where toe wall is to be provided as the cost of toe wall is more than the railing.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that toe wall is necessary in the parks of Sector 28 as the mechanics remove the railing and enter the park to repair the vehicles.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the toe wall obstruct the wind flow and also the flow of rainy water which is against the environmental point of view. He suggested that toe wall be provided in the parks having area upto one acre.

Sh. Arun Sood was of the view that railings be provided in the parks having area $\frac{1}{2}$ acre and above.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.46.85 lac for construction of toe wall around the various parks and re-fixing of M.S flat railing on toe wall in Maloya Colony, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved

The House further resolved that the toe wall be provided only in parks having area $\frac{3}{4}$ acre and above.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Menace of Stray Dogs.

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

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) thanked the officers for providing detailed information on the problem of Stray Dogs. As per Animal Birth Control (Dogs Rules) there is no provision of birth control and there is only provision for treatment of dogs. The capacity of SPCA to sterilize the dogs is only five and it can be said that the Corporation has totally failed in sterilization of dogs. He said that this project of sterilization cannot succeed unless this job is given on contract by engaging private doctor and to provide them other facilities.

“The House deferred the agenda for next meeting.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

P/F 60mm thick paver blocks on internal galleys near House No. 45 – 308 and 351 – 1056 in Janta & Kumhar Colony, Sector 25, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Arun Sood was of the view that the Corporation should frame a policy on paver blocks as the paver blocks are easily dismantled and there is no maintenance. Greenery of the city has been reduced from 29% to 25% as per a report. There is a technology called Hydro Seeding under which grass can be planted instead of paver blocks and it is cheaper and this concept should be adopted.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.107.52 lac for P/F 60mm thick paver blocks on internal galleys near House No. 45 – 308 and 351 – 1056 in Janta & Kumhar Colony, Sector 25, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Modification of the rates to be charged from different type of residential houses/SCF/SCO/Hotels/Booths in Sector 22 for door to door collection of house hold waste approved by the General House in the 178th meeting held on 30.3.2012.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that no charges shall be levied by Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh on residential area of Sector 22 for door to door collection of house hold waste, however the rates for the commercial area Sector 22 shall continue to be charged as approved in the 178th meeting of the General House.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

To provide winter uniform to Safaikaramcharies.

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

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan said that as authorized by the House the Mayor constituted a Sub Committee to examine this matter and give recommendations. The matter to provide winter uniform to safaikaramcharies is pending for the last two years. Earlier tender was invited in September, 2010, but it could not be finalized by the Sanitation Committee. The validity of the said tender has expired as it was not allotted to anyone. The quality of the cloth to be supplied by the tenderer is very poor. He requested that the rate of the uniform should be revised on the pattern of Punjab & Haryana High Court. He requested that the safaikarmacharies should be paid cash payment in lieu of winter uniform.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta said that options be invited from safaikarmacharies and who so ever want cash payment should be paid cash and others be given uniform.

Sh. Babu Lal said that the sample of the cloth is not of good quality and neither the uniform can be purchased for Rs.700/-. The Committee constituted for this purpose decided by majority that the safaikarmacharies should be given cash payment so that they could purchase the uniform of their choice by adding some money from their pocket.

Sh. Arun Sood said that it is compulsory for safaikaramcharies to wear the uniform. There is no instruction regarding payment of cash in lieu of the uniform. When the matter was brought before the House then a Committee was constituted to decide this issue. In the meeting of the said Committee three members were of similar view and he himself submitted his views. If the safaikaramcharies are not given uniform, it would encourage indiscipline. There is no guarantee that the safaikaramcharies would wear the uniform if cash payment is given to them. He showed a list of 710 safaikaramcharies, who had given in writing that they should be provided uniform. He also showed a sample of cloth which was submitted by the L-1 tenderer to be supplied to the safaikaramcharies. He said that if the supplier is ready to provide the uniform at the prescribed rate then he should be allowed to do so.

Smt. Gurbax Rawat was of the view that cash payment should be given to the safaikaramcharies willing so and uniform be provided to others.

Some of the members desired that voting be done to decide the issue by show of hands. Accordingly 12 members raised their hands in favour of making cash payment to the safaikaramcharies and rest of the 10 members did not raise their hands.

“The House considered & by majority resolved that the safaikaramcharies be given cash payment in lieu of winter uniform.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Recarpeting of road passing through Rajiv Colony, Mauli Complex, Charan Singh Colony and Vikas Nagar upto Mauli Jagran village, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Malkiat Singh said that the work of recarpeting was started in his ward, but the contractor left the work in between. He requested that action should be taken against such contractor.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.107.63 lac for recarpeting of road passing through Rajiv Colony, Mauli Complex, Charan Singh Colony and Vikas Nagar upto Mauli Jagran village, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

Comprehensive Maintenance Contract for 3 No. Large Road Sweeping Machines Model Dulevo-5000 from 8.4.2012 onwards.

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

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan said that crore of rupees have already been paid for maintenance of machines, whereas the performance of these machines is negligible.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that the machine has never been seen in his ward as per schedule supplied to him.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said, if Panchkula can adopt the concept of night sweeping then why not the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. The night sweeping concept is also being adopted in Chennai and Bangalore. He suggested that the Corporation should also deploy these machines in night sweeping.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the proposal of night sweeping was earlier approved by the House and Sector 17 was selected. But the regular safaikaramcharies deputed in Sector 17 refused for night sweeping on the plea that their Service Rules does not allow and neither there is any security.

The Commissioner stated that the Sanitation Committee should examine the concept of night sweeping and give its recommendations.

“The House deferred the agenda. However, the House approved comprehensive maintenance contract for one month i.e. July, 2012 for three large road sweeping machines Model Dulevo - 5000.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

Construction of 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th floor on New Deluxe Building, M.C Office, Sector 17, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Rajesh Gupta enquired whether all the technical aspects of the building have been checked as it involves 100s of lives. He desired that architectural drawings and other related documents be attached with the agenda and examined thoroughly before passing it.

The S.E.(B&R) explained that the building was earlier constructed by the Engineering Department of Chandigarh Administration. Due to non-availability of structural design of the building, the matter was referred to the Panjab Engineering College, but they said that scanning of the structure was required. Then this matter was referred to the NTTTR for carrying out testing of

reinforced detailing and concrete core testing. After testing, the NTTTR gave concurrence for adding additional four floors. Subsequently the matter was referred to PEC for consultancy in engineering, who supplied the structure advice and now the matter has been taken with the C.A., U.T., Chandigarh for issuing construction drawings which is awaited.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.1939.48 lac for Construction of 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th floor on New Deluxe Building, M.C office, Sector 17, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

Rough cost estimate construction of 5'-11 ½” High and 9” thick brick boundary wall in Pocket No.8, Manimajra, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.61.04 lac for construction of 5'-11 ½” High and 9” thick brick boundary wall in Pocket No.8, Manimajra, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

Revised Rough cost estimate for widening of V-5 road in Sector 23-A,B&C, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.14 before the House for approval.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that the work of recarpeting in Sector 23 has been completed, but the electric poll is still on the road.

The S.E.(B&R) said that the Electricity Department had assured to shift the electric poll, but they did not and the work of the recarpeting had already been started which could not be left incomplete.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that widening of road in Sector 23 has already been completed and kerb channels and paver blocks have been provided. He enquired about the necessity of revising the estimate.

The S.E.(B&R) explained that the estimate was approved for widening, carpeting and paver blocks. The work of widening has been completed, but the contractor left the work of carpeting. The earnest money of the contractor has been forfeited. Now, the rates of material have been increased, therefore, the revised estimate has been prepared.

“The House referred the matter to the Road Committee for examination and final decision.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

Revised Rough cost estimate for widening of V-5 road in Sector 36-A,B,C&D, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.15 before the House for approval.

“The House referred the matter to the Road Committee for examination and final decision.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Rough Cost Estimate for Construction of toe wall and baffle wall around various parks (19 No. parks) in Sector 47 C&D and Sector 48 A, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & approved the estimate amounting to Rs.68.40 lac for Construction of toe wall and baffle wall around various parks (19 No. parks) in Sector 47 C&D and Sector 48 A, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved subject to the condition that parks should be ¾ acre and more in area as decided by the House in Agenda No.5.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Rough Cost Estimate for Providing and fixing G.I. pipe railing in various market in Sector 31, 47, 48 & Industrial Area, Phase – II, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.39.44 lac for providing and fixing G.I. pipe railing in various market in Sector 31, 47, 48 & Industrial Area, Phase – II, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Rough Cost Estimate for Construction of toe wall and baffle wall around various parks (13 No. parks) in Sector 47 A&B, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.64.59 lac for Construction of toe wall and baffle wall around various parks (13 No. parks) in Sector 47 A&B, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved subject to the condition that parks should be ¾ acre and more in area as decided by the House in Agenda No.5.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Rough Cost Estimate for Construction of jogging track inside green belt in Sector 47 C&D and Sector 48 A&B, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.48.63 lac for Construction of jogging track inside green belt in Sector 47 C&D and Sector 48 A&B, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Regarding Revision of rates for road/construction material.

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

The Commissioner apprised that the Road Committee had further constituted a Committee to recommend the current market rates of the material. The Committee has submitted its report which is placed before the House for decision.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the present market rate of bitumen is Rs.43,000/ -M.T whereas it has been mentioned as Rs.39,642/- M.T.

The Chief Engineer clarified that the prevailing market rates of bitumen are taken into account while making payment.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the Chandigarh Administration has increased rates for three months and it can be reviewed after every three months, therefore, the Corporation should also increase the rates initially for three months.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the rates recommended by the Sub Committee as mentioned below be adopted:-

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Description of item</i>	<i>New Proposed Rates as per prevailing market rates</i>
<i>1.</i>	<i>Bulk Bitumen</i>	
<i>a)</i>	<i>VG - 30</i>	<i>39642/MT</i>
<i>b)</i>	<i>VG – 10</i>	<i>38712/MT</i>
<i>2.</i>	<i>Crushed stone aggregate 22.4 – 53mm or 45 – 63mm</i>	<i>883/Cum</i>
<i>3.</i>	<i>Crushed stone bajri 11.2mm / 13.2mm</i>	<i>883/Cum</i>
<i>4.</i>	<i>Washed Crushed sand</i>	<i>600/Cum</i>
<i>5.</i>	<i>Choe Sand</i>	<i>600/Cum</i>
<i>6.</i>	<i>PPC Cement</i>	<i>5200/MT</i>
<i>7.</i>	<i>OPC Cement</i>	<i>5600/MT</i>

8.	<i>Tor. Steel</i>	<i>48000/MT</i>
9.	<i>Bricks</i>	
a)	<i>FPS 100</i>	<i>5200/1000 No.</i>
b)	<i>FPS 75</i>	<i>4700/1000 No.</i>
10.	<i>GSB</i>	<i>648/Cum</i>
11.	<i>Gatka 40mm guage</i>	<i>742/Cum</i>

These rates will be applicable w.e.f. 19.6.2012 & will not be applicable to works already allotted. These rates will be reviewed by the Road Committee as and when required.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Extension for outsourcing of manpower through service providers for sanitation work.

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

“The House considered & unanimously accorded approval for extension of existing contract of outsourcing of manpower through service providers for sanitation work upto 31.7.2012.”

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

**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**