

**MINUTES OF THE 176th MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
CHANDIGARH HELD ON 23.01.2012 AT 10.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE
CORPORATION CHANDIGARH.**

The following were present:

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| 1. | Smt. Raj Bala Malik | Mayor |
| 2. | Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, M.P. | Ex-Officio Member |
| 3. | Ms. Prerna Puri, IAS | Commissioner |
| 4. | Sh. Darshan Kumar | Sr. Dy. Mayor |
| 5. | Sh. Satish Kumar | Deputy Mayor |
| 6. | Sh. Anoop Sunny Gill | Councillor |
| 7. | Prof. Aruna Goel | Councillor |
| 8. | Dr. Amrit Tewari | Councillor |
| 9. | Maj.(Retd.) D.S. Sandhu | Councillor |
| 10. | Sh. M.P. Kohli | Councillor |
| 11. | Sh. Sat Paul Bansal | Councillor |
| 12. | Mrs. Shagufta Parveen | Councillor |
| 13. | Sh. Surinder Bahga | Councillor |
| 14. | Smt. Raj Bala Malik | Councillor |
| 15. | Sh. Saurabh Joshi | Councillor |
| 16. | Sh. Pardeep Chhabra | Councillor |
| 17. | Smt. Asha Kumari Jaswal | Councillor |
| 18. | Sh. Subhash Chawla | Councillor |
| 19. | Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal | Councillor |
| 20. | Smt. Laxmi Devi | Councillor |
| 21. | Sh. Arun Sood | Councillor |
| 22. | Smt. Gurbax Rawat | Councillor |
| 23. | Sh. Malkiat Singh | Councillor |
| 24. | Smt. Sheela Devi | Councillor |
| 25. | Sh. Harphool Chander Kalyan | Councillor |

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

At the outset, the Secretary welcomed the Mayor, Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, Cabinet Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Councillors and media persons.

Sh. Subhash Chawla stated that recently Sh. Arshad Khan, Ex-Councillor passed away and desired that the House should observe silence for two minutes.

The House observed silence for two minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of 174th and 175th meeting of the General House held on 27.12.2011 at 11.00 a.m. & 01.01.2012 at 10.00 a.m. respectively in the Assembly Hall of the MC, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Rajesh Gupta pointed out that agenda item No.4 of last meeting was approved whereas it has been mentioned as deferred for reconsideration. He desired that minutes be amended accordingly.

Sh. Gurcharan Das also said that none of the agenda was deferred in the meeting held on 27.12.2011 and all the agendas were passed.

The Chief Engineer explained that the residents had approached him as well as the Mayor, that there is not sufficient space for widening of the road, therefore it was decided to reconsider it.

Sh. Subhash Chawla stated that how the estimate was prepared without getting the site surveyed and feasibility report.

“The House considered & confirmed the minutes of 174th meeting of the General House held on 27.12.2011 at 11.00 a.m. with the following amendment:-

The agenda item No.4 be considered approved.”

Sh. Davesh Moudgil stated that in the last meeting he had pointed out that the enclosure for casting the vote should be such that the voters should be visible and this practice is being maintained in all the elections from that of the Panchayat to the Parliament. He desired that this version be added at page No.4, after second para of the minutes.

Sh. Arun Sood pointed out that he had also raised an objection that in one ballot paper there was a line on the signature of the Secretary, in another ballot paper there was line below the signature and in one of the ballot paper there was a smiley. He desired that this matter also be made part of minutes. He further pointed out that in the list of business confirmation of the minutes of 174th meeting has also been mentioned whereas these minutes were not circulated to them.

The Secretary assured that minutes would be circulated to them.

Major D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) stated that the agenda was received two days ago and they did not have sufficient time to go through them. He desired that the agenda be supplied to them at least one week before the meeting.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil desired that the agenda should also be prepared in Hindi & Punjabi as '**Hindi**' is our National Language and it should be honoured.

Dr. Amrit Tewari stated that as per provisions of the Act, the agenda should reach to the Councillors at least 72 hours before the meeting, but the agenda was received two days ago. She desired that at least the provisions of the Act be maintained.

“The House confirmed the minutes of 175th meeting of the General House held on 01.01.2012 at 10.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh with the following amendment:-

The following lines be added at page No.4 after second para:-

“Sh. Davesh Moudgil pointed out that the enclosure for casting the vote should be such that the voters should be visible and this practice is being maintained in all the elections of Panchayat to the Parliament.”

The following lines be added at page No.7 in para 3:-

“Sh. Arun Sood pointed out that in one ballot paper there was a line on the signature of the Secretary, in another ballot paper there was line below the signature and in one of the ballot paper there was a smiley”.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Election for the five members of Finance and Contract Committee.

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

The Mayor apprised the House that nominations of five Councillors have been received for the election of five members of Finance & Contract Committee, therefore she declared the following five persons elected unopposed:-

1. **Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta**
2. **Smt. Harjinder Kaur**
3. **Sh. Subhash Chawla**
4. **Sh. Pardeep Chhabra**
5. **Sh. Sat Paul Bansal**

Sh. Arun Sood stated that there is a provision in the Act that Committees will be constituted by the Corporation. He asked why the agenda in this regard has not been brought before the House.

The Mayor replied that Committee will be constituted within a week as the Mayor has been empowered for this purpose.

Sh. Arun Sood stated that there is no provision in the Act under which Mayor has been empowered to constitute the Committees.

Sh. Subhash Chawla stated that since the procedure to constitute the Committee has not been clearly mentioned in the Act, the General House of the Corporation in its 61st meeting passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor to constitute the Committees. When the new House was elected in the year 2006, the same resolution of the House was followed and the then Mayor Smt. Harjinder Kaur also constituted the Committees for the year 2007. The same resolution of the House is still intact and on the basis of the said resolution the Mayor has been authorized to constitute the Committees.

Sh. Arun Sood read out the provision of Section 42 of the Municipal Corporation Act and said that it is the prerogative of the House to constitute the Committees and there is no provision to delegate the powers. Neither there is any provision in the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation (Procedure and Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1996 under which powers can be delegated to the Mayor. A resolution passed by the previous House authorizing the Mayor can not be binding on the next House.

Sh. Subhash Chawla clarified that the House has power to constitute the Committees and the House had authorized the Mayor to constitute the Committees. As such no irregularity has been done.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil read out the provision of Section 65 of the Act and said that the resolution of earlier House cannot be binding on the next House. The new elected House is to take decision for constitution of the Committees.

Prof. Aruna Goel stated that the past practice should not prevail on the newly constituted House and the present House should authorize the Mayor if it so desires.

Dr. Amrit Tewari seconded the views of Prof. Aruna Goel and stated that this House should take decision in this regard and authorize the Mayor for constitution of the Committees.

Sh. Arun Sood stated that there is no provision in the Act for delegation of powers to the Mayor by the House. He further said that an agenda in this regard should be placed before the House and then the House will take decision and make regulation for constitution of Committees.

Major D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) requested the councillors to speak softly and politely and to speak one by one. He proposed that the House should pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to constitute the committees and desired that voting should be done on this issue, if required.

Sh. Subhash Chawla seconded the views of Major D.S. Sandhu for passing the resolution in this regard.

Sh. Arun Sood stated that there are three authorities under the Act i.e. the Corporation, the Finance & Contract Committee and the Commissioner and there is no other authority under the Act and such powers cannot be delegated by the House.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that during the next coming five years many occasions will come when the House would take decision and Mayor may be empowered to constitute a committee. He further stated that there is a provision in the Act that in case more than four councillors desire to make a resolution they can demand voting on it. A resolution has already been

moved by Prof. Aruna Goel and Major D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) pertaining to authorizing the Mayor for constituting the committees. He requested the Mayor to ask for voting on this issue.

Prof. Aruna Goel stated that she has been a member of the Senate for many years and it authorized a member many times to take decision on an issue. She further stated that she also has been a member of UGC and the Chairman was authorized many times to take decision on an issue. Therefore, this House can also pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor whereas the members of the opposition can express their dissent on the issue, if they so desire.

Sh. Subhash Chawla stated that there is no clear provision in the Act for constitution of the committees, therefore, the House has to authorize the Mayor, who has been elected by majority, to constitute the committees. However, due representation to the members of the opposition party will also be given in those committees.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi pointed out that as per Section 67 of the Act the agenda has to be delivered to the Councillors 72 hours before the meeting whereas two table agendas have been circulated to them in the House. He requested the Mayor not to take up the table agendas in this meeting as they have not gone through them.

Major D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that there is no reason to repeat the same topic which has already been discussed, rather the House should decide on the resolutions already moved regarding authorization to the Mayor for constitution of committees. It will be better if this resolution is passed unanimously otherwise voting should be done on the resolution.

At this, majority of the members, except the members of opposition party, raised their hands in favour of the resolution moved by the members authorizing the Mayor to constitute the Committees.

The House considered and by majority resolved that the Mayor be authorized to constitute the committees as prescribed under section 42 of the Municipal Corporation Act and other committees already sanctioned by the Chandigarh Administration.

Members of the opposition party came to the well and opposed passing of resolution in such manner and there was din in the House on this issue.

Sh. Subhash Chawla stated that Regulations have already been framed under the Act in the year 1996 and under these Regulations there is no procedure of constitution of committees and in absence of specific Regulations it is better way to authorize the Mayor who has been elected by majority of the House. This procedure has been followed by the House for the last so many years unanimously.

Sh. Arun Sood reiterated that there is no provision in the Act under which Mayor can be authorized as this is the power of the Municipal Corporation. This is obligatory powers of the House which cannot be further delegated. He suggested that an agenda be placed before the House in this regard and then it will be decided how to constitute the committees. He further stated that the people of the City have elected the Councillors and the twelve Councillors of their party have also right to put their views before the House. The ruling party is trying to suppress the opposition in a way of dictatorship. He requested that the provisions of Section 42 of the Act may be implemented as such otherwise it would be illegal.

Sh. Subhash Chawla stated that the House runs by the majority of the members and the decisions are also taken by majority. The majority of the members have already passed a resolution empowering the Mayor to constitute the Committees. There is no irregularity or supersession of the provisions of the Act. Therefore, the decision of the majority of the House should be honoured.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil stated that the House should also consider the issues which have not been defined in the Act or Regulation and necessary amendments in the Regulation may be brought. He further said that the Mayor should also invite the members of the opposition party and consider their views as they have also been elected by the residents of the City and have equal responsibility. He further stated that the Mayor should ensure that equal representation would be given to the members of opposition party.

Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal said that Section 42 of the Municipal Corporation Act provides provisions for constitution of few committees whereas the Corporation constitutes more than this. He read out Section 42 of the Act and said that the word 'prescribed' has been defined in the Act which means rules made under this Act. Under the Act the regulations have already been framed in the year 1996 and no other rules are there. The Rules are framed by the Administration whereas the Regulations are made by the Corporation. The present regulations have been framed under section 65 of the Act and it is silent about some provisions. He further stated that the rules should also have been framed by the Government. The Corporation has been constituting these committees for the last 15 years in which election of the Chairman and vice Chairman is held and meetings are convened accordingly. He stated that the point raised by the members is valid and it is their right, but simultaneously its solution should also be found out. The regulations framed by the Corporation explain in detail the election of the Mayor and the members of F&CC but is silent about the procedure of constitution of committees and their meetings. He further stated that the two more important functions have been transferred to the Corporation and committees are also required to be constituted for Primary Health and Primary Education. The Municipal Corporation has been authorizing the Mayor for constitution of committees and this procedure has been followed for the last many years which seems to be suitable procedure in absence of any specific rules in this behalf and nobody objected on it so far though he was not in favour of this procedure. Neither he has ever

been in favour of including the Member of Parliament as ex-officio member of the General House of the Corporation. In absence of any specific rule for the constitution of the committee, it would not be wrong if the House has by majority authorized the Mayor to constitute the committees.

Sh. Arun Sood said that his point has not been clarified and again suggested that an agenda be placed before the House and the House would decide how to constitute the committees.

Prof. Aruna Goel said that in absence of specific rules the decision of the House would prevail.

The Mayor stated that the House has taken a decision by majority and empowered the Mayor to constitute the committees.

At this Councillors of opposition party came to well and started speaking together and nothing could be recorded.

Sh. Arun Sood requested the Mayor not to constitute the committees otherwise they will be forced to approach the higher authority.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Estimate for Boring & Installation of 5 No. 12" x 8" (304.80 x 203.20 mm) i/d deep bore tubewells in lieu of low discharge/abandoned tubewells No.RN-13 & RN-100 feeding to water works, Sector 37, Chandigarh and RN-77, KWS-2 & tubewells in water works colony Sector-26, feeding to water works, Sector-26, Chandigarh. (With Reverse Rig. method or any other method of latest technology.)

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

Sh. Subhash Chawla stated that earlier it was practice to place different estimates for boring of tubewells, whereas in present case estimate for five tubewells has been prepared and placed before the House for approval. He sought the clarification from the Chief Engineer.

The Chief Engineer clarified that Vigilance had earlier objected on estimate for single tubewell and suggested to go for single estimate for 3-4 tubewells. In case of single tubewell's estimate, it would not be placed before the House as its cost would decrease.

Sh. Subhash Chawla stated that in the year 2011 the then Mayor had apprised in a meeting that there was a provision of boring of 18 tubewells and it seems that these estimates are part of the said project. He further stated that it was big estimate and only limited contractor would compete in this project. If tender for single tubewell would be floated then number of tenders would be more and due to competition the rates for the tender would be lower. He desired that the tenders be split for single tubewell as it would be better for the Corporation.

The Chief Engineer clarified that the proposed 18 tubewells have already been executed and the present 5 tubewells are fresh. Single tender has been prepared so that these tubewells could be executed before the summer season as the city is already facing the shortage of water.

Smt. Asha Jaswal stated that a scheme under the name of Jawaharlal Nehru was launched by the Government of India under which 80% fund was to be granted by the Government of India and 10% was to be borne by Municipal Corporation and 10% by the Chandigarh Administration. It was also mentioned that already 200 tubewells exist in the City as a result the level of ground water has decreased, therefore, no more tubewells be installed. She further stated that in the year 2007 a project to treat the sewage water was approved for which treatment plant in Raipur Kalan and Sector 66 were also to be set up. She wanted to know the fate of that project. She suggested that the Corporation should think about bringing water from Gangowal as it would save the energy and underground water. She stressed that Corporation should think about recycling of sewage water which can fulfill the requirement of houses upto one kanal for watering of plants &

lawns. She opposed the proposal of boring five tubewells and suggested that schemes for harvesting of rain water and recycling of waste water should be chalked out.

Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal stated that due to shortage of water in the City and non-receipt of water from the Punjab Government, there seems to be no alternative but to bore the tubewells. He emphasized that it would be dangerous to extract more water from the ground where its level has already been decreased considerably. The level of ground water has been decreasing by 2-3 Mtr. every year whereas it is about 30 cm in the States of Punjab and Haryana. Therefore, a second thought should be given for boring of tubewells. He wanted to know as to how much water is being wasted and how much demand of water can be fulfilled with the treatment of sewage water. He stressed to plug the wastage of water by placing the system in hand and to start sewage treatment plant as it can fulfill the requirement of water to some extent. There is no system to recharge the level of ground water and to check the wastage of drinking water and if requires he can depute some officials from his Ministry and funds can also be made available from MPLAD Scheme if the Corporation take such decision and identify the land for this project. He further stated that as pointed out by Smt. Asha Jaswal, there are some conditions under JNNURM in which some funds are to be arranged by the local bodies and if those conditions are not fulfilled, sufficient funds are not released by the Government of India under this Scheme. Rain harvesting system also needs to be installed in the buildings of the City for which building bye-laws needs to be framed which is under the purview of the Chandigarh Administration. He desired that a system of water audit needs to be set up in the Corporation. He stressed that we should also think about the future generation as there would be acute shortage of water in future as the level of water is decreasing considerably. He asked the Chief Engineer to prepare a status report on recycling of treated water and harvesting of rain water.

The Chief Engineer stated that a detailed report on this issue would be prepared and placed before the House in its next meeting.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi suggested that a study tour be organized to Delhi as the re-cycled water is being used in the public parks of Supreme Court of India. Chandigarh has a number of public parks where lot of drinking water is being used which can be saved if re-cycled water is used in these parks.

The S.E.(P.H.) stated that after revision of domestic water charges, the owners of big plots have approached for separate connection of re-cycled water for irrigation of their lawns. But some house owners, who have pets, apprehend that it would adversely affect the health of their animals, and they are hesitant for re-cycled water.

Sh. Subhash Chawla asked whether the Engineering Wing has planned for the next 30 years in the matter of drinking water and plans for checking reducing level of ground water. Chandigarh is mainly dependent on Kajauli water works and in case the pipe bursts the city would face acute shortage of water. Recently the Akali Government had refused to give water to Chandigarh from Kajauli and this problem can recur in the near future also. He requested that a vision paper be prepared for the next 20 years so that the coming generation should not face problem. He proposed that the agenda be passed in principle; however, he desired that separate tenders be invited for five tubewells.

Smt. Asha Jaswal was of the view that only 10% of water is received from tubewells, therefore, the estimate should not be passed and in future boring of more tubewells be avoided.

The Commissioner assured that the matter of recharging the ground water and recycling of water would be holistically examined and status report will be prepared.

Sh. Surinder Bahga stated that in the city of Mexico a big project of water supply was to be set up and in a meeting it was proposed to reduce the capacity of the cistern to save the water, and it was found that the requirement of water was reduced to 20%. Sh. Rajinder Singh, Megasaysay awardee was invited in a seminar, who gave many suggestions regarding conservation of water. He had stated that there is no shortage of water in Chandigarh, but there is wastage of water and no harvesting of water. He further stated that as per information collected through the RTI, the Chandigarh Administration and the Corporation has done nothing for conservation of rain water. He suggested that the capacity of cisterns should be decreased in the city.

Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal suggested that a Committee consisting of the Councillors interested in this field and officers be constituted, which would consider the various aspects to conserve the water and to check the wastage of water and give suggestions in this regard.

Sh. Arun Sood endorsed the views of Sh. Subhash Chawla that the Corporation should prepare a vision document for the next 20 years and to plan for water harvesting as well as laying of paver blocks.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) stated that the situation of water is deteriorating in the city as the pressure of water is not up to the water tanks even in the winter season, which would further worsen in the summer season. He suggested that water should not be allowed to be wasted through washing of cars and irrigation of lawns and there should be no water supply without meter and it should be done without wasting time.

The Mayor said that the suggestion given by Major Sandhu be implemented at the earliest.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur said that water pipes are broken in Mauli Jagran colony as a result muddy water is being supplied to the residents and the water is also going waste.

Sh. Des Raj said that development charges @ Rs.800/- per square yard was charged from the residents of Darshani Bagh, Mani Majra, but for some past years, the residents have not deposited the development charges as a result huge arrear is due against them and their problem should be sorted out. He further stated that the residents of Indira Colony are also facing problem of sewerage overflow which creates nuisance.

Smt. Hira Negi pointed out that the pressure of water supply in the Survey Colony, Sector-32 is very low and it should be streamlined. She further stated that in the recent past the roads were widened and due to bulldozer the water pipes got damaged and lot of water was wasted. She desired that the pipes should be laid deeper.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that the problem of water leakage is almost in every sector and particularly in Sector-31 water pipes are broken at many places which cause wastage of water.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that leakage of water can be noticed at the backside of hotels in sector-26, 35, rehri markets of sector-11, 15 etc. He asked whether any committee has been constituted to check the wastage of water in commercial establishments.

The Chief Engineer clarified that there are metered water connections in these commercial establishments and there is no such committee for this purpose.

Sh. Arun Sood stated that in the market of Sector 37-C a tap was provided which has been disconnected and the shopkeepers are without water for last two months. He requested the Mayor to get the same restored.

“The House considered & resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.129.00 lac for Boring & Installation of 5 No. 12” x 8” (304.80 x 203.20 mm) i/d deep bore tubewells in lieu of low discharge/abandoned tubewells No.RN-13 & RN-100 feeding to water works, Sector 37, Chandigarh and RN-77, KWS-2 & tubewells in water works colony Sector-26, feeding to water works,

Sector-26, Chandigarh. (With Reverse Rig. method or any other method of latest technology.), be and is hereby approved.

Committee further resolved that the present tender be split and five different tenders be invited for boring five tubewells.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Outsourcing of area through service providers for sanitation work.

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

Sh. Subhash Chawla stated that the sanitary condition of the city is very bad and heaps of garbage can be seen everywhere because required number of safai karamcharies have not been deputed in the areas given to the contractor through outsourcing. He further stated that after being elected as Councillor he used to visit Dhanas to check the number of safai karamcharies, but after regular visit of three days he found only 4 persons against 23 and 6 persons against 32 persons shown as deployed there. The concerned Health Supervisor failed to show the terms and conditions of the outsourcing and inasmuch as refused to visit the area in early morning on health ground. He further stated that the Health Supervisor stated that he never found more than 8 safai karamcharis during the last three years, neither the contractor has shown any attendance register to him despite repeated requests. This situation is prevailing in all the areas given on outsourcing and inspite of poor performance by the contractor the agenda for extension of the contract has been brought before the House. Earlier the contract was given for one year which could have been extended for 3 years whereas now the contract has been given for three years extendable up to five years which is not proper. He asked whether the area Councillors were asked regarding satisfactory performance by the contractor and whether any penalty has been imposed on him according to the terms and conditions. There is no mention of role of the Ward Committee in the terms and conditions neither the Councillors have been involved in this process. As per terms and conditions the contractor has to provide a list of the persons engaged by him along with photo and address. He desired that the

said list be also supplied to the area Councillors where the area has been given on outsourcing. He pointed out that how the EPF is being deposited in the accounts of the persons engaged by the contractor. It is a case of cheating with the Corporation as well as the poor persons who should have been engaged by the contractor. Therefore, the public money is being wasted and the sanitation of the city is not satisfactory.

The Commissioner apprised that there are 1600 regular safai karamcharies and a proposal of 1328 more posts has already been sent to the Chandigarh Administration for approval. In absence of regular posts the office is constrained to go for outsourcing. The proposal to extend the contract period has been placed as model code of conduct was in force during the elections of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh and then this matter was placed before the Sanitation Committee which has recommended 3 changes in the terms and conditions which has been mentioned in the agenda. She drew the attention of the members towards condition No. 5 in which it has been mentioned that if the area Councillor reports that the sanitation work of the contractor is not up to the mark, then the area will be inspected by a committee, which includes area Councillor and on the basis of the report of the committee action can be taken against the contractor.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi stated that the main concern of the residents is sanitation of the city. After being elected as Councillor, he contacted the M.O.H. and enquired about the number of safai karamcharies deputed in his ward. The area Sanitary Inspector informed him that there are 49 safai karamcharies in the ward, but he never saw such a big number of safai karamcharies in his ward. He desired that a list of the sweepers deployed in an area should be displayed at the place where the office of the contractor is situated and their attendance is marked. He pointed out that in their terms and conditions, it has been mentioned that the contractor shall clean the back lanes also, but it has been observed that no back lane in the city has so far been swept by the safai karamcharies. He desired that every kind of information should be supplied to the Councillors

regarding the outsourcing of area for sanitation. There is a Citizens' Charter in which accountability and responsibility has been mentioned, but only two departments of the Corporation i.e. Sewerage and Water Supply have mentioned their accountability. He desired that the accountability of all the departments of the Corporation should be mentioned in the citizens' charter, otherwise it should also be removed from the website. He further suggested that accountability of officers as well as the Councillors should be there and it is possible only when both parties work together.

Dr. Amrit Tewari was also of the view that a list of safai karamcharies, Sanitary Inspectors along with their telephone numbers should be displayed in the area, so that public could contact the right person. She further suggested that a Nodal officer be designated for coordination between various Wings of the Corporation to make the work easy.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that the situation of sanitation in Southern Sectors is very bad and heaps of garbage can be seen everywhere as the Safai Karamcharies do not perform their duties properly and even the Sanitary Inspector or M.O.H. never visit the area. Earlier the residents knew the name of the Safai Karamcharies working in their areas but now the sanitary condition of the city is worsening day by day. He further stated that the Sanitation Committee met on the last day of their tenure and recommended the contract for three years, which is totally wrong. He suggested that the House should extend the contract up to 30.4.2012, but the further contract should be only for one year extendable on the satisfactory performance report.

Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal stated that Sanitation is very important issue and holistic view has to be taken in this regard. The area which has been given on outsourcing as well as the other areas of the city have the similar situation. Number of garbage bins have been placed at different points of the city which give ugly look as the garbage can be seen scattered near it and most of them have been broken and rusted. He was of the view that responsibility should be fixed for proper sanitation of the area near garbage bins. He was of the view that extension up to

30.4.2012 should be given, but the other terms and conditions should be considered by the new Sanitation Committee. It should be ensured that people give tangible results within a time limit. Heaps of garbage and malba are pop-marks for the city.

Smt. Laxmi Devi said that the work on the roads and stadium in her ward is incomplete for long time and further said that the people of Maloya will oppose the dumping ground as it will adversely affect their health.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra stated that due to retirement and on job deaths, the number of Sweepers deployed in Sectors has decreased. The Corporation has already sent a proposal to the Chandigarh Administration for sanction of posts. Whenever any festival is celebrated in the city all the Sanitary Inspectors along with Safai Karamcharies are deputed their ignoring the rest of the city.

The House adjourned for tea at 12.45 p.m. at reassembled at 1.10 p.m.

Smt. Asha Jaswal stated that most of the dustbins have been broken and the garbage is littered around it. She desired that broken dustbins should be replaced by new one. She enquired how many penalty has been imposed on the contractor as per terms and conditions.

The Commissioner apprised the members that serviceable dustbins have been identified and would be repaired at the earliest. Moreover the office is going to procure 150 dust bins and it is also proposed to construct cemented platform beneath the dustbins, so that it could be cleaned up regularly. She further apprised that so far approximately Rs.20.70 lac have been collected as fine from the contractor.

Dr. Amrit Tewari was of the view that cleanliness of the area should be the responsibility of the contractor how so many number of Safai Karamcharies he engage and he should be penalized if the sanitation is not proper. She further stated that it has been observed that

the regular Safai Karamcharies do not work efficiently. She quoted an example of PGI, where retired Safai Karamcharies have been engaged on contract, who are doing the job very well.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that in Sector 47 & 48 only 12 Safai Karamcharies were found against 53 on record. He further pointed out that when the trucks carry the dustbins, the garbage fell down on the roads which give ugly look and foul smell. He further stated that the Safai Karamcharies also burn the collected leaves which pollute environment and is also dangerous for the asthmatic patients.

Sh. Subhash Chawla suggested that the Commissioner as well as the M.O.H. should make surprise visits in various areas of the city and action should be taken for non-performance. He further stated that 19 Safai Karamcharies have been shown deployed in cremation ground Sector-25, but not more than 5 Safai Karamcharies are available there. The terms and conditions laid down by the office are very good, but are not implemented properly.

Sh. Satinder Singh was of the view that regular Safai Karamcharies should be engaged instead of contract basis as it will give good result.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that there are not more than 6-7 Safai Karamcharies in his ward as a result the condition of sanitation is very bad and also pointed out that there was problem of drinking water. He also suggested that satisfactory report from the area Councillor should be obtained before making payment to the contractor and also requested that the proposed dumping ground should be shifted to another place.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi stated that the Corporation has laid paver blocks and a path way has been provided near 'B' Block of the University situated near the roundabout of sector 14, 15 & 24, 25, as a result the rain water stagnate there and enter the houses of 'E' Block. When the residents contacted the officers of the Municipal Corporation, they directed them to approach the

authority of the Panjab University. He said that if the residents of Panjab University have the right to cast the vote in the election of the Municipal Corporation, their residential area should be brought under the purview of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. He further stated that the condition of roads in PGI is very bad and many cases of beehive and snake bites have been reported.

Sh. Malkiat Singh pointed out that the condition of Village Attawa is very bad as the water pipes are leaking and the water has entered the houses. Similarly in Badheri the water pipes are being laid, but after digging the ground it has been left incomplete as a result the water is seeping down in the foundations of the houses. He requested that being a serious matter it should be taken care of.

“The House considered & resolved that the contract for outsourcing of area through service provider for Sanitation Work be extended up to 30.04.2012 or till the allotment of new contract whichever is earlier.

The House further resolved that the proposed changes in the terms and conditions be considered by the new Sanitation Committee and its recommendations would be brought before the House for consideration.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Regarding enhancement of rates of uniform.

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

Sh. Satish Kumar pointed out that a delegation of Safai Karamcharies had met to the Mayor and requested that the rates of Uniform as already prescribed by the Punjab Government in the year 1994 and adopted by the Chandigarh Administration be adopted in Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. He proposed that the agenda should be approved.

Smt. Asha Jaswal suggested that the Safai Karamcharies be provided gloves and masks to protect them from the diseases.

The Commissioner assured that the provision of face masks could be considered. She further apprised that the matter pertaining to provide uniform on the pattern and the rate of Punjab & Haryana High Court has already been referred to the Chandigarh Administration for approval. Until the approval is received uniform on the old pattern would be provided to the Safai Karamcharies.

“The House considered & resolved that the proposal to provide uniform to Safai Karamcharies at the rates prescribed by Punjab Government and adopted by Chandigarh Administration, be and is hereby approved.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

40th Rose Festival – 2012 Chandigarh.

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that the Rose Garden has been transferred to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, therefore, the Corporation is organizing the festival in which various departments like Chandigarh Housing Board, Engineering Department of U.T., Chandigarh, North Zone Cultural Centre and Tourism Department would also be involved. This festival involves various competitions for which different committees have been constituted and the departments would spend the funds pertaining to the events relating to them.

Sh. Subhash Chawla stated that this festival has been granted the status of National Festival and the Government of India also releases funds for such festivals. He asked whether this festival would fetch any income to the Corporation or to any other department. He was of the view that there should have been revenue sharing with other departments. He suggested that Government

of India should be approached for releasing funds for this festival as is done for other National Festivals.

The Commissioner apprised that earlier stalls were allowed on the road side which were a source of income, but some years ago the administration had decided not to put stalls on the road side as it caused traffic hazard. The Cultural Department of Chandigarh Administration would organize a cultural programme in Leisure Valley.

Dr. Amrit Tewari stated that the Chandigarh Administration has transferred Rose Garden to the Municipal Corporation without any budget and the staff working there has also not been transferred to the Corporation, as a result huge load has been put on the Corporation. She was of the view that the staff as well as the funds should also have been transferred to the Corporation.

Sh. Arun Sood sought clarification as to why this agenda was circulated on table and not sent to the Councillors along with the main agenda, so that they could have gone through it properly.

The Commissioner clarified that in a meeting held on 03.01.2012, the detail of expenditure likely to be incurred in the festival was sought from various departments and it was told to them that the expenditure on the festival would be incurred as per past practice. The various departments sent their clarification and acceptance on 20.01.2012, after that the agenda was prepared.

The S.E. (B&R) apprised the House that no commercial activity is proposed to be taken up in this festival and it is purely event and flower based. The Cultural Department of Chandigarh Administration would organize cultural programme in Leisure Valley, which is with the Chandigarh Administration. Two new events have been introduced i.e. Mr. and Miss Rose and Flower Head competition.

“The House considered & resolved that the agenda be referred to the Finance & Contract Committee for examination.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Menace of Monkeys in the Ward.

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

Sh. Satinder Singh said that there are number of monkeys in his ward and causing damage to the property. He requested that action should be taken in this matter at the earliest.

The Mayor asked the Commissioner to take up the matter with the Forest Department U.T., Chandigarh for immediate necessary action.

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

**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor,
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Chandigarh.**