

**MINUTES OF 153RD MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH
HELD ON 29.04.2010 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE MUNICIPAL
CORPORATION, CHANDIGARH.**

The following were present:-

1.	Smt. Anu Chatrath	Mayor
2.	Dr. Roshan Sunkaria, IAS	Commissioner
3.	Sh. Bhupinder Singh	Sr. Dy. Mayor
4.	Smt. Sheela Devi	Dy. Mayor
5.	Sh. Arshad Khan	Councillor
6.	Sh. M.P.S.Chawla	Councillor
7.	Brig.(Retd.) K.S.Chandpuri	Councillor
8.	Dr. A.P. Sanwaria	Councillor
9.	Dr. Pam Rajput	Councillor
10.	Sh. Resham Chand Jakhu	Councillor
11.	Ar. P.K. Mukherjee	Councillor
12.	Dr. Amrit Bolaria	Councillor
13.	Dr. Neelam Malik	Councillor
14.	Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma	Councillor
15.	Sh. Pardeep Chhabra	Councillor
16.	Sh. Vijay Singh Rana	Councillor
17.	Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan	Councillor
18.	Sh. Surinder Kumar Jagota	Councillor
19.	Smt. Kamlesh	Councillor
20.	Sh. Manjit Singh	Councillor
21.	Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang	Councillor
22.	Sh. Kuldeep Singh	Councillor
23.	Sh. Ram Sumer Morya	Councillor
24.	Smt. Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
25.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
26.	Smt. Anju Beniwala	Councillor
27.	Smt. Sarita Devi	Councillor
28.	Smt. Raj Kumari	Councillor
29.	Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh	Councillor
30.	Sh. Jatinder Bhatia	Councillor
31.	Sh. Anil Kumar Dubey	Councillor
32.	Sh. Ram Lal	Councillor

33.	Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala	Councillor
34.	Smt. Sunita	Councillor
35.	Sh. P.K. Sharma, HCS	Secretary

The following Officers of the Municipal Corporation also attended the meeting: -

1.	Sh. S.S. Bida	Chief Engineer
2.	Sh. R.K. Goyal	Superintending Engineer (P.H.)
3.	Sh. Mukesh Anand	Superintending Engineer (B&R)
4.	Dr. G. Diwan	Municipal Health Officer
5.	Sh. Desh Raj	Chief Accounts Officer
6.	Sh. Kamal Joshi	XEN (Elect.)
7.	Sh. Sanjay Arora	XEN R-2
8.	Sh. R.S. Bedi	XEN (P.H.-1)
9.	Sh. R.S. Ahluwalia	XEN (P.H.-2)
10.	Sh. K.S. Sihag	XEN (P.H.-3)
11.	Sh. V.K. Garg	XEN (P.H.-4)
12.	Sh. Arun Kansal	XEN (Hort.)

At the outset the Secretary welcomed the Hon'ble Mayor, Hon'ble Commissioner, media persons, distinguished Councillors and colleague officers to the 153rd meeting of the House.

The Secretary introduced Sh. S.S. Bida Chief Engineer, who joined Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh recently.

Sh. Manjit Singh said that for the last 5-6 days news regarding Hotel Shivalik View involving Sh. Pardeep Chhabra has been appearing in the newspapers, but no clarification from the Administration side is coming forward. He requested Sh. Pardeep Chhabra to apprise the House and the media about the facts of the controversy.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra thanked the members of the House to allow him to clarify the matter. He also thanked the media persons who brought the matter before the people with all facts. He clarified that there are two matters one of them is his personal and another pertains to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. He said that the officers of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh involved him as a party in the issue being an area Councillor in a meeting with Chandigarh Administration and requested the House to allow him to clarify both the matters. On

being allowed, he said that he is a legal tenant of Hotel Shivalik View which proposed renovation in the building. He met all the concerned officers of CITCO i.e. Adviser to the Administrator, Home Secretary, Director CITCO and proposed that the tenants be allotted a shop in the Shopping Arcade of the hotel on the basis of draw of lot after renovation since it was a profit earning business for CITCO. The advocates of the CITCO submitted an undertaking in the court that they will not vacate the tenants till the decision of the court, but next morning when his employees reached the office it was found that connection of A.C. was disconnected and there was dust everywhere. He filed a complaint with the police and also approached H.E. Governor-cum-Administrator, met the Adviser to the Administrator and also filed a complaint in the court after two days. But, when he met the Chairman CITCO, he misbehaved and uttered such words against the political persons that he can not repeat the same in the House. He further said that he also explained the matter to all his colleagues and media persons and requested them that it was his personal matter and the Corporation has nothing to do with it and the matter is pending in the court. The 2nd issue is that a drawing for constructing parking from the backside of office of Municipal Corporation upto Hotel Shivalik View was approved by the Architect Department of Chandigarh Administration in November, 2009. After administrative approval tenders were invited and work was allotted and the work was started from the centre of the space meant for it whereas it should have been started from either this end or that end. When the Mayor asked about this, the officers replied that a representation from CITCO has been received. There is a piece of land on the side of Hotel Shivalik View which has been encroached upon by Shivalik View since 1989 and the M.D. CITCO has made statement in the newspaper that the said land has been in the possession of the hotel since it was started. Earlier, a piece of land adjoining hotel 'Sip-n-Dine' was taken over by the Corporation and it was converted into parking. There are other hotels in the city which are paying Rs.5000/- per function for the adjoining land belonging to M.C. whereas Hotel Shivalik View is using the land free of cost for so many years and are charging Rs.50,000/- per day for functions and even have printed in the broucher about the rates. But the officers of the Corporation have been allowing them to use the site without charging for it or without levying property tax. The CITCO has even raised huts on that land. Same

is the case with Hotel Mount View where property tax is being charged only for the main building whereas the land, on which swimming pool, health club, beauty parlour has been constructed and rented out to a company, has not been taken for calculating property tax and no officer has bothered to look into this matter. Moreover these hotels have been included in Zone-V after approval of the House alongwith other institutions and other Govt. buildings. Instead of charging commercial property tax from such commercial houses like Hotel Taj & Mount View, property tax is being charged from them at the rate applicable to institutions. Recently the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh referred back the matter of parking behind Shivalik View to the Architect Department on the request of CITCO on the plea that 70 trees are likely to fall down, whereas the work on parking involving about 54 trees has already been undertaken. The Commissioner also visited the site on the request of CITCO. The Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh has recently also directed the Commissioner that the decision of the House & F&CC should be implemented but despite that the Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh referred the matter back to the Architect Department without giving any weightage to the decision of the F&CC. When the Mayor asked the Chief Engineer in the presence of 2-3 Councillors, he replied that the Commissioner directed him to refer back the matter to the Chandigarh Administration. After that the officers of Corporation approached the office of Chief Architect and said that in this case Sh. Pardeep Chhabra is involved. He said that on the matter of encroachment by CITCO all the bureaucracy has united to defend it whereas the houses of the poor in rehabilitation colonies are demolished in the name of encroachment. If the Councillors raise any issue in the interest of public, the bureaucrats raise finger at them which is intolerable. He requested the Mayor to constitute a Committee to investigate in both the issues and if he is found at fault at any stage, he will resign from the Councillorship. He was of the view that the proposed parking should be constructed as per approved design and property tax be recovered from CITCO & Taj alongwith the interest for the land being utilized by them unauthorizedly since the property tax was introduced. On one hand the Corporation is charging property tax from a small businessman, on the other hand big business houses which earn in crore of rupees are being spared. He further said that one of his colleague was also misbehaved by the

Secretary Local Government. He requested the Mayor to take up the matter with the Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh and find out solutions.

The Mayor requested the members of the Finance & Contract Committee to apprise the House whatever happened in its last meeting.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia said that this matter was also discussed in the meeting of Finance & Contract Committee. Sh. Pardeep Chhabra has apprised the House the matter in detail. He wondered that CITCO is using the municipal land for commercial purpose for such a long time without paying anything to the Corporation whereas some other hotels pay charges to the Corporation for using the municipal land. Secondly, the CITCO is evading property tax for the land being used for commercial purpose whereas the small businessmen are charged property tax for the last 3-4 years. Even the decision of the House are being ignored by the officers. Recently, the House had decided that re-tendering for the projects, earlier allotted to M/s A.K.Sood Engineers, should be processed within 15 days, but no action has so far been taken on the decision. He said that if the re-tendering process would have been started in the month of March, as per decision of the House, the work would have been started till now. He further said that the letter of e-tendering received from Chandigarh Administration was not placed before the Finance & Contract Committee neither any Councillor was informed about it. He said that the administrative system in the Corporation has failed. He said that the J.E./S.D.O. prepare an estimate and when it reaches at the table of Chief Engineer, he raises objection on it and the file again come back to the J.E. and the Councillors have to approach the officers from top to bottom for approval of the estimate. He was of the view that the system should be streamlined at the earliest. Different yard sticks are being applied for different projects, some estimates are being executed by the office departmentally, whereas some projects are being done through contractor. He asked if the work in Sector-17 can be done by department then why not the estimate of Industrial Area can be executed by the department. The estimates for Community Centre in Sector-48 and Food Street have not so far been prepared even after lapse of six months after the foundation stone was laid. He further said that all the members of the House are with Sh. Pardeep Chhabra on the issue that in spite of matter pending in the Court he

has been victimized. He requested the Mayor to look into the matter since it has now become the matter of Corporation also. He said that there is no need to pass the estimates in the meeting till the matter is sorted out and responsibility is fixed. Moreover many estimates are already pending for execution and there seems to be no possibility that more estimates could be executed by the officers well in time. Even after finalization of tender and lowest tendering agency 3-4 months are taken for allotment of work, which give wrong message in the public.

Sh. Ram Lal said that Sh. Pardeep Chhabra and Sh. Jatinder Bhatia have already clarified the position before the House. The Councillors approach the officers with problems of the public but they are ignored. The development work in the rehabilitated colonies are not being taken up by the officers on the plea that the residents have constructed stair on public land, raised a cantilever etc. He asked why action is not being taken against big business Houses like CITCO, which has encroached upon public land. He asked why different standard is being adopted for different categories. He further said that an estimate for widening of Phirni road in village Hallomajra was approved on 30.11.2009 but tender has not so far been finalized. Similar is the case with the cremation ground and green belt in village Hallomajra. He further said that in the year 2008 a proposal regarding canal water for Ram Darbar was approved but so far work has not been executed. He desired that the projects approved by the House should be executed in a time bound manner. He further said that the position of water supply in Ram Darbar is very bad. He came to the well with two three bottles of water samples and showed to the Mayor as well as to the media and said that the inhabitants of Ram Darbar were getting muddy water.

The Mayor said that all the residents of the city, whether residents of colonies or villages or sectors, have right to get clean drinking water and said that the House is with them. She asked what action the officers took after the matter was brought to their notice. She asked the Commissioner to explain on two points i.e the House had passed a resolution in its meeting to grant NOC for water & electric connection to the owners of houses within Lal Dora in villages on the recommendation of area Councillor and secondly on the supply of dirty water in different parts of the city. She further said that in the meeting of House held in the month of February while discussing

budget estimate the Commissioner had stated in the House that the roads are being widened in the city and now budget is to be utilized for re-carpetting of roads. She asked if the officers knew that e-tendering process is to be started from the month of April then why timely action was not taken. She asked who is responsible for this lapse. She thanked the media persons for highlighting the issue of non-recarpetting of roads in Sector-15.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma said that the situation of water in Sector-10 is also similar and he had brought to the notice of officers and samples were taken from his sector but no reply has been received.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that it is a critical period of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh and the situation will not improve unless responsibility of the officer is fixed. She apprised that pipe lines have been laid down in whole city for tertiary treated water but none of the green belt is receiving tertiary water as such funds received from Government of India are being wasted and no fruitful results are achieved. She said that when she was Mayor during the tenure of last House the information sought by the Mayor received on table at the earliest but now no officer bother about the orders of the Mayor since the system has been deteriorated so much that in the prize distribution function of Rose Festival, she was ignored. She further said that huge business buildings have been exempted from property tax whereas the charitable institutions are paying tax and Hotel Mount View & Shivalik View are the examples. She desired that responsibility of the concerned officer be fixed and penalty be imposed for this lapse which will improve the system. She also demanded that letter received from Chandigarh Administration pertaining to e-tendering be read out in the House and the process be started at the earliest. She said that dignity of the Chair has to be maintained for which all the Councillors have to unite. She exhorted the Councillors to unite as the Councillors have ultimate power and the officers are only executors. She was of the view that unless the e-tendering process is started, no agenda should be passed.

Dr. A.P.Sanwaria said that House has been given tremendous powers in the Act, despite that Councillors time and again stage walk out from the House & F&CC in protest. He requested the Mayor to find out solution of the problem. He thanked Sh. Pardeep Chhabra for

bringing to the notice of the House the loss of property tax incurred by exempting Hotel Mount View & Shivalik View.

Smt. Kamlesh said that when she was Mayor she asked some information from the Commissioner but received reply that the Commissioner was the executive head of the Corporation and Mayor has no power. She further said that when it came to her notice that e-tendering system was going to be introduced from 1st April, she felt happy but after lapse of one month from the stipulated time e-tendering procedure has not been started in the Corporation. She was of the view that the executive head of the Corporation is responsible for not starting e-tendering process within stipulated time. She agreed with Sh. Ram Lal that quality of water in all colonies is poor which is causing diarrhoea whereas the water charges being claimed from the residents of colonies and sectors are the same. She had also brought to the notice of the authority about the dirty water and cases of diarrhoea but so far the situation has not improved. She requested Mayor to do something for improving the situation and to fix the responsibility otherwise there is no need to pass any agenda.

Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang was of the view that the Mayor alongwith 5 members of the House should meet the Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh and apprise him all the facts. He was in favour of passing the development agendas.

Sh. Anil Dubey said that after meeting the Administrator the Councillors had developed confidence that they will be heard properly by the officers, but lamented that the situation has not improved. He supported Sh. Pardeep Chhabra and said that all the Councillors are with him. He said that there is long pending demand of colony residents that construction of 2nd floor in colonies be allowed. He said that he wants to bring an agenda in the meeting of the House in this regard and asked the Mayor, whether the House will pass it as he has been apprised that the Chandigarh Administration has already rejected this demand.

The Mayor said that all the Councillors are empowered to bring any agenda in the House with the signatures of four councillors.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma said that the Commissioner being head of executive body is like a bridge between Councillors & Officers. Earlier the Mayor & Commissioner used to sort out

the differences between officers & Councillors, but at present there is no co-ordination between all the wings of the Corporation and no information is coming forward. Road Wing write letter to P.H. Wing to get information on petty matters. He said that earlier double entry system was introduced in the Corporation for which a company was paid lac of rupees and the Corporation has again given this job to a private party but the Corporation has not started at its own yet as a result there is no record of assets & liability. Two years have passed after receiving grant from Govt. of India to set up I.T. System in Corporation and no information has been received in this matter. Similar is the situation with the Fire Wing. Multiplay equipments were to be installed in all sectors, but the matter is lying pending in the office of S.E. Whenever a Councillor asks a question to the officers no reply come forward for many days until the Councillor personally follow up the matter. About 60% projects are delayed. In spite of specific instructions by Chandigarh Administration, e-tendering process has not been started in the Corporation. He quoted an example of hotel sip-n-dine, where a parking was designed and despite his many requests to the officers reply came that they cannot change the design and now drawing of proposed parking behind the office of Corporation up to the Shivalik View is going to be changed on request of CITCO. On the other hand the work of development in the colonies has not been taken up in the name of encroachment and it seems that the officers are encouraging encroachment by big hotels and neither property tax is being claimed from these hotels. He read out the contents of the letter from Chandigarh Administration, in which e-tendering has been made mandatory w.e.f. 1st April, 2010 but despite that no software has been installed in the office neither officers are in a hurry to start e-tendering. He then read out the contents of letter, in which CITCO has requested to take up the work of parking as per their requirement. He said that the officer of CITCO is protecting the interest of his office, whereas the officers of the Corporation are ignoring the interest of the office and are ready to work according to the wishes of CITCO. He further said that the administration of this office has been weakened. He quoted an example that in the last meeting of the House it was assured that office orders involving SDOs for advertisement work will be withdrawn but the SDOs are still on the job of Advertisement. The Councillors had opposed purchasing of cement in the meeting of the House but on the request of officers, it was

passed and consequently the scam of cement surfaced. The reply to the questions raised by Sh. P.K. Mukherjee are not coming forward from the officers. The sample of water have been taken from his house 5-6 times but the situation is still same. He was of the view that no estimate should be passed in the House as it would take minimum 4 months to allot the work and the officers will adopt pick and choose policy and would create differences between the Councillors. He quoted an example that in the Electricity Committee an estimate for installation of high mast lights in green belt was brought for approval but when the size of the green belt was asked the officers felt sorry that it was mistake and it was a small park. He requested the Mayor not to pass any agenda till the e-tendering process is started. He further pointed out that there was a training programme of Mayor under JNNURM but the letter in this regard was not sent to the Chandigarh Administration for approval well in time as a result the training could not be attended.

The Commissioner apprised the House that a draft notification pertaining to Water Bye-laws has been sent to the Chandigarh Administration for notification immediately after the meeting of the House. Once the draft bye-laws are notified by Chandigarh Administration, it would be applicable in Chandigarh regarding issuance of NOC to the house owners in villages within "Lal Dora". Regarding parking he apprised that in a meeting of Administrative Forum the M.D., CITCO requested him that the officials of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh were dismantling the fence around hotel Shivalik View and requested to visit the site. On visiting the site it was observed that there are many trees and distance between them is very short and then there is merging of roads. The M.D., CITCO sent a representation to the Corporation. He said that the contention of the members of the House that the power of Finance & Contract Committee have been infringed and action against the decision of the Finance & Contract Committee was being taken, which is totally wrong. It is also wrong that work has been stopped at the site. However, clarification from the Architect Department has been sought and the office is waiting for it and as such there is no such big issue as the Councillors have made it.

At this, Sh. Pardeep Chhabra objected and said that there is no issue of trees and dismantling of fence. He offered to visit the site along with the officers and media persons and said that he was ready to resign if any fence was dismantled.

The Commissioner assured the House that there is no proposal to change the drawing of the parking and the matter has been referred back just for cognizance of representation of CITCO.

Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh proposed that the House should resolve unanimously that the encroachment made by CITCO should be removed within 24 hours.

The Mayor said that if poor people residing in colonies are not allowed to carry small business from their residences then such big hotels should also not be allowed to encroach upon public land and to carry business there. She further said that Finance & Contract Committee had passed in the year 2009 the estimate of parking and the power to change the drawings of parking lies with only the Committee and the officers have no right to refer the matter back to Administration at their own level. The letter of the CITCO should have been brought before the Finance & Contract Committee for consideration and it was supposed to take decision on the representation of CITCO. Therefore, it is right that the powers of Finance & Contract Committee have been infringed upon. The Mayor asked the Commissioner the names of the officers who submitted their report regarding trees alongwith the estimates for approval and also the name of the officers on whose report the matter was referred back to Chandigarh Administration. She asked the Commissioner to show both the reports to the House.

On this, there was din in the House as most of the Councillors started speaking together.

Some of the Councillors asked the name of the officers who reported that trees will fell down. Most of the Councillors and the Mayor were bent upon to show the survey report sent by the XEN.(Hort.) regarding trees coming in between the proposed parking.

The Mayor asked the Chief Engineer to show the report of the officers as his statement has appeared in the newspaper that the matter has been referred back on the basis of survey report in which it has been stated that some tress will fall down.

The Chief Engineer said that he received the report from the office of S.E.(B&R) and asked him to clarify.

The S.E. (B&R) stated that he received the report from the XEN (Hort.).

The XEN (Hort.) clarified that the said report was regarding the parking already constructed and not on the parking in question.

The Mayor said that the estimate before the Finance & Contract Committee was brought after all the estimates including the survey report was seen and approved by the concerned officers at that time including the Commissioner. After approval of the estimate the tender was invited and work allotted to the contractor. That time nobody objected in this matter and now on the basis of the representation of CITCO the matter has been referred back to Architect Department.

The S.E.(B&R) read out the contents of the letter sent by XEN (Hort.) in which it has been added that in the process of development of parking the trees will fall down during rainy & stormy season. But, the XEN (Hort.) was of the view that this report is regarding the parking already developed. However, the S.E.(B&R) repeated that this letter is in reference to the letter in which the report regarding the proposed parking behind Shivalik View was sought.

There was discussion for some time on the contents of the letter from XEN (Hort.) and meaning thereof.

The Mayor declared tea break at 1.00 p.m. and House re-assembled at 1.35 p.m.

The Mayor asked all the members of the House to show hands whether they were in favour of construction of parking as per original drawing approved by the Finance & Contract Committee.

All the members raised hands in support of the proposal.

The Commissioner said that the Architect Department is under the Chandigarh Administration and in case the office of Chief Architect, Chandigarh Administration change the drawing of parking then what will be done. He suggested that in a couple of days the clarification from the Architect Department will be received and after that appropriate decision should be taken in this matter.

Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma asked about the constraints of the Corporation under which the matter was referred back.

The Chief Engineer apprised that there is a provision of central verge in the drawing and if it is constructed then little space is left for the parking which will cause congestion of vehicles.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that this matter should have been considered before placing the agenda in the meeting of Finance & Contract Committee.

“The House considered and resolved that the parking behind the office of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh up to Hotel Shivalik View be constructed as per plan approved in the meeting of Finance & Contract Committee and the letter referring back is deemed to be withdrawn..”

The Mayor said that Hotel Shivalik View has been utilizing the space adjoining it without paying anything to the Corporation, whereas some of the NGO, which are organizing social and welfare activities, are paying property tax on the pattern of commercial institutions. She said that the matter of property tax to be claimed from Hotel Shivalik View & Mount view and such other institutions be considered in the House Tax Assessment Committee, in which interested Councillors may be invited as special invitee and the report be submitted to the House for consideration.

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The House also resolved that after introducing e-tendering system those projects be given preference which have been withdrawn from M/s A.K.Sood Engineers and M/s Sarvpriya Constructions after cement scam.

The Mayor said that the issue of dirty water and low pressure has been raised by many Councillors and even samples have also been taken by the concerned officers but situation has not improved upto satisfactory level. A letter to start e-tendering process was received in this office on 21.1.2010 according to which it was mandatory to start e-tendering process w.e.f. Ist April, 2010. She asked the Commissioner to clarify the position on these issues.

The Commissioner asserted that it is unfortunate that dirty water is being supplied in some parts of the city since it is duty of the Corporation to supply neat drinking water to the residents. He directed the Chief Engineer to send the teams of SDEs in their respective areas and to find out the main reason of dirty water and set it right. So far as the matter of e-tendering is concerned he is following up the matter and having meetings with the officers. There was problem of digital signatures. There are about 40-50 projects being held up in absence of uploading of these standards on the net. He sought 10 more days' time to rectify the technical problem and after that the pending projects would be uploaded on the net.

Sh. Jatinder Bhatia pointed out that proposals of construction of food street and Community Centre in Sector 48 have already been approved, but DNITs have not so far been finalized. He further asked why the letter of Chandigarh Administration was not placed before the F&CC.

“The Mayor asked the Chief Engineer to convey the decision of the House pertaining to issuance of No objection certificates for electricity connection to the owners of houses situated within Lal Dora to the Electricity Department of Chandigarh Administration”.

Regarding dirty water the Chief Engineer apprised that there was a dead end of water pipes laid in Ram Darbar as a result the mud was stagnated at that dead end. When the valves were opened the stagnated muddy water mixed up with the water reservoirs as a result some parts of Ram Darbar received dirty water. He also apprised that in front of the residence of Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma there was also a dead end which was flushed out and now the report of water sample is ok.

The Mayor said that in future any letter pertaining to policy decision be brought before the House for information.

Sh. P.K.Mukherjee suggested that a better way of registration of plumber should be evolved as most of the earlier registered plumbers have died and their dependents are doing job without having proper knowledge. He also suggested to install Non Return Valves (NRV) to check the problem of dirty water. He also suggested that incompetent officials/officers should be penalized

for non-performance since the reply to his questions are not coming forward well in time. He also suggested that every project should be outsourced.

Dr. Pam Rajput asked about the fate of Pallav Committee constituted by the Chandigarh Administration since no report of the said Committee has so far been placed before the House.

Sh. P.K.Mukherjee told that he had submitted the report to the H.E. Administrator of the Chandigarh Administration and the Home Secretary.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur pointed out that the first matter relating to property tax on the land used by Hotel Shivalik View has not been finalized. She asked whether Sh. Pardeep Chhabra knew it earlier as he has been tenant there for a long time and why this issue has been highlighted now when some personal dispute has arisen. She was of the view that arrear for the last 7-8 years be realized and responsibility be fixed.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra took strong objection at the comments of Smt. Harjinder Kaur and said that he is not on the pay roll of Corporation.

The Mayor also objected on the comments of Smt. Harjinder Kaur and said that even she did not know about this issue earlier and said that name of sh. Pardeep Chhabra should not have been pointed out by her. She asked the Commissioner to inquire into the matter and fix responsibility for loss of property tax to the Corporation.

At this there was uproar in the House as some Councillors continued speaking together.

The Mayor was of the view that it was the responsibility of the officers to bring out this matter to the knowledge of the House as they got the survey conducted of the commercial buildings and issued notices.

Dr. Amrit Bolaria also expressed concern on the loss of property tax in many buildings. She said that people are getting dirty drinking water and she exhorted the House that instead of going on study tour to Bangalore-Gangtok the members should visit slums and see that in

what bad conditions the people are residing. She also said that none of the committees does anything for slum dwellers.

The Mayor asked the members to decide whether the development agendas are to be passed or it should be taken after start of e-tendering.

“At this some of the Councillors stood up in favour of passing the agendas. However, the majority was in favour of passing agendas after introducing e-tendering system.”

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**