

MINUTES OF THE 175th MEETING (1st MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2012) OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH HELD ON 01.01.2012 AT 10.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE CORPORATION FOR THE ELECTION OF MAYOR, SENIOR DEPUTY MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR.

The following were present:

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| 1. | Sh. Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.) | Presiding Officer |
| 2. | Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, M.P. | Ex-Officio Member |
| 3. | Ms. Prerna Puri, IAS | Commissioner |
| 4. | Sh. Anoop Sunny Gill | Councillor |
| 5. | Prof. Aruna Goel | Councillor |
| 6. | Dr. Amrit Tewari | Councillor |
| 7. | Maj.(Retd.) D.S. Sandhu | Councillor |
| 8. | Sh. M.P. Kohli | Councillor |
| 9. | Sh. Sat Paul Bansal | Councillor |
| 10. | Mrs. Shagufta Parveen | Councillor |
| 11. | Sh. Surinder Bahga | Councillor |
| 12. | Smt. Raj Bala Malik | Councillor |
| 13. | Sh. Saurabh Joshi | Councillor |
| 14. | Sh. Pardeep Chhabra | Councillor |
| 15. | Smt. Asha Kumari Jaswal | Councillor |
| 16. | Sh. Subhash Chawla | Councillor |
| 17. | Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal | Councillor |
| 18. | Smt. Laxmi Devi | Councillor |
| 19. | Sh. Arun Sood | Councillor |
| 20. | Smt. Gurbax Rawat | Councillor |
| 21. | Sh. Malkiat Singh | Councillor |
| 22. | Sh. Darshan Kumar | Councillor |
| 23. | Smt. Sheela Devi | Councillor |
| 24. | Sh. Harphool Chander Kalyan | Councillor |

25. Smt. Kashmiri Devi	Councillor
26. Smt. Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
27. Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
28. Sh. Mukesh Bassi	Councillor
29. Sh. Satinder Singh	Councillor
30. Sh. Naresh Kumar	Councillor
31. Sh. Satish Kumar	Councillor
32. Smt. Heera Negi	Councillor
33. Sh. Davesh Moudgil	Councillor
34. Smt. Jannat Jahan Ul-Haq(Naina)	Councillor
35. Smt. Rajinder Kaur	Councillor
36. Sh. Gurcharan Das	Councillor
37. Sh. Des Raj Gupta	Councillor
38. Sh. Lalit Siwach, HCS	Secretary

At the outset, the Secretary welcomed the Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India-cum-ex-officio member, Commissioner, all the members of the House, Media persons and all the persons present in the House and wished a Happy New Year to all. He apprised the House that as per provision of the Municipal Act, the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Prescribed Authority, Chandigarh has appointed Sh. Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.) as Presiding Officer for conducting the election of Mayor. He then requested Sh. Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.), to take over the seat of Presiding Officer.

Sh. Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.) took over the seat of Presiding Officer and wished a Happy New Year to all members of the House and others present in the House and welcomed Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India-cum-ex-officio member, Commissioner, all the members of the House, Media persons and all the persons present in

the House. He thanked the Deputy Commissioner for nominating him as the Presiding Officer for the election of the Mayor. He stated that as per provisions of the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation (Procedure and Conduct of Business) Regulation, 1996, a candidate can withdraw his nomination before the election process is started. He asked the candidates for the election of Mayor to withdraw if so desire. But nobody offered to withdraw.

The Secretary apprised that there are three candidates in the fray for the election of Mayor, i.e. Smt. Asha Kumari Jaswal, Smt. Jannat Jahan- Ul-Haq and Smt. Raj Bala Malik.

The Presiding Officer showed the ballot paper to the members and requested them to put the cross (X) only in the box shown against their name. He further stated that a vote will be declared invalid in case the cross (X) is put on the line of the box or in favour of more than one person. He further stated that nobody will put a mark or sign on the ballot paper otherwise it will be declared invalid. He further apprised the proper method of folding the ballot paper after putting cross (X) on it.

Empty ballot box was shown to all the members and others present in the House.

Sh. Arun Sood was of the view that only one cross (X) should be put on the ballot paper as more than one cross (X) would amount to some sort of indication. He referred Rule 6(9 & 10) of the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation (Procedure and Conduct of Business) Regulation, 1996 and read out the same for the information of the members and the Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer asked the members whether anyone has any objection on this point as there is no provision in the rules in this regard. Since nobody objected, he ruled that only one cross (X) should be put on the ballot paper in the box shown against their names.

Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal was also of the view that the members should put only one cross (X) on the ballot paper.

Sh. Arun Sood objected on the white cloth sheet wrapped outside the enclosure for voting and desired that it should be removed as it serve no purpose and sufficient secrecy of ballot can be maintained without it. He further stated that during last elections of Mayor, it was ruled by the Presiding Officer that nobody will carry mobile phone in the enclosure for voting, but it was disobeyed and Councillors used mobiles to photograph the ballot paper. He further stated that as per provisions of the Regulation, the voting should be secret and nobody should show the front of ballot paper to anyone and if ballot paper is photographed, it amounts to showing the ballot paper to someone. He was of the view that carrying mobile phone to photograph the ballot paper violates the provisions of the Act. Therefore, mobile with camera should not be allowed.

Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal stated that there is no specific rule in this regard, however, he agreed that mobile phones may not be allowed to be carried while casting vote.

The Presiding Officer requested to all the Councillors not to carry mobile phones in the ballot enclosure. He read out the names of the candidates for the election of Mayor serial-wise for the information of the members.

The Secretary called the Councillors one by one and issued ballot papers against their signatures and they cast their votes. After the election process was over, the ballot box was emptied before the Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer asked the contesting candidates to send their representatives to supervise the counting process and accordingly Sh. Pardeep Chhabra, Sh. Saurabh Joshi & Sh. Naresh Kumar represented Smt. Raj Bala Malik, Smt. Asha Jaswal & Smt. Jannat Jahan-UI-Haq respectively, during the counting of votes.

After counting of votes Sh. Saurabh Joshi objected that in one of the ballot paper 'x' mark was affixed on the name of the candidate and not in the box against the name, whereas as per

Rule 6(9) of the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation (Procedure and Conduct of Business) Rule, 1996, the 'x' has to be marked on the right hand side of the ballot paper opposite the name of the candidate for whom he/she wishes to vote and demanded that this vote be declared as invalid.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra was of the view that the vote was valid as it clearly indicates the intention of the voter as to whom he/she intends to vote and there is no separation of the box and stamp is in the same box.

After hearing both, the Presiding Officer declared one vote was invalid.

The Presiding Officer announced that out of the total 36 votes polled, 1 has been found invalid and the break-up of the votes polled for the election of the Mayor is as under :-

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Votes secured</u>
1.	Smt. Asha Kumari Jaswal	12
2.	Smt. Jannat Jahan-Ul-Haq	02
3.	Smt. Raj Bala Malik	21
	Invalid vote	1
	Total Votes cast	36

Sh. Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.) Presiding Officer declared Smt. Raj Bala Malik having been elected as Mayor of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh for the year, 2012.

**Secretary
Municipal Corporation Chandigarh**

**Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.)
Presiding Officer**

ELECTION OF SR. DEPUTY MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

The Secretary requested Smt. Raj Bala Malik to take over Mayor's seat and preside over the proceedings for the election of Sr. Dy. Mayor & Dy. Mayor.

Smt. Raj Bala Malik took over the seat of the Mayor and thanked Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal and Sh. B.B. Behl and all the members and hoped that they will cooperate her in future also and assured that she will work for the development of the city.

Then the Secretary announced for elections of Senior Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor. He informed the House that there are two candidates for election of Sr. Deputy Mayor; namely Sh. Darshan Kumar & Sh. Des Raj Gupta. He announced that a candidate can withdraw his candidature in case he so desire. But nobody offered to withdraw.

The Secretary called the Councillors one by one and issued ballot papers against their signatures and they cast their votes. After the election process was over, the ballot box was emptied before the Mayor. The Mayor asked the contesting candidates to send their representatives to see the counting process and accordingly Sh. Pardeep Chhabra & Sh. Davesh Moudgil represented both the candidates during the counting of votes.

After counting the votes, the Mayor declared that 36 votes were cast and all votes are valid and declared the result of Senior Deputy Mayor as under :-

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Votes secured</u>
1.	Sh. Darshan Kumar	23
2.	Sh. Des Raj Gupta	13
	Invalid vote	-
	Total Votes cast	36

The Mayor declared Sh. Darshan Kumar having been elected as Senior Deputy Mayor of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh for the year, 2012.

Thereafter, the Secretary informed the House that there were two candidates for the post of Deputy Mayor namely Sh. Malkiat Singh & Sh. Satish Kumar and he requested the contesting candidates that if any candidate wanted to withdraw his candidature he could do so before the start of the election process, but nobody offered to withdraw. The Secretary called the Councillors one by one and issued the ballot papers under signatures to cast their votes secretly.

After the process was over, the Secretary asked the candidates to send their representatives and Sh. Arun Sood & Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal acted as observer of the candidates. The ballot box was emptied before the Mayor and the counting process began. The Mayor declared that 36 valid votes were cast and she accordingly declared the result as under :-

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Votes secured</u>
1.	Sh. Malkiat Singh	13
2.	Sh. Satish Kumar	23
	Invalid vote	-
	Total Votes cast	36

The Mayor declared Sh. Satish Kumar having been elected as Deputy Mayor of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh for the year, 2012.

In the end, the Mayor extended good wishes for the New Year to all the Councillors, Officers, Staff and the media persons and thanked for their co-operation for the smooth & democratic conduct of elections.

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

**Secretary
Municipal Corporation Chandigarh**

**Mayor
Municipal Corporation Chandigarh**