

**MINUTES OF THE 177<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
CHANDIGARH HELD ON 29.02.2012 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE  
CORPORATION CHANDIGARH.**

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The following were present:

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

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

At the outset, the Secretary welcomed the Mayor, Commissioner, Councillors and media persons in the 177<sup>th</sup> meeting of the General House.

The Mayor welcomed the new Commissioner Sh. V.P. Singh, IAS.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**Confirmation of the minutes of 176<sup>th</sup> meeting of the General House held on 23.01.2012 at 10.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the MC, Chandigarh.**

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

Sh. Satinder Singh pointed out that at page No.24 of the minutes it has been mentioned that the Commissioner would take up the matter of monkey menace with the Forest Department. He enquired whether any letter has been written in this regard.

Smt. Asha Kumari Jaswal said that the news of stray dog bites are being reported regularly in the newspapers and people are suffering so much that they are afraid to go out for morning walk. She requested that steps should be taken to check this menace.

Sh. Subhash Chawla suggested that minutes should be confirmed first and then question hour should be taken up, either at the end or any other suitable time for which time can be fixed.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that in the last meeting it was pointed out that a status report on recycling of treated water and harvesting of rain water would be prepared and placed in the next meeting of the House.

The Chief Engineer said that the staff was busy in the Rose Festival, therefore, it would be placed in the next meeting of the House.

*“The House considered & confirmed the minutes of 176<sup>th</sup> meeting of the General House held on 23.01.2012 at 10.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.”*

### **QUESTION HOUR**

The Mayor fixed half an hour for Question Hour i.e. 11.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that the residents of the city are suffering from dog bites and now the Ex-Mayor of Municipal Corporation has also become victim of dog bite. He asked what is the set up of machinery of check the menace of stray dogs.

Sh. Des Raj said that there is a Rehri Market in Manimajra which was inaugurated by Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, but a fire broke in this market and a number of sheds were burnt. The Administration had assured to provide pucca structures to those rehri walas, but nothing has been done. There is shortage of water in Pipli Wala Town which should be looked into. In Indira

Colony there is no grill in the parks or the tow wall. He requested that grills be provided in the parks in a such manner that rehries can not enter the park.

The MOH replied that about 500 dogs have been sterilized and approximately 6000 dogs have been vaccinated. The Chandigarh Administration was requested to provide land for dog pound in Sector 38, but the Administration has asked us to arrange land at our own level. He clarified that the dog pound is meant for the ill or injured dogs and captured pet dogs are to be released after payment of fine and the stray dog has to be relocated after treatment.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that dog menace is a big problem. As per reports of the newspapers, 5000 people have been bitten by stray dogs and as per estimate there are 6000 stray dogs in the city which is a very alarming number and these cannot be managed in the dog pounds. He was of the view that sterilization is not the solution and we have to think over it and a policy has to be framed to find its solution.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur stated that dog bye-laws were framed by Brig. K.S. Chandpuri and other Councillors and were placed before the House and approved. She asked whether those bye-laws are being implemented properly for the last 5 years. She further stated that some people are carrying out business of dog breeding in residential houses, which is a menace to the neighbours. She suggested that the Corporation should mark the sterilized dogs so that those can be identified and accountability of the department could be ascertained. This process should be regularly monitored and the MOH should inform the House what has been done. She stated that she can quote at least 50 cases of dog bites from her ward alone by which the extent of such cases can be assessed in whole city. She welcomed the Commissioner and hoped that the pending works of the Corporation would be executed under his leadership. She further said that long queues of people suffering from dog bites can be seen in the dispensary and the most unfortunate part is that

the medicine is meant for the foreign bodies and it does not suit every human being. She said that human life is most precious and we have to save it at any cost.

Major D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) stated that there are two NGOs i.e. SPCA and PFA in the city which are working for the welfare of the dogs and these NGOs seek grant from the Government of India. But the Corporation should do something to stop the increasing population of the dogs in the city.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra stated that he received a mail from a resident describing therein a case of dog bite to a girl and high prices of the vaccination which is a serious matter and everybody is concerned with it. Earlier the matter of allotment of land for dog pound was discussed in a meeting of Coordination Committee and again this issue was discussed in the meeting of F&CC and five doctors were engaged for vaccination/sterilization of dogs, but there was a clash between the doctors of NGOs as their interest clashed and the project had to be discontinued. In the meantime, the Chandigarh Administration allotted land to the PFA in Raipur Khurd and what is being done there is not known to the Corporation. The Corporation should allocate some funds in the budget for anti rabies vaccination as everybody cannot afford such costly medicine and moreover this is the function of the Corporation. He informed that a dog pound has been created in Gurgaon which can be visited and if found suitable similar step can be taken.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi requested that the action taken report on the issues raised in the House should be submitted before the House.

The Commissioner assured that the status report on the action taken by the Corporation under the existing Bye-Laws would be placed before the House for information. He further stated that in case amendment in the existing bye-laws is required, the office can consider and sufficient time is required for this purpose. He further requested the members to give in writing

in advance if the Councillors need some information as the officers cannot reply every question off hand.

Sh. Arun Sood stated that rabies is very dangerous disease and recently a girl was bitten by stray dogs in his ward. As per Dog Bye-Laws only sterilization can be done which is not a solution and some other steps should be taken in this regard.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that the problem of dumping ground at Dadumajra is very serious and the health of nearby residents is badly affected by this dumping ground. He enquired whether regular medications are being sprinkled in the dumping ground to check the outbreak of diseases.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) stated that dog bye-laws relate to the pet dogs and not for the stray dogs. The officers should visit the field either in early morning or in the evening when the residents come out with their pets.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi pointed out that recently a news appeared in the newspapers in which a scam of Rs.2.00 crore was highlighted. As per news papers, the MCC was to lay a M.S. pipeline from Chandigarh to Chandimandir Cantt. for the M.E.S. An estimate amounting to Rs.40.00 crore was prepared by the Corporation for laying the M.S. Pipeline through which 3 MGD water was to be supplied from Kajauli Works, Sector 39 to Chandimandir Cantt. In this project the cost of M.S. Pipe has been estimated to Rs.30.00 crore. In the estimate the cost of M.S. Pipe has been assessed as Rs.58 per k.g. whereas its market rate is Rs.38 per k.g. He further apprised that this estimate is not in the knowledge of the House and furthermore it has been divided into 4 parts. As per Rule 2.77 of PWD Code a company cannot be allotted two works in a project. He requested the Mayor to apprise the House about this matter in detail.

The Chief Engineer said that he had no information on this issue in hand.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi pointed out that in the newspaper the statement of the Chief Engineer is also reproduced according to which the estimate was prepared two years ago and the estimate includes the laying and joining of the pipes. He requested that the relevant papers should be shown to the House in the next meeting.

The Commissioner stated that the detailed reply would be placed before the House in the next meeting.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi further said that some employees were transferred from Chandigarh Administration to Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh in the year 1996, but since then Recruitment Rules have not so far been notified for them. As per ruling given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case titled as R.K. Basanti Vs. Chandigarh Administration that where the Recruitment Rules have not been notified after approval of the Competent Authority then provisions as applicable in Punjab Govt. shall ipso facto apply, since the service conditions of the Punjab Govt. are applicable to the Chandigarh Administration. He further said that some employees, who are on the verge of retirement have not been promoted in absence of notified Recruitment Rules. As per Recruitment Rules prevailing in Punjab Govt. the promotion quota has been increased upto 50% in 2011. He requested that the detailed information on the promotion of the employees should be given in the next meeting of the House.

The Commissioner stated that the Draft Recruitment Rules have been sent to the Chandigarh Administration for approval, however, the office can send a reminder in this regard.

Smt. Jannat Jahan-Ul-Haq enquired whether the area of Deep Complex in Hallomajra and village Faidan falls within her ward or not. She informed that the residents of these areas have voted in the election of the Corporation, but whenever she approached the officers, it is said that this area is with the Chandigarh Administration.

Sh. Naresh Kumar said that there is no community centre for the residents of Bapu Dham, Sector 26 and requested to make a provision in this regard.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur said that there is no proper Bus Stand in Mauli Jagran. As a result the residents face problems.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur stated that the Mayor should meet all the Councillors to know their priorities before finalizing the Budget.

Smt. Asha Jaswal was of the view that the question hour should be such that every Councillor could forward his views as the meeting is held once in a month and every member has a right to speak.

Sh. Subhash Chawla suggested that Zero Hour should be taken up after discussing the agendas so that members could forward their views and the officers would submit the reply in the next meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

### **Budget Estimate of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh for the year 2012-2013.**

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

#### **The Mayor read out the Budget speech.**

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra congratulated the Mayor and Officers for preparing a balanced Budget in which Villages, Colonies, Sectors and all the departments of the office have been taken care of. He informed the House that Govt. of India has declared four cities as Solar City and Chandigarh is one of them. He thanked the local member of Parliament for bringing this project for this city, but lamented that a seminar was conducted the previous day, but no Councillor was invited in this seminar. There are many buildings in the city where the system of solar energy can be

installed and therefore this project is viable for the city. The equipments for the solar energy are available at subsidized rates. He suggested that the solar energy system be installed in all the Govt. buildings in the city including villages and colonies and the office of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. There should be special provision in the Budget Estimate for installation of Solar Energy System. He further stated that all the big parks and gardens have been transferred to the Corporation, but there is no provision for rain harvesting in the Budget. In the last meeting a detailed discussion was held on rain water harvesting system and the Hon'ble Minister was also concerned on this issue. Therefore budget provision should be made for this purpose. He further stated that the posts of AC (F&A) have been created for Primary Health & Primary Education Divisions at Page No.71 and 87, which is an SAS Cadre from Chandigarh Administration. He was of the view that there are officials in the office who are trained in Double Entry System and Accounts who can be deputed in these departments. The officials of SAS Cadre are on deputation from Chandigarh Administration, who are paid Rs.50,000/- per month per person which cause heavy financial burden on the Corporation and their responsibility can also not be fixed being deputationist. He, therefore, suggested the post of AC(F&A) be deleted from both wings.

Sh. Arun Sood stated that the booklet of the Budget was received in the evening of the previous day and sufficient time was not available to go through the Budget. He stated that no Councillor was consulted before preparing the Budget estimate which is a technical matter and need more brain storming. He was of the view that the representatives of the public are being ignored and they are being used as rubber stamp.

Dr. Amrit Tewari stated that in the present Budget there is no concept of Primary Health Care. Being a member of National Health Policy she had drafted the rural modules for Primary Oral Health which have become a National Policy. There is no leverage for Health Committee to do anything and the Budget shows only the fixed items. She was of the view that

there are experts in Health, Accounts, Engineering and Economics who can be consulted while preparing such important document.

Sh. Satinder Singh read out Section 86 of the Municipal Corporation Act, which provides that the Budget Estimate be placed in the first week of February. He said that it has become compulsory for the Councillors to pass the Budget so that it could be sent to the Chandigarh Administration.

Sh. Arun Sood stated that in the present Budget only figures have been changed and all other matter is the same. Even there is only minor change in the speech of Mayor. This Budget has been placed before the House on the last day of the month and we have no option, but to pass it. However, he said that the present Budget was not upto the mark as the Councillors were not consulted before preparing it.

Sh. Subhash Chawla stated that the feedback on the development of the city could have been obtained from the area Councillor which has not been done in this case. Traffic is the biggest problem in the city and the city is having the highest per capita income. There is no Budget provision to sort out the parking problem in the Budget of B&R wing. He further stated that the sanitation is another big problem in the city. In the meeting of F&CC he had pointed out that the Corporation has deployed 1500 persons through outsourcing, but 50% employees are not found on their duty and some of them are working in the residences of the officers which cost lacs of rupees in the Corporation. In the meeting of F&CC there was provision of 10 dumper placers, but the members increased the numbers upto 40, keeping in view the requirement of the city and also assured the officers that there is no objection for purchasing the equipments to improve the sanitary condition of the city. The Corporation is spending huge amount for the sanitation of the city, but sufficient check is not there over the work of Safai Sewaks. Earlier an issue was raised about the scam in laying paver blocks in the city and it was also pointed out that paver blocks are reducing the

greenery of the city. Then it was decided to leave space for the trees, but no officer has even visited in the field to see that the contractor has thrown cement wastage at the place left for trees after laying the paver blocks and now the said spaces have become dumping places. The members have been raising this issue time and again that paver blocks should not be laid in future. After passing the Budget there is no role of Councillors and they are not involved in tender processing or at the time of making payment to the contractor. He requested to clarify about the rights and powers of the Mayor, Councillors and the Commissioner, so that there should not be any controversy in this regard in future. There is lack of transparency in the Corporation as the Councillors are not involved in any process. As per Municipal Act, there are three authorities i.e. Corporation, F&CC and the Commissioner. There is no specific demarcation of powers between the Mayor and the Commissioner as a result many times there were instances of confrontation in the past. Councillors are not informed as to how much penalty has been imposed on the contractors and how much recovered. There is news in the newspapers that the Corporation has failed to spend the money which is evident from the fact that so far only Rs.195.00 crore have been utilized out of a Budget of Rs.800.00 crore. Similarly an amount of Rs.2.00 crore only has been utilized out of Rs.15.00 crore earmarked for the development of the villages merged with the Corporation and the reason given by the officers is that contractors are not coming forward to take up the projects in the villages. The Administration had proposed to merge the remaining villages with the Municipal Corporation, but the residents of the villages opposed this proposal on the ground that the condition of the villages already with the Corporation has not improved. He suggested that there is need of detailed discussion on the Budget and if members so desire can take up head-wise.

**Sh. Darshan Kumar, Sr. Deputy Mayor presided over the meeting from 12.45 p.m. to 12.55 p.m. as the Mayor had to leave the House.**

Smt. Harjinder Kaur congratulated the Sr. Deputy Mayor for presiding over the meeting. She further said that the main concern is that the projects should be executed in a transparent and time bound manner. She further said that there are experts in this House such as Architects, Doctors etc., but if they are not consulted in any manner the purpose is defeated. A brain storming session is required to be held to discuss various issues of the Budget and priorities on the development of the city should be obtained from the Councillors. She suggested that underground sub-way path should be constructed at the places where the traffic is very congested for example a lot of traffic hazard was seen near Exhibition Ground, Sector 34 and similar other places in the city. Paver blocks were laid in the city at a large scale, but the execution is not proper on the pathways as the paver blocks have broken at some places. There should also be provision of community parking in the city for which suggestions of the Councillors can be obtained. The project of multi-storey parking in Sector 17 has been lying pending for the last 5 years, which require earliest action. She said that the officers come to the Corporation on deputation and it has been observed that sometime the decisions taken by the House are misused and the new body of the House as well as the new officers are not aware of the decisions taken by the House in the past. The Corporation should have the detailed information about the water pipes laid underground, similarly the pipelines for tertiary water have not been completely and the funds received under JNNURM have not been utilized completely. There is lack of coordination between departments of the Corporation. She suggested that there should be a Nodal Officer, who would be responsible for coordination between the departments and execution of the projects. There should be provision of rain harvesting system in the buildings having large area and similarly the possibility of recycling of sewage water should also be explored. There is no focus on the sanitation of the city and the community centres located in villages are being misused. One room in every community centre should be kept where the Councillors & Officers can discuss the issues pertaining to the smooth running of the community centre and can hear the problems of the area residents. There is no

procedure of time bound implementation of the projects approved by the House. A project of solar energy was introduced by the Govt. of India, but the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh did not implement. The Corporation should focus on energy saving devices and environment challenges. There should be a provision for making the community centres a hub for the old age people and for young generation a play ground should be there in each sector.

Smt. Gurbax Rawat welcomed the Commissioner and congratulated the Mayor for a good Budget. She said that the roads of the Southern Sectors can be said to be patches of the city beautiful. Therefore, special provision of Budget needs to be earmarked for the Southern Sectors, so that they could be developed at par with the Northern Sectors. It has come to know that the contractors are not taking tenders for re-carpeting of roads in southern sectors. If any contractor is allotted the tender then he does not start the work within specified time. She therefore, proposed that such contractors should be heavily penalized and they should be barred for participating in the tender. There is some fault in our tender system because some contractors do not prefer to bid in the tenders of the Corporation. She enquired, whether, before preparing the estimates, the market rates of sand, bajri and other items have been taken into view? Due to low rates of items contractors are not interested in the tenders and it also affects the quality of work which can be seen by the conditions of the roads. She suggested that a Committee be constituted to conduct the survey of the items used in roads and buildings and the estimates should be prepared keeping the view the market rates.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil congratulated the Mayor for organizing the Rose Festival successfully and also welcomed the Commissioner. He stated that it is the responsibility of the Mayor to ensure the involvement of the Councillors in the functioning of the Corporation. He supported the view of Sh. Subhash Chawla that the Budget should be discussed Head-wise. He said that the wrong practice can be corrected at any stage. He further pointed out that in the last meeting

while discussing the issue of constitution of Committees, he had suggested that discussion should be held on the issues which are not clear in the Act and amendments are required to be brought on those issues. It was admitted by the members that amendments in the Act are required and Rules should be framed for constitution of the Committees. He further pointed out that it was also said by the members that equal representation should be given to all the parties, therefore he requested to the Mayor that views of all the members should be invited in the Budget as well as other issues and Head-wise discussion should be held on it.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) was of the view that the process of preparing the Budget should be started well in advance and nominated Councillors, who are experts in different fields should also be involved in this process. He further said that utilization of funds should also be done in phase manner to avoid rush of work in the last months of the year. He further said that the elected Councillors are provided Rs.40.00 lac as Ward Development Fund which should be utilized every year instead of keeping it pending for utilization in the last year near elections. He further said that as per instructions of Govt. of India 10% posts in Group-C and 20% in Group-D are reserved for Ex-Servicemen, but it has been observed that the Ex-Servicemen are not being given their due right. He further said that the Corporation is going to celebrate 'Martyrs' Day' on 23.03.2012. Last year 'Martyrs' Pillar' was setup in Terraced Garden, Sector-33 on which the names of Martyrs belonging to the city were written. The Administrator of Chandigarh and the Adviser to the Administrator were also present in that function and he advised to honour the widows of the Martyrs every year on 'Martyrs' Day'. He had submitted an agenda pertaining to celebration of Martyrs' Day in order to pay homage to the Martyrs of the Armed Forces settled in U.T., Chandigarh, who have laid their lives for the country.

**The House was adjourned for lunch break at 1.30 p.m. and reassembled at 2.25 p.m.**

Sh. Harphool Chander Kalyan said that the Budget is good and balanced, but the funds provided in the Budget of last year have not been utilized properly. There is no development in Southern sectors and much work is required to be done in respect of road gullies, re-carpeting, electrical work etc. He requested that the funds allocated in the Budget for different projects should be utilized. He further said that there is no community centre, park, green belt, dispensaries, school etc. in Ward No.13.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of India, launches schemes to upgrade the lives of people living below poverty line. He enquired whether such schemes are being implemented by the Corporation. He further said that there is no community centre, park, school in southern sectors and it has come to his knowledge that tender was floated some time back, but only one tender was received which was not accepted. The proposal of food street in Sector 48 is still pending and requested to take up these issues and start work on them at the earliest.

The Chief Engineer explained that the Chandigarh Housing Board deals with UPA Scheme and so far as the matter of single tender is concerned, it is not acceptable first time, however, it can be considered second time.

Sh. Subhash Chawla pointed out that there seems to be shortage of funds as mentioned in the Budget Estimate. He asked whether there was shortfall in grant-in-aid or income of the Corporation and if there was a cut in the grant-in-aid then on which items? He pointed out that the opening balance for the year 2011-12 has been shown as Rs.579.72 crore whereas it is Rs.323.00 crore for the year 2012-13.

The Chief Engineer clarified that the grant-in-aid from Chandigarh Administration is anticipated at higher side whereas actual grant-in-aid released to Corporation depends upon the Administration.

Sh. Arun Sood stated that according to 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Urban Local Bodies are to receive 40% of total Budget. He said that the Corporation should demand its Constitutional right from the Chandigarh Administration.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that all the departments have not been transferred to the Corporation as mentioned in 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Recently the Administration have transferred the departments with heavy liabilities and all the income generating departments are with the Administration. The Estate Branch which is main revenue earning department, Licensing Department should also be transferred to the Corporation. He further stated that an income of Rs.19.00 crore was anticipated as property tax whereas only Rs.14.00 crore have been received so far. He was of the view that the software of property tax should be installed at the earliest, so that the revenue of property tax could be increased. In the year 2008 the conversion charges were received from the Industrial Plots by the Chandigarh Housing Board whereas the development is being done by the Corporation. The then Deputy Commissioner-cum-Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh had ensured in the House that the grant-in-aid will be transferred to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

Sh. Surinder Bahga was of the view that the figures shown in the Budget were arbitrary. The Budget provision for the Multilevel Parking in Sector 17 has been shown as Rs.5.00 crore whereas it would cost approximately Rs.60.00 crore as per prevailing rates, similarly the Budget for the building of the Corporation has been mentioned as Rs.5.00 crore whereas it would be around Rs.26.00 crore and as such fake figures are mentioned. The Corporation does not have Architects, Planners and Consultants for such big projects. He was of the view that there is no need of installing water feature in Sector 17 at an estimated cost of Rs.3.72 crore and instead this amount could be utilized for the benefit of poor people. He was of the view that there should be Planning Unit in the Corporation for execution of big projects for which he has suggested many times, but the

officers are not ready to accept his views. He further stated that it has been mentioned that 25 fountains are already functioning and some new fountains are yet to be installed, whereas the city is already facing shortage of water. In Planning Cell 800 building plans of villages are pending for approval in absence of proper Planning Cell and there is nobody to check the Bye-Laws. He was of the view that unless there is planner, the solar energy project would not be completed. He further pointed out that in the Budget Estimate it has been mentioned that consultant has already been appointed. He also pointed out that the lift installed in the building of the Corporation is not functioning and requested that personal interest should be taken to make it functional.

Sh. Subhash Chawla was of the view that suggestions from nominated Councillors should be considered seriously and their expertise in various fields should be utilized.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur apprised that the project of laser show in Sector 17 was proposed by the Chandigarh Administration on the plea that the funds would be released by the Tourism Department and the Corporation was to only execute it. Later it was clarified by the Administration that no fund would be released for this project. Public money is being wasted by placing agendas in the House without taking consultancy from the experts.

The Chief Engineer explained that posts already sanctioned by the House have not been approved by the Chandigarh Administration and in absence of posts consultants cannot be appointed.

The S.E.(B&R) said that the experience of hiring consultant has not been so good for the Corporation. The drawings prepared by the consultants were not approved by the Architect Department despite repeated visit to their office. The drawings for the Multilevel Parking would be issued by the Department of Urban Planning U.T., Chandigarh. All the structural planning is carried out by the Punjab Engineering College as they have a special Cell. In case the Corporation appoints its own consultants even then the project has to be referred to the PEC.

Sh. Naresh Kumar said that the projects mentioned in the speech of the Mayor can be completed only when all the officers and Councillors work together with cooperation.

Sh. Satish Kumar said that the Budget provision for the development of Rehabilitation Colony and villages is very less and requested to increase the same. He further said that the area of 5 villages transferred to the Corporation was again notified under Periphery Control Act. He asked whether the Budget provision also includes the whole area of the said villages.

The Chief Engineer apprised that the area under Periphery Control Act cannot be taken up by the Corporation.

Sh. Satish Kumar said that in the Budget, 40 sweepers have been shown as deployed in Deep Complex, Hallomajra and asked that on what basis these sweepers have been deployed there and why we are paying for them? He further said that there is a cremation ground in industrial area phase-I, but there is no facility of water and electricity as a result the local residents cannot use the said cremation ground.

Smt. Jannat Jahan-UI-Haq also said that 92 persons have been shown to be deployed in Hallomajra, Deep Complex and Ramdarbar. She asked why the Corporation is paying money to the Safai Karamcharies deployed if the area is not under the control of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

The S.E.(P.H.) clarified that 18 water tankers are being supplied to the Deep Complex, Hallomajra being a basic amenity which cannot be stopped, however, we cannot provide electricity and sewerage to them.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that in the year 2008 the Administrator U.T. Chandigarh had directed to provide basic amenities to the unauthorized colonies in villages and since then water

is being provided to Deep Complex. He was of the view that other facilities like roads, sewerage, electricity should also be provided to them.

The Secretary apprised the House that a Committee has been constituted to discuss the issue of unauthorized construction in villages and it is going to submit its report shortly and it is most probable that these villages would again be included with the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta said that there is no school or college in Manimajra, whereas land is available in Manimajra for school and dispensary. There is shortage of water in ward No.26 and roads are broken. He, therefore, requested the officers to visit his ward. He further said that a press club or all purpose club should be proposed in his ward.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that there is no specific provision for youngsters, youth and children in the Budget. There are no playgrounds for the youngsters. He suggested that Budget provisions should have been made ward-wise after obtaining the suggestions of the area Councillors. He pointed out that at page No.49, Rs.2000.00 lac have been proposed for V-3 roads and asked whether there is any detail of roads ward-wise. He further pointed out that a provision of Rs.500.00 lac for construction of subway, community parking etc. is very small amount. He suggested that subway between the busy road dividing Sector 34 & 35 may be constructed to ease the congestion of traffic. He also suggested that every Councillor should be supplied a blue print of water pipelines laid in their respective wards. He suggested that the Corporation should plan to install Solar Energy Panels on the Madhya Marg to save electric energy. He further said that Sector 12, 14 & 15 are part of his ward and the Panjab Engineering College, PGI and Panjab University fall in these sectors, but the Corporation cannot spend funds for the development of these complexes. He apprised that a letter was written by the Director of PGI that the residential area

should be taken over by the Corporation. He requested that these areas should be taken care of as the residents are voters to the election.

Sh. Gurcharan Das said that there is a provision of Rs.15.00 crore for the development of Manimajra which is very less as there is no space for parking and the road is very congested as a result there is a jam of traffic on the road leading to the railway crossing. He also proposed that a College for the girls and play ground should be constructed in Manimajra as the population has increased to 3.5 lac. Moreover the maximum revenue has been earned by the Corporation by selling the land and tax is also being recovered from the residents of Manimajra. He, therefore, requested that provisions of funds for development of Manimajra be increased.

Sh. Darshan Kumar thanked the Mayor for the balanced Budget and said that last year a provision of Rs.15.00 crore was available for the development of the villages, but so far only Rs.2.00 crore have been utilized and asked whether the remaining amount could be utilized within the next 3 months. He further said that there is no play ground, dispensary and community centre in Ward No.11, which are necessary facilities.

Smt. Heera Negi suggested that earlier there was a Sampark Centre in the community centre in Sector 47, where senior citizens could draw their pension, but the said Sampark Centre has now been closed. She requested that two rooms of the community centre should be allotted to Sampark Centre and it should be started again. She also suggested that the play grounds of the schools should be allowed for playing of children after school hours. She pointed out that an amount of Rs.1467.75 lac have been shown as due water charges and asked why this amount is not being recovered by disconnecting the water connections of the defaulters, whereas the water connections of general public are disconnected in case of default.

Sh. Subhash Chawla pointed out that an amount of Rs.1.00 crore has been shown for SJSRY and he enquired as to which committee deals with the funds under this scheme and who is empowered for it.

The Commissioner assured that the information in this regard would be provided in the next meeting.

Sh. Arun Sood said that as pointed out by Mr. Bahga, Mr. Saurabh Joshi and other Councillors the proposed Budget allocations are not correct. He was of the view that the valuable suggestions given by the Councillors should be incorporated in the Budget. He suggested that this agenda be deferred for a week as there is need to have more discussions on the Budget and Councillors should also be involved by seeking their feedback.

Sh. Subhash Chawla was of the view that the suggestions forwarded by the members should be incorporated in the Budget and it should be passed with amendments. He further suggested that a monitoring meeting should be convened after every 3 months to review the progress and execution of projects, so that the expenditure incurred could be reviewed and the members would know as to how much project are in pipeline and their progress could be reviewed. He again thanked the Chair for good Budget and hope that there would be development in whole city.

**The Mayor announced that a provision of Rs.20.00 lac will be made for the vaccination of dogs, Rs.25.00 crore for development of colonies and southern sectors, Rs.25.00 crore for the development of Manimajra, Rs.1.00 crore for solar energy, Rs.15.00 lac for rain harvesting system. The matter regarding posts of SAS would be re-examined.**

The members of the opposition party opposed the passing of Budget.

The Commissioner suggested that the progress on the projects mentioned in the Budget can be reviewed in the meeting of Finance & Contract Committee after every 3 months.

**Some members walked out of the Assembly Hall and returned after 5 minutes.**

**During this period the following resolution was passed by the House:-**

*“The House considered & by majority approved the Revised Estimate for the year 2011-12 and Budget Estimate for the year 2012-13 with the aforementioned amendments. The detail of the same is given as under:-*

(Rs. In lacs)

S.No.	Name of Scheme/work	Page No. of Budget Document	Allocation proposed in the Budget Document placed before the Houe	Allocation recommended by the House	Increase/decrease in Budget Estimates 2012-13 after incorporating recommendations
<b><u>BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-12</u></b>					
<b><u>PLAN</u></b>					
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH CIRCLE</b>					
1	Tubewells and Laying of Addl.Pipe lines	<b>31-33</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>1350.00</b>	<b>350.00</b>
2	Sewerage System	<b>34-35</b>	<b>2300.00</b>	<b>2900.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>
3	Storm Water Drainage	<b>36-37</b>	<b>2100.00</b>	<b>2600.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
4	Minor Irrigation	<b>40-41</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Increase PH</b>					<b>1500.00</b>
<b>B&amp;R CIRCLE</b>					
1	Roads & Bridges	48-49	11846.00	12846.00	<b>1000.00</b>
2	Electrification	51	550.00	650.00	<b>100.00</b>
3	Providing Basic Amenities in Rehabilitation colonies	<b>52</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>1500.00</b>	<b>550.00</b>
4	Improvement & Augmentation of Infrastrutural facilities in villages	<b>53</b>	<b>650.00</b>	<b>1150.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>

	<b>Increase PH</b>				<b>2150.00</b>
	<b>MOH</b>				
	Cattle pond	66	125.00	145.00	<b>20.00</b>
	<b>Net effect on Budget Estimates 2012-13</b>				<b>3670.00</b>

S.No.	Name of Scheme/work	Page No. of Budget Document	Allocation proposed in the Budget Document placed before the Houe	Allocation recommended by the House	Increase/decrease in Budget Estimates 2010-11 after in-corporating recommendations
<b>DEPARTMENTWISE INCREASE</b>					
1	Public Health circle	8	12925.00	14425.00	1500.00
2	B&R Circle	8	19171.00	21321.00	2150.00
3	MOH	8	5215.00	5235.00	20.00
	<b>Total Increase</b>				<b>3670.00</b>

(Rs. In lacs)

Head of Account		Allocation proposed in the Budget Document placed before the House	Allocation recommended by the House	Increase/decrease in Budget Estimates 2012-13 after in-corporating recommendations
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>GRANT IN AID</b>				
i) PLAN		43999.00	47669.00	3670.00
ii) NON PLAN		21990.00	21990.00	0.00
OWN RECEIPTS		14141.50	14141.50	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>80130.50</b>	<b>83800.50</b>	<b>3670.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Plan		46769.00	50439.00	3670.00
Non Plan		34509.00	34509.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>81278.00</b>	<b>84948.00</b>	<b>3670.00</b>

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

#### **Constitution of Primary Education and Primary Health Committee.**

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

Sh. Arun Sood said that in the last meeting of the House discussion was held regarding constitution of committees and the Mayor had assured that all the parties would be involved. It was said that there are no rules regarding formation of the committees and they had opposed the constitution of committees. He asked why the meetings of the so constituted committees have not been called for election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. He told that there has been some directions from the Administration to stop election of such committees.

The Secretary clarified that there has neither been any correspondence nor telephonic direction on record and no such direction has ever been received. He further apprised that legal opinion was sought in this matter and it was advised that approval of the Administration should be sought for the 9 committees leaving 3 committees mentioned in the Act.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that 2 more committees i.e. Primary Health Committee & Primary Education Committee are to be constituted yet and he requested the Mayor to clarify her stand on these committees. He was of the view that as assured in the last meeting all the members should be taken into confidence.

Sh. Subhash Chawla pointed out that at point No.4 of the powers and functions, the power to inspect the MCC schools and dispensaries have been mentioned. He requested to clarify as to who would be authorized to inspect the schools and dispensaries and what would be the action on the inspection report. He suggested that the powers with the Education Department should be given to the committee and action should be taken on the recommendation of the committee.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur suggested that the Corporation should pass resolution and request the Administration that all the staff along with these departments and funds should be transferred to the Corporation. Only the departments with the liability have been transferred to the Corporation without funds. Additional funds are also required for smooth functioning of these departments.

The Mayor apprised that the matter was discussed with the Secretary Local Government, who has asked to send proposal with estimates of the funds and assured that the Administration would transfer the funds.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that financial powers of these committees should be increased to Rs.25.00 lac.

Smt. Gurbax Rawat suggested that instead of providing mid day meals to the students, the Corporation should transfer a certain amount to the students' bank account.

The Secretary said that the powers and functioning would be re-examined by the office and necessary amendments would be brought out.

Sh. Subhash Chawla was of the view that the committee should be empowered to grant scholarship to the poor students.

Sh. Arun Sood was of the view that a provision of monetary help for the poor patients should also be incorporated in the functions.

***“The House considered & resolved that the powers and functions of the committees be re-examined by the office keeping in view the suggestions given by the members.”***

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**Action taken report on the inquiry report submitted by Sh. Lalit Siwach, Additional Commissioner, MC, Chandigarh into the illegal laying of cables in Sectors 33 & 34, Chandigarh.**

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

Smt. Asha Jaswal was of the view that the members are not aware of the matter and the inquiry report, therefore, she requested that both inquiry reports be supplied to the members, so that they could go through them.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal enquired whether there was any financial loss to the Corporation.

The Secretary apprised that when the matter came to knowledge of the office the inquiry was conducted by the ACMC-I and the said inquiry report was placed before the House and the House was of the view that there was no conclusion in the inquiry, therefore, the inquiry be again got conducted through the Vigilance Officer of the Corporation. The Vigilance Officer conducted the inquiry and submitted the report to the Commissioner and the Commissioner had passed the order on the report of the inquiry and the action taken report has been placed before the House for information.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur enquired the reason for not placing the second inquiry report before the House as the House had demanded the said inquiry. She further said that the Mayor being the Head of the House is not the absolute authority in individual capacity. She further said that the inquiry was demanded by the House, therefore, the inquiry report should have been placed before the House for information.

The Commissioner said that after taking cognizance of the inquiry report, the then Commissioner has passed an order to issue charge sheet to the concerned officials. In the 174<sup>th</sup> meeting, the House had resolved that the Commissioner would take action on the inquiry report and would place the action taken report to the House and the said minutes of the meeting have been confirmed in the House.

Sh. Arun Sood said that both the inquiry reports are contradictory and it seems that one of the inquiry report is biased. He was of the view that the ACMC-I should clarify about the inquiry report submitted by him.

The ACMC-I clarified that five officials were involved in this issue and after inquiry he found that there was lack of coordination between the officers and he has given suggestions to avoid such situation. Moreover, the company has deposited a penalty amounting to Rs.6.50 Lacs.

Sh. Gurcharan Dass kala was of the view that the company has deposited the requisite amount with penalty. Therefore, the matter be considered to be sorted out.

The Commissioner asserted that he cannot review the decision taken by his predecessor being competent authority unless there is some solid ground/reason which warrants a review. However he had no personal knowledge of the case as it was his first day in the Corporation.

Major D.S. Sandhu(Retd.) was of the view that the proper procedure should be adopted and charge sheet be issued to the officials and if the reply is found satisfactory discharge them. He said that the views given by the members to absolve the officials for the lapse is not the right decision.

The Secretary apprised that the former Mayor had written to place before the House the action taken by the office, therefore, the House is being apprised the action taken by the office as the action is to be taken by the Competent Authority.

**The House adjourned for tea break at 4.50 p.m. and reassembled at 5.05 p.m.**

Sh.Pardeep Chhabra was of the view that after hearing the sentiments of the House, it has been concluded that there should not be financial loss to the Corporation and neither any official should be punished. He suggested that both the inquiry reports be placed before the House again and the House should deliberate on it and action be taken according to the decision of the House.

Dr. Amrit Tewari also said that it will not be in the fitness of the things to make the officers free from the responsibility by merely giving a warning. Whatever action is required be taken as per the Punjab Civil Services Rules – 1996.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi, Sh.Arun Sood and Sh. Des Raj were of the view that both the reports be placed before the House for consideration.

Smt.Harjinder Kaur was of the view that if there is no financial loss to the Corporation, then only warning should be issued to the officials.

The Commissioner clarified that the House cannot decide the quantum of the punishment and if members want to have a copy of the inquiry report the same can be supplied to them.

**The majority of the members felt that, since there has been no financial loss to the Corporation, lenient view should be taken against the officers/officials and they should not be victimized.**

**The Mayor said that the sentiments of the House shall be noted and taken on record and the Commissioner, MCC shall take action as per the rules and procedure.**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

#### **Outsourcing of manpower through service providers for sanitation work.**

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

The ACMC-I clarified the background of the agenda in detail.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that it was passed by the House that the terms and conditions should be finalized at the earliest, but it is not there. He further said that the officers should ensure that all the persons engaged through outsourcing would be present and work in person with the Corporation. He further said that he had demanded a list of persons deployed in various areas and cremation ground, but it has not been supplied so far. Moreover, the office bearers of the union informed that 300 persons are working at the residence of officers/judges etc. and the financial implication @ Rs. 6200/- per person per month comes to Rs.18.00 lac per month which is a big loss to the Corporation. He requested the Commissioner that the matter of power between the officers be sorted out at the earliest.

The Commissioner proposed that the agenda be approved, however, the other related issues may be discussed in the F&CC in more concentrated way.

***“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the present contract for outsourcing of manpower be and is hereby extended upto 30.6.2012 or till the allotment of new contract whichever is earlier.”***

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

**Review the Bye Laws titled as “Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh (Disposal of Construction Material Malba and Debris) Bye Laws 2005).**

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

The Commissioner apprised that a committee was constituted by the earlier House which required to be reconstituted.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that the committee had submitted its report in the House, but there were some observations by the members of the House and it was decided by the House that the said committee should reconsider the Bye Laws keeping in view the suggestions given by the members. Therefore, a new committee should be constituted, so that the Bye Laws could be finalized at the earliest since it is a serious concern and Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, MP has already released Rs.25.00 lac for purchase of 3 trucks to lift the malba lying in various parts of the city. The so constituted committee would submit its recommendations to the Commissioner, who shall further forward to the Secretary Local Government for approval. He also requested that the time limit should be fixed for the committee to submit its report.

*“The House considered & authorized the Mayor to constitute a Committee to Review the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh (Disposal of Construction Material Malba and Debris) Bye Laws 2005).”*

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

**Agenda regarding heavy development charges imposed in the area of new Darshani Bagh, Manimajra.**

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

Sh. Des Raj Gupta said that poor people have constructed houses in Darshani Bagh in small plots. The Finance Department, Chandigarh Administration fixed development charges @ Rs.800/- per sq. yds. Earlier Estate Office used to receive the development charges, but after 2004, no notice was issued to them and since then the development charges have piled up with interest. He requested that the development charge should be decreased upto Rs.200/- per sq. yds. and they should be allowed to deposit it in installments.

The Secretary apprised that 54 acre land was acquired by the Chandigarh Administration out of which 35.5 kanal land was exempted and the development charges was fixed @ Rs.800/- per sq. yds. The residents approached the High Court and the matter has been disposed off. A letter has been received from the Finance Department in which it has been directed to recover the development charges from the defaulters.

Sh. Gurcharan Das and Sh. Pardeep Chhabra were of the view that penalty imposed on the defaulters should be waived off.

**The Commissioner said that the office can forward the sentiments of the House to the Chandigarh Administration for consideration and taking appropriate decision.**

*“The House considered & resolved to recommend to the Chandigarh Administration that the development charges imposed on the house owners in Darshani Bagh, Manimajra be reduced and penalty imposed on the defaulters be waived off.”*

### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**RCE for Providing and laying 40mm thick bituminous concrete on V-4 road in Sector 47 and 25mm thick SDBC on parking in Shopping Centre, Sector 47 C&D, Chandigarh.**

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

*“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.82.39 lac for Providing and laying 40mm thick bituminous concrete on V-4 road in Sector 47 and 25mm thick SDBC on parking in Shopping Centre, Sector 47 C&D, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”*

## **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

**RCE for P/F 60mm thick paver blocks along V-6 roads in Sector 31A, Chandigarh.**

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

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that quality of the work should be checked regularly and the pending work should also be reviewed and completed at the earliest.

*“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.61.44 lac for P/F 60mm thick paver blocks along V-6 roads in Sector 31A, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”*

## **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

**RCE for Providing and laying 40mm thick bituminous concrete and 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam on V-5 road in Sector 19 C&D, Chandigarh.**

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

Dr. Amrit Tewari was of the view that before releasing the payment to the contractor, the Road Committee along with Engineer and the area Councillor should inspect the work and quality of material be got checked.

The Commissioner said that it is the responsibility of the concerned officer to check the quality and in case of lapse he can be punished, however, the Councillors are authorized to check the ongoing works. He objected linking the checking with the release of payment to the contractor.

*“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.61.63 lac for Providing and laying 40mm thick bituminous concrete and 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam on V-5 road in Sector 19 C&D, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”*

#### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**RCE for Providing and Laying 40mm thick bituminous concrete and 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam on V-5 road in Sector 20 C&D, Chandigarh.**

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

*“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.55.58 lac for Providing and laying 40mm thick bituminous concrete and 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam on V-5 road in Sector 20 C&D, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”*

#### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**RCE for Providing 6'-0” wide footpath on one side with 60mm thick rubber mould paver blocks on berm along V-5 road in Sector 18 A,B, C&D, Chandigarh.**

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

*“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.58.24 lac for Providing 6'-0” wide footpath on one side with 60mm thick rubber mould paver blocks on berm along V-5 road in Sector 18 A,B,C&D, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”*

#### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

**RCE for P/F 60mm thick paver blocks on V-5 road berm in Sector 19 A,B,C&D, Chandigarh.**

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

*“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.56.07 lac for P/F 60mm thick paver blocks on V-5 road berm in Sector 19 A,B,C&D, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”*

### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**Problem of Dirty Water in Ward No.6 – Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal, Councillor.**

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

The Mayor directed the S.E.(P.H.) to look into the problem of dirty water in Dadumajra Colony and get it sorted out.

### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**RCE for Widening and carpeting with 40mm thick bituminous concrete on V-5 road in Sector 18 A,B,C&D, Chandigarh.**

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

*“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.159.03 lac for Widening and carpeting with 40mm thick bituminous concrete on V-5 road in Sector 18 A,B,C&D, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”*

### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**Issuance of Laptops along with internet connection to the Councillors.**

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

The Secretary explained that 35 laptops were issued to the Councillors out of which 6 Councillors have been re-elected. Out of remaining 29 Councillors, 6 have deposited the amount as per policy and the remaining Councillors are yet to deposit the amount or laptop.

Dr. Amrit Tewari said that it is not proper to issue old laptops to the Councillors as they have been elected for five years and the laptops would be outdated till then. She said that old laptops can be donated to the Government Schools.

The Commissioner said that the old laptops returned by the Councillors shall be given to the officers for officials use.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that there was no AMC of the laptops provided to them and being electronic item his laptop got defected and the office asked him to get it repaired. Moreover, every item carry guarantee period. He further pointed out that a resolution was passed by the House that free parking stickers be issued to ex-Councillors, which means all the ex-Councillors of the Corporation since its inception.

*“The House considered & resolved that the new laptops be provided to all the Councillors.”*

### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

**Request to furnish Councillors’ Room to make it functional.**

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

*“The House considered & resolved that the Councillors room be renovated and furnished and be provided a Computer with printer along with internet facility, Computer Operator, T.V. Set, Attendant, Sofa sets and Lockers.”*

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

**Secretary,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Chandigarh.**