

**MINUTES OF THE 183rd MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
CHANDIGARH HELD ON 29.08.2012 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF
THE CORPORATION CHANDIGARH.**

The followings 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 Tiwari | 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. Smt. Sheela Devi | Councillor |
| 14. Sh. Surinder Bahga | Councillor |
| 15. Sh. Saurabh Joshi | Councillor |
| 16. Smt. Asha Kumari Jaswal | Councillor |
| 17. Sh. Subhash Chawla | Councillor |
| 18. Sh. Pardeep Chhabra | Councillor |
| 19. Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal | 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. Smt. Kashmiri Devi | Councillor |

26.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
27.	Sh. Mukesh Bassi	Councillor
28.	Sh. Satinder Singh	Councillor
29.	Sh. Naresh Kumar	Councillor
30.	Smt. Heera Negi	Councillor
31.	Sh. Davesh Moudgil	Councillor
32.	Smt. Jannat Jahan-Ul-Haq	Councillor
33.	Smt. Rajinder Kaur	Councillor
34.	Sh. Gurcharan Das	Councillor
35.	Sh. Rajiv Kumar Gupta, PCS	Secretary

The following Officers also attended the meeting: -

1.	Sh. Sunil Bhatia, PCS	Additional Commissioner-I
2.	Sh. Lalit Siwach, HCS	Additional Commissioner-II
3.	Sh. S.S. Bida	Chief Engineer
4.	Sh Mukesh Anand	S.E.(B&R)
5.	Sh R.C. Diwan	S.E.(PH)
6.	Dr. B.K. Salwan	M.O.H.
7.	Sh. Desh Raj	C.A.O.
8.	Sh Yogesh Gupta	XEN (Roads-I)
9.	Sh Jai Pal Singh	XEN (Roads-II)
10.	Sh Harinder Singh	XEN (P.H. Div No-I)
11.	Sh R.S. Ahluwalia	XEN (P.H. Div No-II)
12.	Sh Gurpreet Singh	XEN (P.H. Div No-IV)
13.	Sh Surinder Pal Singh	XEN (Electrical)

At the outset, the Secretary welcomed the Mayor, Commissioner, all the members of the House, Media persons and all the persons present in the House.

Sh. Arun Sood said to the Mayor that he should be listened first before starting the proceedings of the House, but Mayor did not allow him.

Dr. Amrit Tewari said that the House should not be disrupted by any Councillor or any party. The proceedings of the House should be carried out amicably. Last time the House proceedings were continuously disrupted for 8 hours.

Sh. H.C. Kalyan suggested that agendas might be taken first before the reply of questions.

Sh. M.P. Kohli thanked the House and the officers for the starting of lift in the building of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

Sh. Arun Sood again asserted that he might be listened first, he had to say something regarding the proceedings of House.

Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta also supported him.

The Mayor said that the minutes of the previous meeting of the House might be confirmed first.

Sh. Arun Sood said that table agendas were brought in the House which had no urgency. According to constitutional provision, the agenda should reach to the Councillors seven days before the meeting. On this issue the Commissioner assured that the agenda would be circulated earlier to the meeting of the General House and if there is any urgency the agenda can be brought as a supplementary agenda. Sh. Arun Sood further said that a supplementary agenda item No.6 had been brought in the House only one day before the meeting of House, what was the urgency of said agenda, it might be told to him ?

The Mayor said that when that agenda would come for discussion then he may raise the objection.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of 182nd meeting of the General House held on 31.07.2012 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal pointed out that at Page No.23, it was demanded by him that the malies may be appointed ward-wise and their strength be told to him, but it has not been mentioned in the minutes, therefore, the same may be incorporated.

“It may be read in the minutes of Agenda No.15 of previous meeting at page No.23 that Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal urged that malies may be appointed wardwise and their strength also be told to him”.

Sh. Arun Sood said that he gave a suggestion in the previous meeting that anti rabies vaccine may be given to the victim immediately without any discrimination free of cost. The said suggestion has been mentioned at Page No.15 of the minutes and it was resolved by the House, but said resolution has not come in the said minutes and he has come to know that the F&CC overruled the decision of House and decided that the anti rabies vaccine would be provided to the victim at subsidized rate i.e. Rs.100/- per vaccination. He further said that the decision of House should not be overruled and anti rabies vaccination should be provided to everyone free of cost.

The Commissioner clarified that this was simply a discussion. So far as the adoption of subsidized rate i.e. Rs.100/- is concerned, there is budget provision of Rs.20.00 lac only with the Corporation for the purchase of anti rabies vaccination.

Sh. Arun Sood said that he was sure that it had been resolved by the House that anti rabies vaccination would be provided without any discrimination to all the victims of dog

bite free of cost. He further asserted that the Corporation should provided the anti rabies vaccination to all free of cost instead of subsidy of Rs.100/-.

The Mayor and the Commissioner suggested that this issue may be brought again in the House for consideration.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that he suggested during the proceedings of previous meeting of the House that the Councillors may be authorized to use some fund for monkey menace and other stray animals, but the same has not been included in the minutes.

The Commissioner said that hiring of languor is a recurring expenditure. His request may be genuine, but recurring expenditure cannot be done from the Ward Development Fund. He further clarified that the Corporation can spend on such issues, but not out of Ward Development Fund.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that any officer of the Corporation should be deputed for removing the monkey menace from his ward.

The Commissioner informed that M.O.H. is the Nodal Officer for that purpose.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that it was told by Dr. Kamboj that nylon collar was put to the sterilized dog, but no dog had been seen bearing a nylon collar.

The Commissioner said that Dr. Kamboj was not present in the meeting and he would be apprised of the facts by Dr. Kamboj.

Sh. Malkiat Singh said that at Page No.28 his question regarding fish & meat market Sector 41, Chandigarh had not been clarified.

The Commissioner said that on asking of Sh. Malkiat Singh his question would be responded as under:

“The auction was held twice in order to lease out the booths of fish & meat market on lease hold basis for 99 years, but due to poor response the auction was withdrawn. At present matter is pending with the Administration for according approval to rent out these booths on monthly rent basis.”

Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta said that in the minutes of previous meeting at page No.9 he suggested for cleanliness of road gullies and removal of congress grass so that Dengue and Malaria may not spread, but neither the fogging has been done nor congress grass has been removed.

The M.O.H. replied that the fogging was being done by the Health Department U.T., Chandigarh.

The Commissioner told that Health Department was not under the control of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, however, again a request would be sent to the Health Department, U.T., Chandigarh.

Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta suggested that the Health Department should also be transfer to Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

Dr. Shagufta Parveen and Smt. Jannat Jahan-UI-Haq said that their presence had not been shown in the previous meeting.

Due to Typical mistake their names were left in the list of present Councillors in the 182nd meeting of the House held on 31.07.2012, actually they were present.

“Therefore, they be treated present in the 182nd meeting of House held on 31.07.2012.”

Sh. Arun Sood said that at page No.34 of the minutes of the previous meeting of the House his words were condemned, but the wording had not been mentioned.

The Commissioner said that Sh. Sood had taken back the word.

Sh. Arun Sood further said that he wanted to express that the Congress Party wanted to influence the nominated Councillors.

The Commissioner said that if he was agreed the word “Condemned” might be removed from the minutes.

Sh. Arun Sood agreed to that suggestion.

Dr. Amrit Tewari said that the un-parliamentary language used by Sh. Arun Sood might be recorded and the wording which he used against the Mayor also might be recorded in the proceedings of today.

Sh. Arun Sood said that word was not un-parliamentary language.

Dr. Amrit Tewari suggested that all the un-parliamentary words used by the Councillors in the House should be expunged from the proceedings of the House and in order to maintain the sanctity of the House the proper words might be used.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that the Mayor should not allow the other Councillor to speak during the statement of one Councillor, who is speaking already. He further said one person should speak and the House should listen.

Sh. Arun Sood pointed out that at page No.34-35 point (h) neither was supported nor was opposed by the Councillors of opposition, hence the unanimous word should be removed.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu(Retd.) and Sh. M.P. Kohli refuted that Sh. Arun Sood did not say such words.

Sh. Arun Sood stressed for the Video Recording of previous meeting, so that it could be cleared whether he said so or not.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu(Retd.) said that nothing would be done with the minutes of previous meeting on this issue and the same should be confirmed.

Dr. Amrit Tewari said that the 11 members of the opposition were not present in the meeting when this agenda was passed as Smt. Harjinder Kaur was not present at that time and she talked to Sh. Saurabh Joshi also and he said that they had no objection, but Sh. Arun Sood said "I neither proposed nor opposed the approval of point (h)". It may be recorded in the name of Sh. Arun Sood.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that as the suggestions from the area Councillors had been invited on dog menace/dog bite for providing the sum out of Ward Development Fund. There is technicality regarding the use of Ward Development Fund by the nominated Councillors. Ward Development Fund is a capital fund for respective ward only and Councillors have no other discretionary fund and she was of the opinion that it would be technically rejected by the Administration.

Sh. Sat Paul Bansal clarified that as the members of Rajya Sabha are given equal status to the members of Lok Sabha, they can use Ward Development Fund anywhere in the city.

Sh. Arun Sood said that it may be recorded that he gave the statement on behalf of the coalition of the parties. He further said that the opposition neither proposed nor opposed the point (h) at page No.34-35 of the minutes of previous meeting of the House

"It was resolved that the word unanimously be removed from the minutes recorded at page 34-35 in supplementary agenda item No. 8".

"The House confirmed the minutes of 182nd meeting of the General House held on 31.07.2012 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, with the above mentioned amendment."

The House adjourned for Tea at 12.10 p.m. and reassembled at 12.40p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Question/Answer

1. Question by Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal regarding formation of Ward Committees.

The Secretary placed question No.1 before the House for consideration.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that 8 months of the session had gone and the Ward Committee had not been formed. The work of the formation of the Committee is already delayed. The Corporation should send the request again to the Administration for formation of Ward Committees at the earliest. The formation of Ward Committee is a work of urgent nature and it may be finalized earlier so that work can be done smoothly.

Dr. Amrit Tewari thanked the House and asserted that already pending questions should be taken first.

Sh. Satish Kumar told that the recommendations for formation of Ward Committee are sent by elected Councillor of the Ward, Commissioner Municipal Corporation and Deputy Commissioner, U.T. Chandigarh.

The Commissioner told that the recommendations of this year were sent earlier when he joined and sent the recommendation as proposed by the office. The recommendations by Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Deputy Commissioner and elected Councillor of the Ward are sent separately. After the receipt of these recommendations, the Administration selects 11 members for formation of Ward Committee, as per procedure laid down in the Municipal Act and assured that the Ward Committees would be notified soon.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that the Secretaries of Ward Committee should be appointed in advance so that the said letter might be issued on that day and the delay could

be covered. This scheme was started on 16th May 2006 when the bye laws were framed. The recommendee should be the resident of said ward. Some times the residents of out of ward had been recommended and it should be ensured that the member of the ward committee is not a proclaimed offender. He further said that the meeting of ward committee should be held once in a month.

2. Question by Dr. Shagufta Parveen, Councillor regarding outbreak of diaorrhoea in Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed question No.2 before the House for consideration.

Dr. Shagufta Parveen said the reply of her question was not complete and proper as she asked the names of defaulter officials but their names had not been mentioned in the reply. Further she said that she asked whether the samples of water were sealed or not? The report of seven failed samples has not been provided. A report regarding potable water is also not available at page 36 whereas at page 37 it has been mentioned that water is potable fit for drinking. She further said reply of Question No.5 had not been given properly. It has not been mentioned who is Dr. Sania Puri? She further said no officer / official has taken responsibility regarding the spreading of diaorrhoea in Mauli Jagran. Further she asked about the make of chlorinator.

The S.E.(P.H.) said that the tubewells are operated by the Middle, Matric or I.T.I. passed persons and the operator switched on the chlorinator, as no technicality is involved for operating the tubewell.

Sh. Satinder Singh read out the qualifications of Tubewell Operator and he should not be semi-skilled as per D.C. rates.

The S.E.(P.H.) told that a person who had sufficient experience is called semi skilled, otherwise others are skilled and unskilled.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta said that the families of Tubewell Operators were residing in the premises of Tubewells and most of the Tubewells are being operated by the wives of Tubewell Operators. He further said that 75% Tubewells are locked in the afternoon and it has been carrying on since many years.

The S.E. (P.H.) told that there might be any isolated case.

The Commissioner said the officer concerned should visit the tube wells along with area Councillor and take suitable action where any deficiency is noticed.

Sh. Arun Sood said that if illiterate persons had been operating the tube-wells, the column of qualification might be scrapped.

Dr. Amrit Tewari suggested that well qualified persons should be appointed as tube-well operator, so that the youths can get job. She further said that if we had prescribed qualification for tube-well operator, the persons of said qualification should be appointed. There is no paucity of such people.

Sh. Arun Sood said that all the tube-well operators in Amritsar Municipal Corporation, are ITI qualified and they are in thousands.

Sh. Satish Kumar asserted that the list of tube-well operators should be brought in the next meeting of the House along with their qualifications, so that it can be ascertained what is the qualification of a particular tube-well operator.

The Commissioner said that the Corporation had given the contract of tube-wells to the contractors, it is the duty of the contractor that he should appoint a skilled tube-well operators. However, if there is complaint regarding the qualification of any tube-well operator it can be verified by surprise checking, but calling of the list of tube-well operators along with qualification the Corporation should not take such responsibility unnecessarily. It is the duty of

the contractor to manage the service properly. The recruitment of tube-well operators would be the permanent solution of this problem, but financial interest of the Corporation should also be kept in view.

The S.E.(P.H.) told that salary of a ITI qualified tube-well operator is approximately Rs. 20,000/- per month. He further clarified regarding the criteria of water samples has been laid down by ISI, Bureau of Standard and W.H.O. The samples are taken as per laid down procedure. He further said that the samples were taken by the Medical College Sector-32, Chandigarh and they took samples as per their procedure, however he was not aware of whether they had taken all precautions.

Dr. Shagufta Parveen said that there was possibility of changing of the samples and asked who is Dr. Sania Puri?

The Commissioner directed to the S.E. (PH) to readout the report of Dr. Sania Puri and provide a copy of report to Dr. Shagufta Parveen.

The S.E. (PH) told that Dr. Sania Puri is a Government Doctor and is posted in Govt. Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh. The report has been received from Health Department, U.T., Chandigarh signed by Dr. Sania Puri and a copy of the same can be provided. She has mentioned various reasons of diaorrhoea especially for contaminated water besides this she has given other reasons also such as lack of awareness, consumption of unhygienic food of local vendors, installation of hand pumps and tulloo pumps, etc.

Dr. Shagufta Parveen said that it should be found out as why diaorrhoea spread in Mouli Jagran now when all these things were in existence i.e. hand pumps, tulloo pumps toilets well in existence long ago.

The Commissioner said that there were technicalities in the question and reply can be given only by the Doctor.

MOH said that due to the lack of immunity there is more apprehension of diaorrhoea upto the age of five years children which increases with the passage of time in the adults.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari apprised the house that many kinds of micro-mini germs exists in human body but all of them are not disease producing. She further told that due to lack of immunity, apprehension of diaorrhoea in children is more rather than adults because the immunity develops in the children slowly and senior citizens also become victim of the disease because the immunity decreases in old age. She further said there should be no excuse for providing proper drinking water in the city.

The S.E. (PH) told that on the instructions of the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh the team of officers i.e. XEN, SDO and field officers took samples from all 2700 houses when the diaorrhoea spread in Vikas Nagar, Mauli Jagran and chlorine was found upto the standard in all 2700 samples. The area Councillor was also associated. The prescribed limit of residual chlorine in drinking water is 0.1-0.2 ppm. According to the WHO standard pathogenic bacteria cannot survive if the chlorine is 0.1-0.2 ppm in the water. So far as the failed samples of Medical College, Sector 32 are concerned the water of seven houses where the water samples had failed was also checked by the team of the MCC and the water was found O.K.

Dr. Shagufta Parveen asked for the report of positive samples which was not provided to her.

The S.E(PH) said that the said report is a public document and has been sent to various authorities.

Dr. Shagufta Parveen asked about the make of chlorinators installed?

The SE(PH) said that three or four chlorinator have been installed by Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh i.e. Jesco, Eko-Chloro, US, etc.,

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that the question has been asked whether all chlorinators are of good quality, advanced technology and duly approved by any Govt. agency which is the make. He readout the reply of question No. 8 submitted by Executive Engineer, Public Health. He wanted to know the make of the chlorinator and the authority by which the said make had been approved.

The S.E(PH) replied that all the chlorinator making companies approached to them. The make of three or four companies are short listed after duly studying the report of the company and reply of this question has already been submitted in the question of Sh. Saurabh Joshi. All the four chlorinators installed in Vikas Nagar, Mouli Jagran are of Jesco made.

3. Question by Sh. Satinder Singh, Councillor regarding maintenance of Street lights.

The Secretary placed question No.3 before the House for consideration.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that approximately 762 tube lights were in his ward out of them 252 was out of order. The residents came to him and complained regarding the mismanagement of electricity and he came to know that the electricity department is under the control of administration and expenses of maintenance are paid by the MCC and monthly bill of electricity is also paid by the MCC. The reply of Electricity Department is always that the material is not available with them. An huge amount of Rs. 58 lacs for maintenance and Rs. 42 lacs for billing is paid by the Corporation to the Administration per month. The condition of street light is poor in the city. Due to the problem of street lights there are cases of snatching and mishappening with the senior citizens. The Municipal Corporation is also responsible as well as police department for such happenings. He gave the instance of Sector 28 and said two ladies

used to walk in the streets in the evening and now started walking in park. He also demanded for the appointment of guards/chowkidars in the parks.

The SE (B&R) replied that according to the notification of September 1995 we are taking necessary steps.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that so far as his understanding is concerned SE(B&R) is saying regarding the notification of September 1995 and requested that the SE(B&R) may explain the notification in detail.

The S.E.(B&R) told that the lights of public streets and other public places including automatic traffic lights are with the Administration and further told that the transmission line is on V6 roads, therefore, the Administration has kept these lights with itself.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that the Corporation had been paying approximately Rs.105 per tube of per pole per month and further asked what is the criteria of said payment.

The S.E.(B&R) told that according to the meter reading and other charges monthly bill is received from the Electricity Department, U.T. Chandigarh.

Sh. Satinder Singh told that more than 50% meters are dead.

Sh. Satish Kumar Kainth showed the news clipping regarding the conditions of electricity in the city and told since one month there is no light in the Industrial Area. He told that 298 poles had been installed in Industrial Area and it was clear in the tenders that the bulbs/tubes would be installed by the company but no bulb/tube has been installed since three years on those poles and payment had been made to the company. The bill of the bulbs/tubes is being paid by the Corporation to the Administration for the same and asked what action has been taken against the company. Dismantled poles were not kept in the store moreover the same had been sold.

The S.E.(B&R) told that all the dismantled poles are in the store which can be checked at any time. He further told that the function of the electricity is with the Administration and maintained by the Engineering Wing of the Administration having ten sub divisions.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that when a traveler drops at the Airport and sees darkness then it is a matter of shame for the city. A similar situation is on the railway station. He further asked S.E.(B&R) as to how many lights are functional there. No JE/SDO has a record to show how many lights have been checked and repaired during the previous month.

Sh. Satish Kumar said that a tender was floated in favour of a company but the said company abandoned the work. Instead of punishing the company, the work was re-allotted to the same company later on. He demanded inquiry in this matter.

The S.E. (B&R) told that transmission lines were there and poles cannot be installed under the transmission lines. Therefore the work was allotted to the said company otherwise there was no re-allotment and road widening was the main reason.

Sh. Satish Kumar Kainth said that there are incidents of thefts and snatching in Colony No. 4 and Sanjay Colony, Industrial Area due to lack of electricity. He further asserted that he had contacted to the XEN (Electricity) so many times and told the condition of light in the Industrial Area but no action was taken.

Sh. Subhash Chawla asked about the estimate passed in the year 2008 and asked how many poles have been installed.

The S.E. (B&R) told that no pole has been installed so far because of the widening of road and transmission lines. The industrial Area was with the Administration at that time and the Administration did the work.

Sh. Satinder Singh asked whether there is any written agreement for the payment of lights.

The S.E. (B&R) told that there is no such agreement, the function is with the Administration, the payment is made according to the bill within the stipulated period.

Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala said that in the absence of street lights snatchings are taking place in Manimajra. The conditions of street lights are worst in Manimajra. He further said that being a Councillor he is answerable to the public.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur asked about the proportion of maintenance and replacement.

The S.E. (B&R) told repeatedly that the bill received from the Electricity Department of U.T., Chandigarh, which is a Government Department.

Smt. Jannat Jahan-Ul-Haq said that the winter season is coming and the street lights of her area are lying defunct. The people of the area suggested her to visit the ward and see the conditions of light. She visited the ward and contacted the Electricity Department but they told that the material is not with them.

Sh. Darshan Kumar Garg said that the SDO/XEN of the area should be responsible for the repair of electricity instead of Administration.

Sh. Arun Sood said that a meeting of Electricity Committee was held on 23.7.2012 after the lapse of two years and very sensitive matters came to light during that meeting. According to the statement of Sh. Satinder Singh Corporation is paying Rs.16 lacs for maintenance and Rs.42 lacs for the bill of electricity, total Rs.58 lacs per month. In the meeting of Electricity Committee held on 23-7-2012 it was told that Rs.1 crore per month is being paid for the electricity Smt. Harjinder Kaur and Sh. Subhash Chawla are the witness of the meeting.

He further asked why there is difference of Rs.42 lacs and why the Committee or House is being misled by the Engineering Wing.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that under Section 430 of Notification of September 1995, three functions were kept itself with the Administration. He further said that a Committee should be constituted to find out the bottle necks in the function of Electricity and legal department should also be involved in that Committee. He said that it is our moral duty to provide the street lights to the public. We should also examine whether an amount of Rs.58 lacs is used properly or not. It should be taken seriously. The corporation is paying Rs.53/57 per pole per month. He further suggested that this matter should be resolved in the house today.

The S.E.(B&R) told regarding the difference of Rs.42 lacs that this amount is for maintenance of lights of V3 and V6 roads. The reply is for the V6 roads.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that 70% meters are dead and average bills are being issued by the Electricity Department. There is ambiguity in the average bills and this system should be updated.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur suggested that the issue of Electricity should be taken seriously. It requires updation of electricity in the city and the budget should be increased.

Sh. Naresh Kumar said that this is matter of whole city. The situation is the same in Bapu Dham also.

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan said that as and when the complaint was given to the Electricity Department that the street lights and lights of parks are not functional, the reply of the Electricity Department is that the material is not in the store. He suggested that the material should be purchased immediately. The performance of Electricity Department U.T. Chandigarh

and Engineering Wing of the Corporation is not satisfactory. He suggested that the instructions should be issued to the concerned officers for the up-gradation of lights.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra thanked all the Councillors/officers and media persons for their well wishes for his daughter, as they stood with him during the period of crisis. The matter regarding the problem of electricity had already been discussed so many times. In the meeting of ward committee it was decided that the officers and Councillors and other prominent members should be present in the meeting. If the area police officer and SDO of Electricity are involved in the ward committee meeting this problem can be solved easily and immediately. In the past the JE of the area used to survey and every month his report was tabled in the House. In his report he had to told that 90% or 80% lights are functional and we could ascertain the payment of bill whether it is being paid correctly or not. He further said that the tenders are floated only for the street lights not for parks and the department has no material for maintenance. He further suggested that the material should be purchased in bulk either for the six months or for a year because there would be no fluctuation within six months or a year for the purchase of these petty things. The complaints have come to him from the people and he further contacted the officers of Electricity Wing, they told that even single bulb was not available.

Smt. Heera Negi suggested that the lights should be provided in neighbourhood parks.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the meeting of Electricity Committee was held two months ago after the lapse of two years and every Councillor was annoyed on the issue of electricity. The following issues came into light during the said meeting held on 23-7-2012:-

- There are three SDOs in Electricity Wing of the Corporation and they are without vehicle. All the vehicles are out of order.

- An estimate for the purchase of electricity items was prepared amounting to Rs. 1.75 crore and the same was reduced by the higher authorities upto Rs. 25.00 lacs. After that tenders were floated twice by the E.E. (Elect) for the purchase of electrical items but due to some technical hindrances the tender could not attain the finality.
- The estimate was prepared for Rs. 1.75 crore which was reduced to Rs. 25.00 lacs only which is not justified.

Sh. Arun Sood told that in Sector 38, bulbs of 12 poles were to be changed for which the quotations were called and then the bulbs were changed. He further said the work distribution among the SDEs is wrong and same are overloaded. He said that the Corporation is paying Rs. 1.00 Crore per month for the maintenance and electricity charges. Therefore, he suggested that the Corporation should have a control on the Administration like the other contractors. It is presumed by the Corporation that Electricity Department is a Government Department and there is no apprehension of mis-appropriation. He further said that the average bills are being paid whereas more than 50% meters are dead. He suggested that actual bill should be paid. He said that the condition of the electricity is worst due to lack of material, manpower and checking and nobody listen to the councillors.

The House adjourned for lunch break at 2.35 PM and re-assembled at 3.30 PM.

Sh. M.P. Kohli said that it was not the question of Sh. Satinder Singh, all the Councillors are involved in this issue. He further said that when the water and electricity are off the public is angry. The people go to the Area Councillor whether he is elected or nominated. He suggested for the formation of such committee which would monitor the electricity system in two or three wards. The Councillor should be authorized to check the store. This issue should be taken seriously.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari asked how much salary is paid to the staff and how much amount spent on the purchase of material. She is of the view that material is not purchased and whole of the staff of Engineering Wing is idle and is being paid unnecessarily.

Sh. Malkiat Singh seconded the view of Sh. M.P. Kohli. He further said that the lights of his Ward are lying defunct. In spite of repeated requests the lights were not updated. He suggested the file system should be changed/reformed.

Sh. Darshan Kumar said that the House is blaming the Administration, the Corporation should also fix the time for updating the work and how much time will take for updating the lights.

Sh. Arun Sood asked, "Why the tender are floated again and again for the purchase of material and what is the status of vehicles and why the work distribution is discriminatory?" In the recent meeting of Electricity Committee it was decided that the Corporation would write a letter to the Chandigarh Administration that the concerned SDE/JE should be instructed that the complaint from the Councillor should be redressed first. Whether the said letter has been written by the Corporation or not and what is status of the replacement of dead electricity meters ?

The S.E. (B&R) told that there were four boom ladders in the Corporation, out of these three are in working condition and one is under repair. There are two Swaraj Mazda in which one is in working order and other is under repair. So far as the replacement of defected meters is concerned, the matter has been taken up with the Chandigarh Administration for their replacement. It has also been written to the Chandigarh Administration if the meters are not replaced then the Corporation would install its own meters and waiting for the reply from Electricity Department of Chandigarh Administration. He admitted that 50% meters are not functional. He assured that within next month all the Street Light and lights of parks would be

updated. He explained road wise position of Street Light. He assured that before Diwali 90% lights would be functional.

There was din in the House on this issue.

Smt. Asha Jaswal said that the lights were covered under the trees and there should be pruning of trees.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the House was not satisfied with the reply of S.E. (B&R). He further said, "It seems that the City is upto Madhya Marg". He further told that Dhanas and Sector 25 come within the preview of his ward and even 5% lights are not functional in these two Sectors. There is shortage of staff, material and vehicles. Nothing has been purchased since 8 months. The Electricity Wing of the Corporation has collapsed. He further said that the F&CC never objected the agenda of estimate prepared for purchase of vehicles and other material and told that tenders are lying without any action for more than six months.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that a question was asked in the F&CC that machinery of the Corporation was out of order, four months have elapsed but the machinery has not been made functional and she asserted that repair of vehicles should be done in a time bound manner. She further asked how many vehicles had been repaired. The files had been lingering on for years, all the objections are on the files should be raised once and not one by one.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari appreciated the response of S.E. (B&R) as he assured the House that all the problems would be solved within one month and the House was inclined to believe him and further said that as per assurance all these problems should be solved and S.E. (B&R) may bring the progress report in the next meeting of the House.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the report of every committee or F&CC should be regularly updated. It should be the duty of the executive body to intimate the Committee/House

regarding the status of work. The Councillor is not intimated regarding the objections on the particular file, the files are closed without any intimation.

Sh. Naresh Kumar said that 8 months have passed, no work had been done in his ward. He has submitted 4-5 estimates but none was passed. Stray animals are roaming in his ward. No work is being done in spite of repeated requests and he preferred resignation.

Sh. Arun Sood said that there should be unanimity in the House regarding the development works. Equal budget for every ward should be allotted.

The Commissioner apprised the House that the Chief Engineer had started to hold ward-wise meeting and meetings of 5-6 wards had been held and in future these meetings would be continued. Objections must have been raised on the files because financial and technical rules could not be violated.

4. Question by Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal regarding cleaning of road gullies.

The Secretary placed question No.4 before the House for consideration.

Question No. 4 was not discussed as Sh.Sat Parkash Aggarwal was satisfied with the reply of the question.

Question No. 1, by Sh. Surinder Bahga regarding lift in the MCC.

The Secretary placed question No.1 of the previous meeting before the House for consideration.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that after 6 years the lift had been operational and told within such long spell of time half of the Taj Mahal could be completed. He further told that single tender had been accepted for this lift whereas four companies of lift were available in the market but single tender was accepted. He further told that the material of the lift had been

stolen twice but no responsibility was fixed for the said theft. 80% payment of the total work was done in advance whereas this should had to be done after the testing report. The reply of this question has not been given in straight way, moreover nothing has been mentioned regarding the theft. He told that in reply to the question it has been stated that the delay occurred due to the handing over of site. Why the site was not ascertained at the time of allotment of work to the company? The work of multilevel parking is also still pending. The conception of the work is very ill.

Sh. M.P. Kohli asked what action has been taken regarding the theft of material. Whether the FIR was lodged or not?

The S.E.(B&R) replied that the material of the company was stolen twice and it was the responsibility of the company to handover the lift in proper order within time. The stolen material was of the company and the company should had it own watch and ward. Therefore, the Corporation is not responsible for the said thefts. He further clarified that the 80% payment was done according to the work and the payment of the company is still pending.

Sh. Arun Sood said the material had been stolen from the premise of Corporation, it means the premises of the Corporation is not secure.

The S.E.(B&R) said that when work was in progress it was the duty of the company to keep its own watch and ward.

Question No. 2, by Sh. Satinder Singh, Councilor regarding tube-well and workers.

The Secretary placed question No.2 of the previous meeting before the House for consideration.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that all the replies of the question were vague and facts were being concealed and there is exploitation of poor people as they are paid very low salary.

The SE(PH) told that the reply of the question had already been given at Clause A and D, which are as under :

(a): As per condition of allotment, the tubewell/booster is to be operated by the contractor for which he is paid fixed amount per installation as per allotment letter as a job work (copy of allotment letters are attached as Annexure A to G)

The contractor is responsible for payment to the labour and abide by minimum wages.

(d): As per allotment letter the contractor shall submit an affidavit duly attested by Magistrate First Class that he has made the payment to the workers engaged at rate not below the minimum wages.

The S.E. (PH) further told that the payment has not been made so far and assured that he would get checked the queries of the Councillors on ground level, if any ambiguity is found the Corporation would recover the amount from the Contractor. Not even a single penny had been paid to the six agencies. The payment would be made after the completion of every formalities laid down in the contract.

Sh. Arun Sood and Sh. Satinder Singh said if the payment had not been made to the contractor/agency since six months. How he would pay to the labour and in such circumstances the responsibility comes to the Corporation.

The S.E. (PH) told that no demand had been received from any contractor.

Sh. Satinder Singh said he had conducted the sting operation vide which the labourer said they are paid only Rs.2,000/- or Rs.2500/- and work of Chowkidar is also taken from them.

The S.E. (PH) said if their representation comes then the Corporation would deduct the amount from the payment of the contractor as per regulation 79 and the same would be paid to the labourer.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that the list of labourers should be brought in the House.

The S.E. (PH) assured that the list would be provided.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that his colleagues are talking unnecessarily.

There was din in the house on this issue.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari said that the question of Sh. Satinder Singh and Arun Sood is very genuine and it is the responsibility of the Corporation to give protection to the poor and this problem should be solved amicably.

Question No. 3, by Smt. Gurbax Rawat regarding regular services provided by Municipal Corporation.

The Secretary placed question No. 3 of the previous meeting before the House for consideration.

Smt. Gurbax Rawat thanked the Mayor, Commissioner and the Chief Engineer for the works done by the Corporation and she was satisfied with the reply of her question. She further said that the condition of the roads southern sectors is worst and the solution may be find out for the repair of roads.

Question No.4, by Sh. Saurabh Joshi regarding promotion of JEs.

The Secretary placed question No.4 of the previous meeting before the House for consideration.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that he read a news that JEs/SDOs of the Corporation had not been promoted since long time and they are at the verge of retirement. If any steps had been taken for their promotion he might be apprised therefrom.

The Addl. Commissioner-II said that approval of Administration for new rules of Engineering Wing had been received, which would be notified within week. After gazette notification as per Rules, DPCs would be held and promotions would be done accordingly.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that his question was that whether the employees of the Corporation are being promoted or not. He was of the view that the last DPC was convened in 2008 and what rules were followed at that time.

The Addl. Commissioner II said that the rules were sent last week for notification.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi asked under what rule the DPC was convened in 2008?

The Addl. Commissioner-II replied that the Corporation adopted Punjab 1965 Rules in 1997, and further said when the said DPC was convened the Punjab Govt. had repealed the said Rules but the same were applicable in the corporation and still in existence.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi asked according to the adopted Rules how much employees had been promoted.

The Additional Commissioner-II said that the break up was not available at that time.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that the employees had been working since 30-35 years, but had not been promoted, what for they were being punished.

The Commissioner said that during the period of last 4 months maximum promotions have been done. He further said that as and when the notification is received the remaining employees would also be promoted as per their due.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the rules were drafted with due consideration and with due labour by the Councillors and Officers of the Corporation. He further said that he had come to know that the ratio of promotion has been changed and the Rules would be notified accordingly.

The Commissioner said that Rules are to be notified by the Administration. The Corporation has sent its recommendations. There was a wide representative body who framed the Rules and the said Rules are to be approved by the Administration.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur asked whether in the light of previous Rules these people could have been promoted?

Sh. Arun Sood asked that what age was proposed by the Corporation and what has been approved by the Administration.

The Additional Commissioner-II apprised the House that maximum 25 years age limit has been approved for recruitment and the House proposed the age limit as 30 years plus.

Sh. Arun Sood asked what is the maximum age limit in Punjab and Haryana.

The Additional Commissioner-II told that maximum age limit in Punjab is 37years and 45 years in Haryana.

Sh. Arun Sood further said that so many daily wagers had been working in Corporation since 10-15 years and they had working experience of the Corporation. According to the age limit of 25 years the said Dailywagers would be over age and on the road. He suggested that the House should resolve to increase the age limit.

The Commissioner suggested that this issue could be discussed in the Finance & Contract Committee and then it could be brought to the House.

Question No. 5, by Dr. Amrit Tiwari and five other Councillors regarding quality of work.

The Secretary placed question No. 5 of the previous meeting before the House for consideration.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari said that an agenda was sent by the nominated Councillors and the same was passed by the Road Committee, but the Engineering Wing had twisted the said agenda, so that the objections can be put on that agenda. She further said that the objective of the said agenda was only transparency and responsibility may be assigned. All the SDOs were present in the Road Committee and it was decided that 75% payment may be given to the contractor, but the SDOs did not agree at that time also. She asserted that a certificate may be obtained from the concerned SDO regarding the quality of work, so that the responsibility can be assigned that payment beyond 75% would not be made till the submission of certificate regarding quality of work.

The Commissioner said that it is not possible that every case should be approved by him. Estimates are prepared and signed by the XEN. If, the quality of work is not upto the required standard the XEN can stop the payment of the contractor. Moreover, XEN would inform the S.E. that the assigned work has been completed and has been checked by him that would also be a kind of certificate.

The S.E.(B&R) said that when any work is executed the same is recorded in the Measurement Book. The J.E. and SDO signed the Measurement Book that the work has been checked by them and done as per DNIT or PWD specification and the same is also checked by the XEN as per the PWD manual and every recorded entry is checked. The security of the contractor is released after removal of malba from the site by the Contractor.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that the quality should be maintained and time also be fixed for completion of work. She further said that the area Councillor should be informed regarding the completion of work.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the reply of the Engineering Wing is correct upto some extent as the Manual holds the officers responsible for any act done by him. He further said that a Committee was constituted for reviewing the Manual but due to some reasons Committee could not work. He informed that the Punjab PWD Manual is applicable to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. The same has not been adopted in toto. He gave the instance of Punjab Municipal Corporations and told that until the bill is not signed by the Councillor, the payment cannot be made to the contractor. The present Manual should be amended as per requirement. He asserted that for the smooth working the present Manual may not be treated as hard and fast and he suggested that an agenda should be brought in the House for the amendments in the Manual.

Sh. Arun Sood said that a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Sh. Pardeep Chhabra, but the meeting of said Committee could not be held as Sh. Pardeep Chhabra had been facing the crisis. He further suggested that any other Councillor should be appointed Vice-Chairman of the said Committee and the meeting should be called earlier.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Rough cost estimate for providing and fixing 60mm thick paver blocks on berms of V-6 road opposite H.No.3537 to 5881 in Rehabilitation Colony, Sector-56, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Malkiat Singh said that step motherly treatment was being done regarding fixing of paver blocks. He asked that in how many sectors paver blocks had been fixed on V-5

roads. He further said why objections are always put on his cases. He demanded for fixing of paver blocks on road leading to the Girl College, Sector-32, Chandigarh.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the RCE amounting to Rs.40.03 lac for providing and fixing 60mm thick paver blocks on berms of V-6 road opposite H.No.3537 to 5881 in Rehabilitation Colony, Sector-56, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 25mm thick SDBC on market in Sector-24, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that all the estimates of development works should be brought systematically, sometimes it is brought by the Councillor and sometime by the officers. Sometimes unnecessary agendas are put in the committees. He suggested that the agenda regarding development work should be brought by a Councillor and certified by the Officer. He further asked why there are different kinds of paver blocks. He demanded that there should be streamlined and synchronized system of development.

The Commissioner said that 95% agendas had been originated by the Councillors. Paver blocks are the demand of public.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that the Councillors are layman regarding the area and she asserted that there should be laid down procedure. The violation is done by the Executive Body.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that only fixing of paver blocks is not the development of the city. He read out the figures of budget allotment for the year 2012-13. He suggested that policy of paver blocks should be reviewed.

Sh. Arun Sood said that in the previous meeting he submitted a report in which he suggested that hydro-seeding is the alternative of paver blocks which is cheaper to the paver blocks. The policy regarding paver blocks should be framed which should be unanimously applicable everywhere and minimum paver blocks should be fixed.

Sh. Satish Kumar said that according to the judgment of Hon'ble High Court rendered on 17.8.2012 mining has been banned and told that environment clearance is necessary for five acre land.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the RCE amounting to Rs.47.30 lac for providing and laying 25mm thick SDBC on market in Sector-24, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Rough cost estimate for recarpetting of Himalya Marg on V-3 road Uttar marg to Madhya Marg dividing Sector 4/5 and 8/9, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the RCE amounting to Rs.122.67 lac for recarpetting of Himalya Marg on V-3 road Uttar marg to Madhya Marg dividing Sector 4/5 and 8/9, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Estimate for the work of “Supplying, laying, Commissioning and testing of DI sluice valves and motor driven actuator at various RD’s on existing PSC/MS pipe line against augmentation water works scheme phase-III, Chandigarh form water works, Kajauli (Pb.) to water works, Sector-39, Chandigarh.

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

S.E. (PH) told that the water comes in Chandigarh from ML Kajauli and reaches to the Sector 39, Chandigarh. There are four phases, one and four are with the Punjab, Phase three is being maintained by the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, total distance from Kajauli is 27.4 Km and elevation of Chandigarh is 100 Ft. higher than Kajauli. He further told that 14 Valves were installed in 1993-94 and in this estimate replacement of 5 Valves has been proposed. These five valves are to be placed at different places so that in case of fault in pipe line the supply can be made through these five valves.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta said that the quotations from the companies have not been shown in the estimate. He further said that all the fourteen valves should be replaced and before approval of the agenda the site should be visited by a committee. Even terms and conditions for the purchase of these valves have not been mentioned in the agenda. The agenda should be brought again in detail.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that this project was installed in 1994 and further asked when it was repaired. He further asked about TPSE.

The S.E. (PH) told that quotations have been obtained and attached with the estimate. Ductile iron is a latest material and its life is 100 years. The valves of four companies are to be purchased. Quotations of them are enclosed with the estimate. He explained the position regarding the cutting on the name of company.

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the matter be referred to the Water Supply Committee and be brought in the House with their recommendations.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Estimate for the work of “Repair, Strengthening & Testing of existing 6 MG capacity S&S Tank No.2 at Sector 39, Water works, U.T., Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the matter be referred to the Water Supply Committee and be brought in the House with their recommendations.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Estimate for the work of “Supplying, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of new horizontal single stage pump with squirrel cage induction motor 335 KW/980 RPM with soft starter at bed no.9 and supplying, erection, testing and commissioning of new primer mover (Squirrel cage induction motor 355KW/980 RPM with soft starter at bed no.8 and all other work contingent work at Water works, Sector-32, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.69.53 lac for the work of “Supplying, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of new horizontal single stage pump with squirrel cage induction motor 335 KW/980 RPM with soft starter at bed no.9 and supplying, erection, testing and commissioning of new primer mover (Squirrel cage induction motor 355KW/980 RPM with soft starter at bed no.8 and all other work contingent work at Water works, Sector-32, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Recarpeting of Udhyan Path V-3 Road (Uttar Marg to Madhya Marg) Dividing Sector 2/3 & 10/11, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.136.43 lac for recarpeting of Udhyan Path V-3 Road (Uttar Marg to Madhya Marg) Dividing Sector 2/3 & 10/11, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

RCE for the work of upgradation of water works-cum-boasting station (Ph.II), Sector 52, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the RCE amounting to Rs.1548.00 lac for the work of upgradation of water works-cum-boasting station (Ph.II), Sector 52, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Revised rough cost estimate for widening and carpeting of V-5 Road in Sector 36-A, B, C & D, Chandigarh.

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that this item was placed in previous meeting of the House and the House decided that final decision was to be taken by the Road Committee and the agenda was referred to the Road Committee accordingly.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that problem is that poles exist there and the poles should be uprooted first and then the work be started. He further told that it was asked that how much work has been done but the same estimate has been put again in the House and he sought information regarding the execution of work and he was not satisfied with the answer of S.E. (B&R).

The Commissioner said that the matter was sent to the Road Committee and then came in the House and now again is being sent to the Road Committee and the Commissioner asked the House whether the agenda is to be deferred or passed? It is the prerogative of the House to decide the agenda. It cannot be conditionally approved.

Sh. M.P. Kohli said that the agenda was not upto the satisfaction, therefore, the same might be sent to the Road Committee.

Sh. Arun Sood demanded that either the agenda should be passed or withdrawn.

There was din in the House on this issue.

“The House accorded approval in principle. The Road Committee will consider the matter and decide finally keeping in view the observations of Sh. Surinder Bahga.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Revised rough cost estimate for widening and carpeting of V-5 Road in Sector 23-A, B&C, Chandigarh.

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

“The House accorded approval in principle. The Road Committee will consider the matter and decide finally keeping in view the observations of Sh. Surinder Bahga.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Providing and laying 40mm thick Asphaltic Concrete on V-3 Road between Sector 27 & 30, Chandigarh.

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

“The House considered & unanimously resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.56.90 lac for providing and laying 40mm thick Asphaltic Concrete on V-3 Road between Sector 27 & 30, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Exemption from Property Tax for Sacred Heart Convent Senior Secondary School, Sector 26, Chandigarh (Institute of the Franciscan Clarist Sisters of the Most Blessed Sacrament, of Dehradun) Carmel Convent Senior Secondary School, Sector 9, Chandigarh (Apostolic Carmel Education Society) and St. John's High School, Sector 26, Chandigarh (Congregation of Christian Brothers in India).

Supplementary agenda item No. 4 was withdrawn.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Covering of Khuda Lohra choe.

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

“The House considered that this matter is of urgent importance as it involves the health of large number of people living in the area. The House thus unanimously resolved that this work should be taken up immediately and recommendations be sent to the Chandigarh Administration as this work falls in the domain of Chandigarh Administration.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Review of the construction of Day Market at Charan Singh Colony, Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh.

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

Sh. Arun Sood said that it is an important agenda, during the discussion there should be healthy atmosphere in the house and decorum also be maintained and further said that the ruling party should express its views first and no one should interfere the discussion when

councillor of either party is speaking and he should be listened amicably. He suggested that opportunity should be afforded to everyone and after observing the views of all the decision should be taken with the votes of majority.

Sh. M.P. Kohli read out the agenda and asked whether the job of rehabilitation comes within the preview of Municipal Corporation or not?

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that this matter was being highlighted in the newspapers and propaganda is being made that the congress Councillors are against the vendors. He apprised the house that a memorandum was given by the residents of that area to the Hon'ble M.P. and Commissioner, MCC in which they told that when this market/thada market would be ready for business the life of the residents of this area would be miserable. He gave the example of Shastri Market, Sector 22 that when this market was allotted it was not even in dreams that this market would be the busiest market and now it is difficult to walk in the market even on foot. When the Councillors went on the Dharna in Charan Singh Colony, the people said that they are not against the vendors and told that these people sit before our houses and they should be lifted from there or permanent market may be built for them and they demanded that this site may be got vacated for the religious functions of this locality. He further apprised the House that about 500 residents gave a signed memorandum that this market should be removed from there and he assured the residents that he would bring the matter in the House. At present there are about 400-500 vendors instead of 136. He further said that there are other day markets in the city so what is the necessity of this Thada market in Mauli Jagran. He apprised the House that the booths of crores were built up by the MCC in Mauli Jagran in 1996 have been encroached by the miscreants. Neither the said booths were auctioned nor rented out. If the necessity was there, the said booths should have to be given to the vendors. There is no place of parking. It is the manifesto of the congress party to work for the welfare of the people. He further asserted that if

any wrongs have been done recently the same should be rectified instead of repeating the wrongs. He asserted that the policy regarding day markets should be framed for whole of the city not only for Mouli Jagran. He further suggested that there should be voting on this issue.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur Rattu said that this project was brought in 2010 in the House and approved in February 2011. The work had been started since 16 months ago and last month this issue was brought for review. She further told that it is day market vendors would come in day would return in the evening. These are not the booths which will require allotment. She further said that there are about 360 vendors whereas 136 thadas are being constructed, if this project is cancelled it would be blot on the face of MCC and she stressed that this project should be continued.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said he agrees with the views of Sh. Subhash Chawla that we should frame a policy for day market for the whole city not only for Mouli Jagran. He apprised the House that Government of India is also framing a policy for the welfare of street vendors.

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan said that the allotment of booths/thada did not come within the preview of MCC, therefore, before proceeding further there should be proper policy and approval of the Administration.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the discussion was going on in a healthy atmosphere and told that the aggrieved persons would bring the agenda instead of status report from the officers. He further said that the alteration of the decision of previous House is illegal and it would the dis-honour of the previous House and set wrong precedent for future. The present House has no legal right to alter the decision of previous House. The project has been prepared by the officers present in the House and all the things would have been kept in mind before bringing this project in the House for approval. An estimate of Rs. 86 lacs had been passed and work had been started

and work of amounting to Rs. 17 lacs has been completed. He apprised the House that the prior to start this Thada market there was already kerosene pump and residential area, thick population was there. He further apprised the House that there are so many kerosene pumps existing in the markets of the city. How this present kerosene pump near the Thada market has become a terror? If there is apprehension of any mis-happening due to kerosene pump then all the kerosene pumps should be removed from all the markets. He further apprised the House that half of the area of the site had been kept vacant for parking. The vendors shall purchase the vegetable etc. from the whole sale market and sell the same in Thada Market and the residents of Mauli Jagran/Colony are poor and most of them would purchase the vegetables from Thada Market. He further said that parking is not available in any Rehri market of the City. He invited the intention of the House towards Section 44 of the Act vide which the obligatory functions of the Corporation have been defined. Under Section 331 to 338 the Municipal Markets have been defined. The policy of allotment would be framed at the time of allotment. He suggested that such Thada Markets should also be constructed in other Colonies of the City rather than destruction of this Thada Market.

Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala said that when this issue came in the House there was no proposal for booths/Thada, the issue was only to provide the place to 122 Vegetable Vendors. He further told that when the agenda was passed for this market Congress Party was in majority and the Councillors of the said party did not object the matter. He alleged that the Councillors of Congress Party are taking revenge.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh had started this project to provide the facility to the poor people. The vendors' policy should be treated as experience for the Corporation and it would facilitate the Corporation in future. Every aspect was examined and approved by the competent authorities and she asserted for fixing the

responsibility as the huge amount has already been spent on this project. The House, Administration and Executive Body have spent their valuable time on this project. She further said that the sanctity of the House should be kept in view before reviewing the present project.

Sh. Subhash Chawla replied all the questions of Sh. Arun Sood in detail.

Sh. Darshan Kumar, Senior Deputy Mayor took the Chair of Mayor at 8.00 PM and at 8.05 PM Mayor came back.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi thanked the House for giving opportunity to every Councillor for expressing views. He further apprised the House that when an agenda was passed the Councillors of Congress Party and nominated members were present in the House having only three members of BJP. He asked whether it was resolved by the previous House that the Thadas would be provided to only 136 vendors? He defined the difference between the Market and Municipal Market. He said that no one is aware that there is the debate in the House for 136 vendors. He told the House that Thada Market was being constructed in the Rehabilitated Colony and a road of 8 ft. wide leads to this Colony and the vendors use to sit on the both side of this road and they sell their vegetables to the residents of Charan Singh Colony and other Colonies of Mauli Jagran. He said that the Fish Market in Sector 41 was constructed by the Municipal Corporation which is lying defunct since two years.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that the Corporation cannot take action on any function until it is transferred by the Administration. Thada booths are to be provided to those vendors who already sitting there. He further apprised the House that 25000 houses are being constructed by the Administration under Rehabilitation Scheme. All the property transferred by the Administration was for the earning of revenue to the Municipal Corporation. He suggested that the survey should be got done and number of vendors may be ascertained so that these Thadas may be provided to every vendor and he further suggested for voting on this agenda.

Sh. Arun Sood said that work had been started for the construction of Thadas, therefore, the review of agenda is meaningless. He further asked what is proposal?

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that the previous agenda should be treated as cancelled and construction be stopped immediately.

“The House considered and resolved by majority that since no policy for allotment of sites or for Management of market has yet been framed, the construction of day market at Mauli Jagran be stopped immediately and agenda passed by the House in its 164th meeting held on 28.02.2011 be treated as cancelled.”

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

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