

MINUTES OF THE 182nd MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH HELD ON 31.07.2012 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.	Prof. Aruna Goel	Councillor
7.	Dr. Amrit Tiwari	Councillor
8.	Maj.(Retd.) D.S. Sandhu	Councillor
9.	Sh. M.P. Kohli	Councillor
10.	Smt. Sheela Devi	Councillor
11.	Sh. Surinder Bahga	Councillor
12.	Sh. Saurabh Joshi	Councillor
13.	Smt. Asha Kumari Jaswal	Councillor
14.	Sh. Subhash Chawla	Councillor
15.	Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal	Councillor
16.	Sh. Arun Sood	Councillor
17.	Smt. Gurbax Rawat	Councillor
18.	Sh. Malkiat Singh	Councillor
19.	Smt. Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
20.	Sh. Harphool Chander Kalyan	Councillor
21.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
22.	Sh. Mukesh Bassi	Councillor
23.	Sh. Satinder Singh	Councillor
24.	Smt. Heera Negi	Councillor
25.	Sh. Davesh Moudgil	Councillor

26. Smt. Rajinder Kaur	Councillor
27. Sh. Gurcharan Das	Councillor
28. Sh. Des Raj Gupta	Councillor
29. 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.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur said due to diarrhoea 8 persons have died in Mauli Jagran, therefore, two minutes silence may kindly be observed to condole their deaths.

The House observed two minutes silence accordingly.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur further said that she had intimated the Chief Engineer through letter that the contaminated water was being supplied in Vikas Nagar Mauli Jagran, but no action has been taken by the officers in time, as a result many deaths have already occurred and many people are still suffering from diarrhea. She further asked reasons for not taking adequate steps in time and asked who is responsible for this lapse. Samples of water were taken from Vikas Nagar Mauli Jagran by Chandigarh Administration and Municipal Corporation and report of samples from both the authorities were found different. She further said that compensation of Rs. 10.00 lac may be given to the family of the deceased.

Smt. Shagufta Parveen said that a meeting of Water Supply & Sewerage Disposal Committee was convened to discuss the matter of diaorrhea in Mauli Jagran, but due to absence of officers, it could not be discussed. She further said that she had submitted a question, but reply has not been given by the office so far.

Sh. Satinder Singh also seconded the views of Smt. Rajinder Kaur for compensation of Rs. 10.00 lac to the family of deceased.

Sh. Arun Sood stated that two different reports were received from Chandigarh Administration and Corporation. In the report of Chandigarh Administration, the water samples were not upto the required standard whereas according to the report of the Municipal Corporation, the samples were found as per the required standard. He further said that earlier the same problem erupted in his ward in Sector-38, where sewerage water was mixing with the drinking water. A news item also appeared regarding contaminated water in Maloya. Hundreds of people fell ill in Mauli Jagran and 8 persons lost their lives due to diaorrhea and it is serious lapse on the part of Corporation and desired that responsibility be fixed for this lapse.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that if the drinking water is not safe in the city, then the life of people is also not safe. She further asserted that it is responsibility of the Corporation in case any

death occurs due to contaminated water. She said that in the most part of the city still contaminated water is being supplied.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that he visited Maloya Colony and observed that there is no facility of drinking water, as a result people are suffering from water borne diseases. Despite the repeated requests of Smt. Rajinder Kaur, no action was taken by the officers in time, as a result 8 people lost their lives and one of them was two year old girl. All the concerned officers of the Corporation are responsible for this lapse and Corporation should announce the compensation for the families of the deceased.

The Commissioner said that on the request of Smt. Rajinder Kaur, the officers visited the Vikas Nagar and took the samples of water. The main test of potable water is to see whether the chlorination is reaching upto end. 21 samples of water were taken by the Chandigarh Administration, out of which 14 samples were found correct and 7 samples failed. Again samples were taken by the same agency from 36-37 places from the same area and got tested from Medical College Sector-32, which were found OK. He further apprised the House that a team of officers of the Corporation worked day and night in Vikas Nagar Mauli Jagran during that period. The disease could have occurred because of ice which people mixed in water or because of unhygienic food sold by some reheris in the area besides Municipal water. Some people had also installed hand pumps and motors on the main water pipelines and some pumps were removed from the water pipelines, but the people of said area resisted and did not allow to remove remaining hand pumps and even the police had to be called at the site. At one place the officers found toilets constructed on or very near the water pipeline which have been demolished. Therefore, the exact reason of diaorrhoea in Mauli Jagran can not be pinpointed.

Sh. Arun Sood said that eatable items and ice are being sold in all over the city, why this epidemic/diaorrhoea spread in the Mauli Jagran.

Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala said that underground water tanks in Manimajra and in other parts of the city have never been cleaned, so many reptiles can be seen in the tanks. Therefore, cleaning of the tanks is urgently required.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that this problem is faced every year especially in colonies, but this year it has taken a serious turn. Had adequate steps been taken earlier, it would not have happened. Everybody is worried about problems of the public. The members of the House should also suggest steps to be taken for avoiding such incidents in future. He further told the House that he visited the colony of Sector-25 and took water from four houses, out of which water of two houses was dirty whereas the water of two houses was clean. He observed that it seems that there is some technical fault, which needs to be looked into. There are housing board houses in Dhanas, Maloya, Dadu Majra & Manimajra, originally these houses were single storey, but now the people have constructed three storeys over them and water & sewerage pipelines have been laid down in verandas. If any kind of blockage occurs in such sewerage or water pipelines, residents of these houses do not cooperate. Political consensus is required on such issues and it is the moral duty of the area Councillor to motivate the residents for removing the hand pumps, which are one of the causes of water born disease.

On this issue, there was din in the House.

The Commissioner apprised the House that the role of area Councillor Smt. Rajinder Kaur was exemplary & positive and she remained with the officers whole day during the problem in Vikas Nagar Mauli Jagran.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil asked that who is responsible for the loss of lives and what compensation the Corporation is going to pay to the families of the deceased. He further said that the amount of compensation should also be decided in the House. The local M.P. is the Cabinet Minister of the Water Resources for the country but he has not given any statement on this issue.

There was again uproar in the House on this issue.

Thereafter, the House adjourned for tea break at 12.15 p.m. and re-assembled at 12.40 p.m.

Sh. Satinder Singh asked whether it is not the responsibility of the Corporation to pay the compensation to the families of the deceased, whereas in case of hit and run case, the Dy. Commissioner gives the compensation to the victim. He requested the Mayor to announce the amount of compensation.

The Commissioner apprised the House that the office is pursuing the matter with the Chandigarh Administration in this regard. The Administrator has promised to pay compensation and the Deputy Commissioner is also taking action in this regard, therefore, at this stage, it would not be proper to announce the amount of compensation.

Sh. Arun Sood said that compensation amounting to Rs. 50,000/- has been paid to the family of a boy who drowned in Sector-49, which is not sufficient. He suggested that the Corporation should also compensate the families of deceased as suggested by Smt. Rajinder Kaur. He further demanded at least Rs.5.00 lac as compensation.

The Commissioner apprised the House that compensation to the deceased is to be given by the Deputy Commissioner. The Administrator was also aware about the incident and he has also promised to award an adequate compensation. The quantum of relief should be left to the Chandigarh Administration.

Sh. Arun Sood asserted that an amount of Rs.10.00 lac may be given as compensation to the family of each deceased. He further said the House should send a proposal to the Administration for granting compensation to the families of deceased at list an amount of Rs.10.00 lac.

Sh. M.P. Kohli told that in the past 15 years history of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh no compensation has been given to the deceased. He further told that this is the first case of drowning, however there have been cases fires, in such cases the Corporation sent the representation of the aggrieved to the Deputy Commissioner, who can give the relief to the victims from the Red Cross Fund upto Rs.5000/- and Home Secretary upto Rs.6000/- only. He further said if the Corporation can give compensation legally, he also agrees for compensation otherwise the matter may be referred to the Administration because Corporation is working under the guidelines of Chandigarh Administration.

The Mayor said that the Corporation shall try for maximum compensation.

Sh. Arun Sood stressed for compensation amounting to Rs.10.00 lac for each family.

The Commissioner apprised the House that the Corporation is not legally competent to give the compensation to the families of deceased, therefore, the Corporation cannot propose the amount of compensation. It is to be decided by the Chandigarh Administration.

“It was decided by the House to recommend to the Chandigarh Administration to give a compensation of Rs.5.00 lac.

Sh. Darshan Kumar demanded for employment of one person from the family of the child who drowned in Sector 49, Chandigarh.

Dr. Amrit Tewari suggested that the Corporation should take adequate steps so that such incidents may not happen in future. She further suggested that permanent solutions may be found to avoid such incidents.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that the Corporation is thinking about the past, but we should find out the solution for future. She further apprised the Commissioner that since last six months the Corporation has been discussing regarding underground old pipelines of water and sewerage. Due to leakage in these old pipelines sewerage water mixes with the drinking water. Therefore, the Mapping

of the underground pipelines is necessary. Today the muddy water is being supplied in the city. She further asserted that people are first and politics is secondary. The Corporation may ensure safe and clean drinking water for the public. She further suggested that there should be special marking that this sewerage is blocked or this road gully is blocked or not blocked. The water supply system has not been computerized even after the lapse of six years. This system may be started in one part of the city on trial basis after that it may be extended to the other parts of the city. According to the news of Danik Bhaskar some of the tube-wells are non-functional. She suggested that all the tube-wells be made functional. She also requested for special meeting especially for Public Health Wing to discuss the water problems. She further told that the Corporation is fixing the paver blocks in the city, but sewerage line, water pipelines and electricity wires are under the paver blocks. Hardly six months have passed and paver blocks have been uprooted either due to the repair of water pipeline or electricity wire. Therefore, the underground mapping of the city is very important. She further apprised the House that the wives of mates of Road Wing do not come to the work, whereas they are paid salary without work regularly.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said the incident occurred in Mauli Jagran can happen anywhere in the city, he further told that when he was member of the Health Committee of Chandigarh Administration, the hand pumps were got checked and it was found that the water of hand pump contained water born diseases and all the hand pumps were removed. Now the public has installed hand pumps on the water pipelines. He suggested that all the hand pumps from the colonies which have been installed unauthorized may be removed immediately.

Smt. Asha Jaiswal asserted that responsibility may be fixed so that such incidents should not happen in future and precautionary steps be taken to avoid the water born diseases.

The Commissioner apprised the House that in its last meeting, F&CC constituted a Committee for water problems, which is supposed to give its reply within two months and final report

within three months. He further suggested that for this particular problem, there should be a Committee, which will give its report within one & half month, which can be considered in the Water Supply & Disposal Committee. We will have to take stern steps to reform this system. So far as, the water pressure is concerned, the residents of these houses have constructed upto three storeys and in order to solve this problem, more tubewells need to be installed there. In view of the happenings of Mauli Jagran, we would install tubewells in other rehabilitated colonies also. Further, he suggested that a Committee of technical persons be constituted, which will submit its report in time bound manner and Corporation would act upon the said report.

The Commissioner said that a magisterial inquiry is being conducted in this regard and and inquiry report will be placed before the House.

Sh. Arun Sood asked why the Corporation was not taking adequate steps for mapping of underground pipelines?

Sh. Rajesh Gupta said that if road gullies are not cleaned during rainy season, there is apprehension of dengue & malaria, and suggested for cleanliness of road gullies and removal of congress grass from the city.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi asked upto what extent road gullies have been cleaned and how much time it will take. What precautionary measures have been taken to avoid the rainy water born diseases? He further requested for spray of fogging to check malaria.

The Commissioner told that Anti Malaria Department is under the control of Health Department, U.T. Chandigarh and the Corporation forwards the request of Councillors or public to the concerned authorities for fogging.

Sh. Subhash Chawla told that the House passed an estimate of Rs. 86.00 lac in its meeting held on 28.2.2011 vide Table Agenda Item No.11 without any discussion for the

construction of 136 booths in Mauli Jagran. The site has been earmarked without keeping in view the safety measures as the site is in middle of the colony and adjoining to the kerosene pump and no sufficient space is for parking. Any major mis-happening can take place at any time. He asked under which policy these 136 booths are to be allotted whereas the allotment of booths is not the job of Corporation. He further asked whether there is any policy vide which such type of booths are to be built up in other colonies. He told when they visited the site at least 600 vendors were found there and asked what criteria has been prescribed for the allotment of these 136 booths. He stated that he was not against the allotment of booths to the deserving vendors but the scheme would have been scrutinized before passing the said agenda and such type of markets should also be set up in other colonies also. This site has been earmarked without any planning and work has been started without survey. He demanded for the cancellation of this project and if there is any new scheme the same may be brought before the House.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta said that once the scheme has been passed and design has been passed by the Chief Architect we have no right to reject the same, more over work has already been started.

Sh. M.P. Kohli asserted that these booths may be auctioned because the Corporation is in need of funds, as it is the asset of Corporation and this matter be reviewed.

Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala told that some booths of Corporation are lying vacant in Mauli Jagran and the residents have captured the said booths unauthorizedly and are being misused.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that it was not appropriate to deprive the poor people from their livelihood. He further said that cancellation of this project would be insult of the previous House.

Thereafter, the House adjourned for lunch break at 1.55 p.m. and reassembled at 2.50 p.m.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that the final decision regarding Mauli Jagran booths be taken, as no policy has been framed for the allotment of booths.

There was din in the House on this issue.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta told that this market is Thara market and there would be temporary sheds.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the hawkers used to sit on road side and the then Councillor proposed to set up day market for these hawkers. Accordingly, an estimate to set up day market by constructing 136 sheds was approved by the House. He asserted that 50% work has already been completed on this project. So far as the kerosene pump is concerned, it can be shifted from the site. It would not be proper to review this issue as the House has already approved the estimate and the work has been started on the project. The objections raised by the other Councillors are not sustainable.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that allotment of booths does not come within the ambit of Corporation and further asked why the Corporation is adopting such policies. He further told that the booths are being allotted to such persons who are licensee since 1990. He suggested for a survey so that eligibility be ascertained.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the approval of this Thara Market in Mauli Jagran has been obtained from the Administration and work has been started after completion of all formalities. So far as, policy of allotment is concerned, that can be framed now. He further told that there are so many projects which have been started by the Corporation without the approval of the Administration like night food street.

There was uproar in the House on this issue.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that more than 50% amount has been spent on the project and who will be responsible for the loss if the project is cancelled at this stage. He further said as and when the matter of allotment of these booths/tharas would come, the policy would be got approved from the Administration.

The Commissioner suggested that this matter may be deferred for discussion in the next meeting. He further told that a memorandum from the area residents was received in the office in this regard, therefore, this issue has been raised. He further told that at present there is no policy for allotment and the same can be framed.

The Executive Engineer, Road Divn.No.2 & 3, told that the work of Rs.4.25 lac has been done.

The Commissioner said that the complete information on this project would be submitted in the next meeting of the House for consideration, so that decision can be taken.

There was again din in the House on this issue.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of 181st meeting of the General House held on 19.06.2012 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the MC, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. D.S.Sandhu suggested that the Nominated Councillor of the area must be involved when his/her ward is visited by the Mayor or Commissioner. He further told that the Nominated Councillors are not heard properly and suggestions given by them are not given due regard. He demanded that the list of safaikaramcharies be supplied to the nominated Councillors also.

The Commissioner directed the MOH to supply the lists to nominated Councillors.

“The House confirmed the minutes of 181st meeting of the General House held on 19.06.2012 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Question/ Answer

1. Question by Sh. Surinder Bahga, Councillor regarding lift in M.C. Office.
2. Question by Sh. Satinder Singh, Councillor regarding Tubewells and workers.
3. Question by Smt. Gurbax Rawat, Councillor regarding sanitation of booked places.
4. Question by Sh. Saurabh Joshi, Councillor regarding promotion of JEs.
5. Question by Dr. Amrit Tewari & 5 other Councillors regarding quality of work.
6. Question by Sh. Satinder Singh, Councillor regarding Study Tour.
7. Question by Sh. Saurabh Joshi, Councillor regarding approved chlorinator.

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

Due to paucity of time no discussion could take place.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Menace of stray dogs.

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

Sh. Arun Sood brought 3 children in the House during the meeting, those were victim of dog bite.

The Commissioner objected to this action of the Councillor.

Sh. D.S.Sandhu asserted that birth rate of the dogs must be controlled. He suggested that a bitch be sterilized instead of dog. As per survey report of Animal Husbandry conducted in 2007, the total strength of dogs in Chandigarh was 5713. As per report of the office, 5700 dogs have been sterilized during the last five years, it means cent percent dogs have been sterilized, which seems fictitious. Earlier, sterilized dogs were put a nylon collar to identify them, but now these collars have not been seen even on the single dog. He suggested that collars may be purchased and put to the sterilized dogs. He suggested that the officers should visit Gurgaon to see how the dog pond is being run there. He further suggested that anti rabies vaccination be provided to the victims of dog bite free of cost. When the camps for anti rabies vaccination to the dogs are organized, the area Councillors should be associated in the said camps. He further told that there is Ahmedabad based company which produce such vaccine if the said injection is given to the dog, the sterilization of said dog does not require. He suggested to adopt the same procedure in Chandigarh also.

Smt. Gurbax Rawat seconded to Sh. D.S.Sandhu & Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala information regarding the organization of camps. She further asked where the dog is kept after sterilization and whether the sterilized dog does not bite? She told that dog menace is at the extreme in the city and active steps should be taken to eradicate this problem.

Sh. Arun Sood explained that the strength of stray dogs is increasing day by day in the city and suggested that anti rabies vaccination may be given to the victim immediately without any discrimination free of cost. He suggested for two separate ponds for bitch & dog, it will control the birth rate of dogs and biting by the aggressive dogs.

The Commissioner clarified that generally an injured dog is brought to the dog pond and after treatment the dog is left at the same place, therefore, the concept of dog pond is different to the gaushala.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that a bitch is breeding even after sterilization. He further said that cutting of ear is an inhuman act and it should be stopped. Next survey is to be got done in September, 2012, which must be sector/part wise. He also demanded for the actual data of dogs from where they have been caught and left.

Thereafter, the House adjourned for tea at 5.00 p.m. and reassembled at 5.25 p.m.

Dr. M.S. Kamboj, Superintendent Slaughter House told that under the provisions of Cruelty to Animal Act, 2001, the Corporation is taking the steps to control the breeding of dogs. He further said that there is no vaccination for controlling the breeding powers of the dogs and therefore, productive organs of bitch and dog are removed. Meetings are organized with the NGOs from time to time for further strategies. Census of the dogs is done by the Animal Husbandry Department after five years. He explained that the number of stray dogs in Chandigarh in 2003 was 5400 and according to the survey in 2007, the number of stray dogs was 5730. He assured that the population of dogs has been controlled and efforts of Corporation are not fruitless. Anti rabies vaccination is also being given to the stray dogs. 56 camps have so far been organized on every Saturday and these camps are organized either in the Community Centres or in any prominent place of the Sector. He further intimated that 1000 pamphlets are distributed in one sector for organizing the anti rabies

vaccination camps. 3000 stray dogs have been vaccinated till date and no human rabies case came in light during the year, 2011. The people are being educated through pamphlets to avoid the dog bites. When a stray dog is caught, it is sterilized and also vaccinated. Anti rabies vaccination is required every year and an amount of Rs. 775/- per dog is paid to the hospital for sterilization & vaccination. During the course of sterilization, V-type cut is put on the ear of dog for identification. Vaccination of Ahmedabad based company is used only on the dog not on the bitch and the same was sent to Animal Welfare Board for their consent, but that was not prescribed in their norms.

Sh. Subhash Chawla asked whether record is available with the office as to how many dogs were caught and released at a particular place? He further said the figure of 5700 is not correct.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi asked what steps are being taken for aggressive dogs. He suggested that these types of dogs may be kept in isolation ward. He further said that detailed information in advance must be supplied to the Councillors regarding the camps being organized. He demanded that nylon collars be put on sterilized dogs for identification. He asked how many furious dogs have been kept in isolation ward and where the said isolation ward has been constructed?

Sh. Davesh Moudgil asked whether there is any provision for medical aid to the victim of dog bite. The Corporation should take the responsibility for treatment of victim.

The M.O.H. intimated that the stock of anti rabies vaccination is over and demand has been sent to the Health Department, U.T. Chandigarh, for the stock of one year.

The Commissioner suggested that if the vaccine is not being provided by the Health Department, the Corporation may procure the vaccine for the time being.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil asserted that the city may be divided in four zones, so that the victims can approach easily to the nearest dispensary for vaccination.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

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

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

Sh. Subhash Chawla told that maintenance of these machines are very expensive, moreover, these machines are not working properly and not so much useful. He opined that these machines may not be used further. He suggested for manual sweeping in place of machines.

Sh. D.S.Sandhu also supported the views of Sh. Subhash Chawla and was in favour of manual sweeping. He intimated that the Sanitation Committee has already rejected the proposal for comprehensive maintenance contract of these machines as these are budget eater.

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan said that these machines are white elephant because their maintenance is very expensive. He also preferred manual sweeping.

The Commissioner said that the matter may be seriously reviewed by the House before abandoning these machines. The Corporation has already incurred the capital cost. He further told that resale of these machines is also not possible.

Sh. Arun Sood said that an amount of Rs.1.25 Crore is required for maintenance contract of these machines. He was also of the view that these machines should not be abandoned. Moreover, he suggested that these machines may be used in three shifts for six hours.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi intimated that one machine was used in Sector-15 to clean V-5 roads of whole sector within one hour. He further suggested that these machines can be used for night sweeping in markets as the vehicles are not parked there in the night. He further suggested that these machines can be used in two shifts of day and night.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the Corporation has spent Rs. 5.00 crore for purchasing these machine, but the main purpose is not being served. Moreover, Corporation is paying Rs. 50.00 lac per year for maintenance of these machines, whereas the performance of these machines is not worth this amount.

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan said that a sanitation campaign was launched in Bapu Dham and these machines were put in service there, but the performance was not satisfactory and the same situation was in Sector-18. He preferred engaging manual labour rather than these machines.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil asserted that the concept of night sweeping should also be explored so that machines could be utilized as the Corporation is spending huge amount on their maintenance.

The Commissioner said that the Sanitation Committee should look into the concept of the night sweeping and finalize its modalities and other related aspects.

“The House by majority resolved that the Annual Comprehensive Maintenance Contract for 3 No. Large Road Sweeping Machines Model Dulevo-5000 be renewed for remaining 8 months i.e. 1.8.2012 to 31.3.2013, subject to the condition that the vehicles shall run in three shifts and Sanitation Committee will finalize the modalities.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Re-allotment of Taxi Stands to the allottees who are already operating the notified Taxi Stands under conditions No.3 of terms and conditions of contract.

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

The Additional Commissioner-I explained the agenda in detail.

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the licence period of 37 Taxi Stands be extended for three months i.e. from 1.7.2012 to 30.9.2012, on the already approved procedure/rules/terms & conditions.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

RCE for development of Japanese Garden at Sector 31, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.271.39 lac for the development of Japanese Garden, Sector-31, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Rough cost estimate for providing and fixing 60mm thick paver blocks on berms of V-6 road opposite H. No.1 to 3084 in rehabilitation colony, Sector 56, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.83.40 lac for providing and fixing 60mm thick paver blocks on berms of V-6 road opposite H. No.1 to 3084 in rehabilitation colony, Sector 56, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Recast estimate for providing and laying 25mm thick SDBC on phirni road, village Kajheri in Sector 52, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.61.44 lac for providing and laying 25mm thick SDBC on phirni road, village Kajheri in Sector 52, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Revised rough cost estimate for the work of widening of phirni road at village dadumajra, Chandigarh and other works contingent thereto (including the cost of 25mm thick SDBC, 50 mm thick BM and Tack Coat).

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.46.37 lac for the work of widening of phirni road at village dadumajra, Chandigarh and other works contingent thereto (including the cost of 25mm thick SDBC, 50 mm thick BM and Tack Coat), be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

RCE for providing and fixing 60mm thick paver blocks on berm along V-6 road in Sector 49 A, B, C & D, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.107.81 lac for providing and fixing 60mm thick paver blocks on berm along V-6 road in Sector 49 A, B, C & D, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

Renovation/special repair of Fire Station in Sector 32, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.44.46 lac for renovation/special repair of Fire Station in Sector 32, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

RCE for special repair of Dispensary in Sector 20-A, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.45.07 lac for special repair of Dispensary in Sector 20-A, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

Extension for contract regarding outsourcing of manpower through service provider and outsourcing of area for sanitation work.

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

Sh. Arun Sood asked whether the EPF & ESI of the contractual employees are being deposited by the contractor.

The Chief Accounts Officer told that cheque of ESI is issued in favour of Director, ESI and Cheque of EPF in favour of Commissioner, EPF and Cheque of Income Tax in favour of Income Tax Department. He further clarified although the cheques are issued in favour of above mentioned authorities, yet handed over to the contractor.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the condition of the sanitation is very poor. He was of the view that the system of manpower outsourcing may be stopped as the outsourced employees are exploited by the contractors. Therefore, he suggested that the area may be outsourced instead of manpower.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal seconded the views of Sh. Arun Sood.

Smt. Gurbax Rawat said that the outsourcing employees are never available, they do not come on duty even after calling by the Sanitary Inspectors. Heaps of garbage remain lying on road sides for 2-3 days and the agency does not take responsibility of proper sanitation. She was also in favour of area outsourcing.

The Commissioner suggested that area outsourcing system may be started in three or four sectors on trial basis.

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan said that the vacant posts of sweepers be filled up immediately to improve the sanitation conditions of the city.

Sh. Subhash Chawla was of the view that the city may be divided into four zones. All the permanent sweepers of Corporation may be deputed in one zone and other three zones may be allocated to a reputed agency on contract for sweeping. He further suggested that a study tour may be sent to any such city where the sweeping is world class.

“The House considered & unanimously approved extension of existing contract of outsourcing of manpower and outsourcing of area through service providers for sanitation work for 2 months i.e. w.e.f. 1.8.2012 to 30.9.2012 or till the finalization of the tender whichever is earlier.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

Request of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for exemption from the payment of property tax demand bill for the assessment year 2011-2012.

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

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that the society is doing the service for people without any commercial activity and therefore, their demand is genuine and recommended that the SPCA should be exempted from paying the property tax.

Sh. Arun Sood said that no commercial activity is going on in the office building of political parties i.e. BJP & Congress, but notices have been received for property tax. He requested that the offices of the political parties should also be exempted from paying the property tax.

The Commissioner stated that this matter should be taken up separately.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals be exempted from paying property tax amounting to Rs. 26,400/- for the assessment year 2011-2012 .”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

Requirement of malies for the maintenance of newly developed gardens/parks/green belts under the jurisdiction of Horticulture Division, M.C., Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that some of the educated malies have been working in the offices, as a result there is big shortfall of malies. Difficulties are being faced for the maintenance of green belts of 4-5 acres. There is also shortfall of equipments attached with the tractors. Posting of the malies should be rationalized equally in every ward/sector.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that many cases of theft have been reported and therefore, chowkidar should also be deployed in the parks.

The S.E.(B&R) said that there is shortage of machinery, which are being purchased. The proposed 188 malies are to be deployed for the maintenance of new parks transferred to the

Corporation. The Corporation is going to hand over the small neighbourhood parks to the Resident Welfare Associations shortly and the shortage of malies would be solved upto some extent.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that 188 malies be engaged through outsourcing for annual maintenance of newly developed gardens/parks/green belts under the jurisdiction of Horticulture Division, M.C., Chandigarh, at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 203. 00 lac.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

Boring and installing of 2 Nos. 12” x 8”(304.80 X 203.20 MM) I/D Deep Bore Tubewells along with pumping machinery including construction of 2 Nos. UGR of 1 lac Gallon capacity and other allied works at Charan Singh Colony (Near Sulabh Sauchalaya) Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.16 before the House for consideration and approval.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.156.90 lac for boring and installing of 2 Nos. 12” x 8”(304.80 X 203.20 MM) I/D Deep Bore Tubewells along with pumping machinery including construction of 2 Nos. UGR of 1 lac Gallon capacity and other allied works at Charan Singh Colony (Near Sulabh Sauchalaya) Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

Upgradation of existing community centre in Sector 15, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.17 before the House for consideration and approval.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that the community centre in Sector 15 is in deteriorated condition. No work has been done since 15 years. He further told that this community centre will be constructed after dismantling the present building.

The Commissioner apprised the House, that the map of the building will be got approved from the Chief Architect of U.T., Chandigarh then we can proceed further.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved in principle the upgradation of existing community centre in Sector 15, Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

Earmarking of land for college building in Manimajra.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.18 before the House for consideration and approval.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta said that this issue has already been discussed in the House and apprised the House that the land for the college is available in Manimajra.

The Commissioner said that for construction of college building we may send the request to the Chandigarh Administration. However, the land for the same will have to be provided by the Municipal Corporation if the Administration decides to construct/start a college at Manimajra.

Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala apprised the House that land for college and stadium has already been finalized in Pocket No.8, Manimajra.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that a proposal be sent to the Chandigarh Administration for the construction of college building in Manimajra. The Corporation also agreed to provide land for the same in case the Chandigarh Administration agrees to the proposal”.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

RCE for development of Green Belt near G.P.O. & SCO No.1 to 17 in Sector 17 A & B, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.19 before the House for consideration and approval.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.307.81 lac for development of Green Belt near G.P.O. & SCO No.1 to 17 in Sector 17 A & B, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20

RCE for Construction of Jogging Track in Green Belt near House No.3246-3208 in Sector 21, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.20 before the House for consideration and approval.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.30.78 lac for Construction of Jogging Track in Green Belt near House No.3246-3208 in Sector 21, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Rough cost estimate for re-carpeting of road around Shivalik Garden, Pocket No.7, Manimajra, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.50.11 lac for re-carpeting of road around Shivalik Garden, Pocket No.7, Manimajra, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Rough cost estimate for re-carpetting of Sarovar path (V-3 road between Sector 5 & 6 and Sector 7 & 8 i.e. Uttar Marg to Madhya Marg), Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.136.57 lac for re-carpetting of Sarovar path (V-3 road between Sector 5 & 6 and Sector 7 & 8 i.e. Uttar Marg to Madhya Marg), Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Rough cost estimate for dismantling and refixing of M.S. flat railing and providing Toe wall in various parks in Sector 41-B & C, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that there should be Toe wall in the neighbourhood parks. If Toe wall is constructed around the neighbourhood parks the dirt and filth would not come out from the neighbourhood parks.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.35.80 lac for dismantling and refixing of M.S. flat railing and providing Toe wall in various parks in Sector 41-B & C, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Consultancy for Automatic Poultry Processing Plant – Engaging National Meat & Poultry Processing Board as consultant regarding.

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that this project was only for 6 months and expenditure for one month is approximately 6 Lacs i.e. equal to 6 employees salary.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi asked where it has been decided at what place the slaughter house would be established?

Dr. Kamboj clarified regarding the place of establishing the slaughter house.

The Commissioner said that legally a slaughter house was mandatory in the city. Further he clarified that there was lot of difference between fish market and slaughter house. A proposal has been sent to the Chandigarh Administration for renting out the Booths of fish and meat market, Sector 41-C, Chandigarh and the Municipal Corporation cannot dispose off any property without the approval of Chandigarh Administration.

Sh. Subhash Chawla told that earlier the efforts were made to implement the Bird Bye Laws in Chandigarh, and all the meat sellers of Chandigarh went on strike and the task was suspended. He further said that there are some meat shops which have been earmarked/auctioned by the corporation, besides some people are involved in slaughtering at the outskirts of the city. He apprised the House that since the slaughter house would come in existence, it would be mandatory for the residents of city to purchase the meat of that slaughter house. He further told that there is apprehension whether it would be successful or not because first of all we would have to develop culture for freezing meat in the city before establishing the said slaughter house. 80% residents of the city like cheap and fresh meat.

The Commissioner said that being the legal issue slaughter House is mandatory in the city.

Sh. Subhash Chawla apprised the House that three or four thousand people are involved in the meat selling and we should also watch their interest.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that meat market has been constructed by the Administration and licenses have been issued to the sellers. Besides this illegal slaughtering is also going on in the

city and these people have no license and are sitting in colonies/slum areas. He suggested that the slaughter house be installed in the premises of fish and meat market, sector 41-C, Chandigarh.

Dr.Amrit Tiwari suggested that a committee be constituted which will see the feasibility of slaughter house in the city and give its recommendations in the next meeting.

“The House unanimously resolved that a committee be constituted in respect of Engaging National Meat & Poultry Processing Board as consultant. The report of the Committee be put up to the house for final decision”.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Providing and fixing 60mm thick interlocking paver blocks in O.C.F Colony and Press Colony, Sector 29 A&B, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.140.70 lac for providing and fixing 60mm thick interlocking paver blocks in O.C.F Colony and Press Colony, Sector 29 A&B, Chandigarh be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Rough cost estimate for “Strengthening of brick boundary wall including its repair and construction at sewage treatment plant Diggian, Near Mohali.”

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.51.59 lac for Strengthening of brick boundary wall including its repair and construction at sewage treatment plant Diggian, Near Mohali be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Earmarking of land for Community Centre near Police Station on old Ropar Road Mani Majra.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the proposal be sent to the Chief Architect, Chandigarh Administration for earmarking the land for Community Centre in Manimajra”.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

To Study and examine the guidelines of Ward Development Fund report submitted by the Sub Committee recommended in its meeting held on 25-06-2012 at 3:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Sh. Satish Kainth, Deputy Mayor, Municipal Corporation.

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

Sh. Satish Kumar Chairman of the Sub-Committee said that the rules regarding Ward Development Fund were framed in the year 1998 and then an amount of Rs.5.00 Lac was fixed. After that it was revised from time to time. He thanked Sh. Davesh Moudgil for raising the issue in the House to review the guidelines. The House constituted a committee for this purpose and the committee during its meeting felt that the views of other councilors should also be invited on the issue. Accordingly all the councillors were requested to send their recommendations in this matter. The recommendations received from the councilors were considered and their views have been incorporated in the minutes which are placed before the House for consideration and approval. According to the report of the sub committee the Ward Development Fund may be increased from 40.00 Lac to 1.00 Crore. He further said that all the members of the committee were of the view that the same amount should also be kept at the disposal of nominated councilors with the similar powers. He suggested that the fund at the disposal of nominated councilors can be used for the development

of whole of the city. After going through the suggestions of the Councillors following are the recommendations of the sub committee:-

- a) Ward Development Fund may also be utilized for providing basic amenities in various primary schools under the control of Municipal Corporation such as benches, desks, water coolers, furniture for clas rooms, staff rooms, library,instrument for lab, computers/desktops etc. etc. for the betterment of primary education etc. etc.
- b) Similarly these funds may also be utilized to provide X-ray machines,ECG machines, ultrasound machines as well as laboratory Test Equipments etc. in the Primary Health centres/dispensaries falling under jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.
- c) Bus Queue shelters on various V-4 roads of the city for public convenience, Sehaj Safai Kendras and Beat boxes may also be constructed out of Ward Development Fund.
- d) Installation of Solar Heat Energy System, Ground water recharging and harvesting of rain water projects be implemented out of Ward Development Fund.
- e) Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh should also provide funeral vans for public convenience, out of Ward Development Fund.
- f) Financial Limit to utilize Ward Development Fund should be increased from Rs. 40.00 lac to 1.00 Cr. per year per councilor.
- g) One major work of any kind of nature, upto cost of Rs. 50.00 lac may be allowed to execute out of Ward Development Fund.

- h) Nominated Councilors should also be provided funds to the tune of Rs. 1.00 crore which may be utilized in entire city within the jurisdiction limit of M.C.
- i) Development works in various Housing Societies being developed/ has been developed in the City Chandigarh, may also be allowed to carry out, out of Ward Development.

The Commissioner said all the recommendations of the sub committee are right but the development work in the Housing Societies could not be carried out, from the Ward Development Fund.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said, the concept of Ward Development Fund was that the work could be finalized at the earliest according to the demand of the residents of the ward. He further told that he has studied similar practices/schemes in other states also. He further suggested for the comprehensive report which he wanted to submit in detail and demanded time from the House.

Sh.Subhash Chawla said that all the powers of nominated Councillors should be equal to the elected councilors and there should be no discrimination among the nominated Councillors and elected Councillors. He further told the House that two departments i.e. Primary Education and Primary Health have been transferred to the Corporation and asked if any Councillor feels that there is requirement of computers in any school or in case any equipment is required in a dispensary, can the Councillor provide the funds out of Ward Development Fund? He further suggested that in case of death of a poor person at least an amount of Rs. 10,000/- may be given to the family of diseased from the Ward Development Fund. However, this amount will be released through the Commissioner M.C., Chandigarh on the recommendations of area Councillors.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari seconded the views of Sh. Subhash Chawla.

Sh. D.S. Sandhu pointed out that in recommendation (h) it has been mentioned that nominated councilors should also be provided funds to the tune of Rs. 1.00 Crore, and he suggested that this error may be rectified as the tune of Rs. 1.00 Crore be per year per councilor.

Sh. Satinder Singh raised the demand of Langoor to avoid the monkey menace in his ward and requested that such expenditure should also be allowed out of ward development fund.

The Commissioner apprised the House that this demand cannot be acceded as the expenditure for hiring a Langoor cannot be incurred from Ward Development Fund because future liabilities are also involved in this case.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi suggested that autonomous bodies may also be included for allocation of funds out of Ward Development Fund.

The Commissioner replied that Corporation cannot spend money for religious places and autonomous bodies. Therefore, the amount from Ward Development Fund cannot be used on autonomous bodies and religious places.

Sh. Arun Sood raised the issue that the similar agenda regarding allotment of funds to the nominated Councillors was brought in the House last year also, but the Councillors of Congress party opposed the proposal. He asked what was the reason now for recommending the Ward Development Fund for Nominated Councillors.

There was uproar in the House on this issue.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, M.P. Chandigarh never opposed any proposal in respect of enhancement of Ward Development Fund. He further apprised that so many resolutions passed by the House have been approved by the Administration and told that the Ward Development Fund has been enhanced from time to time. He asserted that due respect may

be given to the nominated councilors like the members of upper House and condemned the words of Sh. Arun Kumar Sood.

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Major D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) clarified that nominated members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are allotted MPLAD Fund and any nominated members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha can recommend the fund for any constituency/District of the country.

Sh. Subhash Chawla cited the case of Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal and told that he donated the fund to the Shrine Board of Chamunda Devi. Hence a member of Parliament can recommend the funds for the development out of constituency also.

Sh. Darshan Kumar, Sr. Deputy Mayor occupied the Chair in the absence of the Mayor from 9:10 PM to 9:15 PM.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that the Committee should make joint efforts to get approved the enhanced Ward Development Fund and never show the disregard towards nominated councillors.

“The House considered and unanimously approved the recommendations of the Sub-committee regarding Ward Development Fund which are as under:

- a) ***Ward Development Fund also be utilized for providing basic amenities in various primary schools under the control of Municipal Corporation such as benches, desks, water coolers, furniture for clas rooms, staff rooms, library,instrument for lab, computers/desktops etc. etc. for the betterment of primary education etc. etc.***
- b) ***Similarly these funds also be utilized to provide X-ray machines,ECG machines, ultrasound machines as well as laboratory Test Equipments etc. in the Primary Health centres/dispensaries falling under jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.***

- c) *Bus Queue shelters on various V-4 roads of the city for public convenience, Sehaj Safai Kendras and Beat boxes also be constructed out of Ward Development Fund.*
- d) *Installation of Solar Heat Energy System, Ground water recharging and harvesting of rain water projects be implemented out of Ward Development Fund.*
- e) *Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh also provide funeral vans for public convenience, out of Ward Development Fund.*
- f) *Financial Limit to utilize Ward Development Fund be increased from Rs. 40.00 lac to 1.00 Cr. per year per councilor.*
- g) *One major work of any kind of nature, upto cost of Rs.50.00 lac be allowed to execute out of Ward Development Fund.*
- h) *Nominated Councilors also be provided funds to the tune of Rs.1.00 crore per year per Councilor which may be utilized in entire city within the jurisdiction limit of M.C.”*

TABLE AGENDA ITEM No. 1

Providing and laying 25mm thick SDBC on V-6 roads in Sector 27-D, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed Table Agenda Item No. 1 before the house for approval.

“The House considered and unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs. 89.22 lac for Providing and laying 25mm thick SDBC on V-6 roads in Sector 27-D, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

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

Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.

Mayor,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.