

MINUTES OF THE 184th MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH HELD ON 28.09.2012 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE CORPORATION CHANDIGARH.

The followings were present:-

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. Smt. Poonam Sharma	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. Sh. Des Raj Gupta	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-UI-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.

Mayor welcomed to the newly elected Councillor Smt. Poonam Sharma on behalf of the House.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of 183rd meeting of the General House held on 29.08.2012 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.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu read the statement of Sh. Arun Sood at page No. 8 of the minutes of 183rd meeting held on 29.08.2012 regarding video recording of previous meeting. He also supported that the video recording of the previous meeting should be shown so that it could be ascertained who supported the development fund in favour of nominated Councillors. He further said that we all nominated Councillors and other Councillors also supported it that the video recording should be shown.

The Commissioner said that it had been recorded as he said during the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting of the House which had already been confirmed. He further said that if anybody wanted to see the video recording he should had seen the video recording at that time. The Minutes have already been confirmed and cannot be re-opened again.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur Rattu said that she demanded for lights on the railway crossing at Mauli Jagran but the same had not been mentioned in the minutes.

The Commissioner assured that it would be mentioned in the minutes.

***“Demand for lights on the railway crossing at Mauli Jagran be read in the minutes of 183rd meeting of the House.*”**

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the video recording was shown many times in past also but not in the House. He suggested that a committee of two or three members including officers should be constituted. They would see the video recording at any suitable place and submit their comments, who supported or opposed the development fund in favour of nominated Councillors. It was not a big issue but has become big as a major decision is to be taken in this respect and it will be beneficial for future also.

The Commissioner said that the minutes of previous meeting had been confirmed by the House and in principle those could not be re-opened and he further said that whatever was confirmed in the House, the Corporation had to act upon that. He further said if any matter had not been recorded the same could be recorded now.

Sh. Arun Sood said that we resolved the matter but the observations remained pending and suggested that the minutes of the previous meeting could be amended and gave the instance of the minutes of 182nd meeting of the House.

The Commissioner said that he had given his own opinion and then it was upto the House what further strategy would be adopted. These minutes are in public domain now.

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan suggested that five members committee should be constituted for watching the video recording so that the exact statement of the councillors could be ascertained.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that at page No. 7 of the minutes of previous meeting unanimous word had been removed but the House did not resolved to remove the unanimous word it had been done later on, therefore, the watching of video recording was necessary.

Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala said that the minutes had never been altered after confirmation since the Corporation came in existence.

Sh. M.P. Kohli thanked the Mayor, Commissioner, S.E. (PH) and other Officers of the Corporation for arranging the visit of Water Works, Sector 39 on their demand. The Officers told each and everything which the Councillors asked from them. He further suggested that all the development works should be shown to the Councillors, rather than proceeding on study tours. He said that the Ward Development Fund was resolved unanimously. The previous matters should not be re-opened again.

Sh. Devesh Moudgil appreciated the visit of Water Works, Sector 39 and said that there should be a visit of Water Works, Kajauli also so that the water supply system of the City could be strengthened.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that he asked the question regarding the promotion of J.E. and A.E. of the Corporation at page No. 26 to 27 of the minutes of previous meeting. According to the said minutes a list of the employees who were promoted and to be promoted was to be provided which had not been provided. He further read the statement of Additional Commissioner-II at page No. 27 para second and said that the Rules were notified on 17.08.2012 and he read out the said Rules in the House. He further said that at page No. 33 of the minutes of previous meeting that perhaps it was related to the water pipes and sluice valves. He asked that what was the

cost difference between CI Sluice Valves and DI Sluice Valves and it was assured that the same would be provided but the same had not been provided and the said version had not been inserted in the minutes.

The Commissioner said that it would be recorded in the minutes but it was decided that the matter would be put in the Water Supply Committee and the action would be taken according to the recommendation of the Water Supply Committee.

Sh. Satish Kumar Kainth said that he asked in the previous meeting that whether the Corporation could work of maintenance on the pipe line from Kajauli to Water Works, Sector- 39 Water Works but the same had not been recorded.

“The statement of Sh. Satish Kumar Kainth in the minutes of 183rd meeting of the House, be read as “whether the Corporation can work on maintenance on the pipe line from Kajauli to Water Works, Sector-39 Water Works, Chandigarh.”

Sh. Satinder Singh said that in the previous meeting he asked for the Contract Labour Regulation Act under Section 21 of the Labour Act but the same had not been recorded in the minutes.

“The statement of Sh. Satinder Singh in the minutes of 183rd meeting of the House, be inserted as “Contract Labour Regulation Act under Section 21 of the Labour Act.”

Smt. Jannat Jahan UI-Haq said that she was not against the day market of Mauli Jagran but the same had not been recorded in the minutes.

“Smt. Jannat Jahan UI-Haq opposed the proposal of agenda relating to day market in Mauli Jagran be read in the minutes of 183rd meeting of the House,

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that on page No. 41 he stated that the reference of the previous House should be identified and the liability of the previous House or the present House but the same had not been recorded.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) congratulated the Mayor, Commissioner, Additional Commissioner-I and M.O.H. for purchasing the anti rabies vaccination and charging only Rs.100/- from the victim for vaccination. The rest of the expenses would be borne by the Municipal Corporation. It has been inaugurated today, therefore, he congratulated to the House. He further said that the collar for the sterilized dogs had been purchased and would be put on the sterilized dogs.

Sh. Arun Sood said that at page No. 3 of the minutes of previous meeting of the House statutory provision be read instead of constitutional provision. He further said that the Commissioner assured in the previous meeting of House that the agenda would be circulated earlier to the meeting of General House. He told that main agenda of the present meeting was provided two days prior and supplementary agenda was provided yesterday in the evening. He further said that he could mention many agendas which had been brought in the House and had no urgency. He gave the example of purchase of 25 chassis i.e. agenda for crores of rupees was provided at night. He requested that the agendas of the meeting should be provided strictly according to the statutory provisions and only agenda of urgent nature should be brought as supplementary agenda otherwise the sufficient time should be given for the study of the agendas. The Councillors should not be treated as Rubber Stamp.

“The “Constitutional provision” at page No.3 of the minutes of previous meeting be read as “Statutory Provision”.

Sh. Arun Sood again said that there were many other agendas having no urgency had been brought in the House.

The Commissioner said that in general there would be no urgency but that might be urgent for the Area Councillor and the House should think over the matter.

Sh. Arun Sood said that during the discussion many of the Councillors suggested that the anti-rabies vaccination should be provided to all free of cost instead of subsidy of Rs. 100/-.

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

Sh. Arun Sood asked when the said agenda would be brought for consideration.

The Commissioner said that the anti rabies vaccination being provided at the rate of Rs.100/- and the same rate is in Haryana. There is budget provision for Rs.30.00 lac and the Corporation shall refrain from going beyond the budget provision.

Sh. Arun Sood read the statement of Dr. Amrit Tiwari at page No.7 of the minutes of previous meeting and said that this statement had been recorded unnecessarily. He further demanded that Dr. Amrit Tiwari should explained what he said against the Mayor.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari said that the word used by Sh. Arun Sood should not be brought in the recording, if such words are used in hot exchanges the same should not be brought in the recording.

Sh. Arun Sood said that he had not used any derogatory word against the Mayor. It was decided that the proceedings should be amended accordingly. He further said that at page No.39 during discussion, he stated that the day market at Mouli Jagran was being demolished, therefore, over bridge and fish market should also be demolished. He said wording has not been recorded in the minutes. He further said that his all the arguments had not been recorded especially regarding the kerosene pump and the same should be added according to the video recording. He said that at page No.41, it has been recorded that Sh. Subhash Chawla had replied all the questions of Sh. Arun Sood in detail and he asserted for deletion of it.

Sh. Arun Sood said that at page No.42 voting was done on the resolution, but the same had not been mentioned anywhere and it was not resolved by the House that the constructions of day market at Mouli Jagran be stopped immediately. He stressed for the recording of voting, who was in favour and who opposed it. He further said that the basic concept of the agenda was to review the matter and how it could be resolved out of that and it should be resolved according to the principle of law.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that Sh. Arun Sood always raised objections that his version had not been recorded properly in the minutes. He further said that the agenda had already been resolved by majority, whether it was in their preview or not. Legal remedy is available with the opposition and perhaps they have adopted the legal remedy, let the decision come, action will be taken accordingly. He further said that since 1996, the resolutions had been passed either by majority or unanimously. The Councillors of BJP & BSP opposed the resolution and rest of the Councillors were in favour of it, if anybody had objection, he should file the same before the Secretary Local Government.

There was din in the House on this issue.

Sh. Arun Sood said according to the procedure of Parliament, voice voting means “yes” or “no” and recorded as majority or minority. In case of voting & raising of hands, it is recorded that how many votes are in favour or against.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said the names of the Councillors, who opposed the agenda had not been mentioned in the minutes.

The Commissioner said it could be recorded that such and such party opposed the agenda. When the opposition walked out from the House under protest, the agenda was passed by majority.

Sh. Arun Sood said that open voting should had to be disclosed and if it is not disclosed, it would be totally unfair and the names of the Councillors should be recorded those were in favour.

The Commissioner said that the request of Sh. Arun Sood had been conceded and accordingly names of the parties, who supported and opposed will be recorded.

“It was decided to add to the minutes of the decision on the item No.6 of the Supplementary Agenda that the Councillors belonging to the Congress party and the Nominated Councillors supported the decision. The Congress belonging to the BJP, BSP and the independent Councillors opposed the decision. The resolution was carried by majority.”

Sh. Malkiat Singh said that in the minutes of previous meeting, street lights of road leading to Sector -42 be read instead of Sector-32.

“The street lights of road leading to Sector-42 be read instead Sector-32 in the minutes of previous meeting.”

“The House confirmed the minutes of 183rd meeting of the General House held on 29.08.2012 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, with the above mentioned amendments.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Question/Answer

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

I. Question by Sh. Satinder Singh, Councillor regarding Study Tour.

In the beginning, Sh. Satinder Singh reminded on the birthday of Martyr Sardar Bhagat Singh. A letter alongwith performa was received for study tour. The city had been facing the water crises and other problems. Therefore, he did not want to proceed on study tour and a thought came in his mind that what the Councillors did for the city after study tours and asked a question regarding the study tours and their projects. He further asked the CAO where from the amount for study tours was incurred? He was of the view that this amount was borne by the Municipal Corporation under the Head “Tours & Travels”. He further said that the reply of the question was given from 2004 onwards, whereas the Corporation came into existence in the year, 1996, therefore, the reply was incomplete. He further told that the report regarding the projects brought by the study tour had not been mentioned in the reply beside this Engineering Wing told that no such record is available.

The Commissioner said that the projects cannot be co-related one to one with study tours and these tours were in the nature of exposure visits to learn about best practices.

The question was deferred to bring the complete information in the next meeting of the House.

The House adjourned for tea break at 12.30 p.m. and reassembled at 12.50 p.m.

2. Question by Sh. Saurabh Joshi, Councillor regarding approved chlorinator.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi thanked the Commissioner for the reply. He was waiting for the reply since previous four meetings. He said that the contaminated water was being supplied in the different parts of the city and it was not a matter of only Mauli Jagran. He further said that he had been asking this question since three meetings and three different replies had been submitted by the Authority. He asked the officers whether they would like to change the reply. If the reply is correct, he will proceed further. He collected the information from different sources regarding the chlorination of water. The chlorinated gas is mixed in water and chlorinator is installed only on the tubewell and it is just like LPG gas cylinder. He read out the question No.1 and asked the Commissioner whether the reply of his question was correct. He further read out question No.2 and told that total 24 chlorinators were to be used. He further read out question No.3 and read the reply as Annexure 'D' and he asked whether all these firms were upto the standard.

The S.E.(P.H.) told that reply had already been submitted in the reply of question No.5.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that reply was always different. His question No.7 was very specific regarding the chlorinators and gas cylinders provided at the tubewells. He asked about the model of chlorinators and further wanted clarification whether they could provide model.

The S.E.(P.H.) clarified that e-tendering was not prevailing at that time. The firm used to submit an application to the Executive Engineer. These tenders were finalized during the year, 2008-09 and e-tendering was not prevailing at that time also. The firm had to mention in his application that he had done 80%, 50% or 40% work as per CVC guidelines and those documents are not available in the record. He further said proceedings and eligibility criteria was different. The documents on the basis of which the Executive Engineer issued the tenders forms are not available in spite of best efforts for searching the said documents. He further replied for question No.7 that according to the report of Executive Engineer, 3 makes were given including Superior (Model Echo chlor) (USA) and M/s Jesco.

Sh. Subhash Chawla asked whether the experience of Government work is necessary for the allotment of work to the agency?

The S.E.(P.H.) said that the CVC did not prescribed it and is silent in this regard. He further told that the work should had been done by the firm 80% , 50% & 40% irrespective of Government or Private agency.

Sh. Subhash Chawla asked when Engineering Wing allotted a big tender to any private firm whether the verification had been done ever or not.

The S.E. (P.H.) told that recently we sent e-mail for verification to the concerned firms as the e-mail address was on their letter-pad and some of them were found false.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi read out the replies of the Public Health Wing. He alleged that in spite of three time opportunity to the P.H. Wing, he had detected the mistakes done by them. He further asked about the change of specification of Eco Chlor. According to the CVC guidelines specification cannot be changed. He further pointed out that a vigilance inquiry had already been marked and fate of said inquiry was not known. We raise the issues in the interest of the public and if anything wrong is going we can brought it into light in this way. He demanded time bound Vigilance Inquiry. He read out the reply of question No.8, that “No. The agency cannot provide the material other than specified in the DNIT at his own.”

He clarified the meaning of DNIT. He further told regarding question No.10 that the contractor to whom the work was allotted, had cylinders other than the specifications. A complaint was filed against him before the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh and a Committee was constituted on the directions of the Commissioner. A complaint was received in the office of the then Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh and a Committee was constituted regarding that complaint and said Committee told that other cylinders were better and used the same. On the report of Committee, the then Commissioner wrote on the file at page No.115 what were the DNIT terms and conditions. The Committee was constituted after the receipt of complaint and according to the report of the Committee chlorinators were not received as per DNIT but changed the specification of DNIT. He further said that every

norm has been flouted by the department. He read out the question and reply of question No.12 and told that when he perused the final bills, the deduction was found there. He told the deduction in final bill is as per norms. He further told that there are two kinds of chlorinators i.e. Superior and Model Eco-Chlor (USA). He asserted that superior chlorinator should be used for clean and healthy water. He further said that there was lot of difference in the rate of both the chlorinators. He showed the specification of the company and said that it is prima facie clear the Superior and Model Eco Chlor are different make. He addressed the Commissioner and read out the letter written by the Chief Engineer to the Superintendent Engineer on 16.11.2007 having subject approval of make of Chlorinator i.e. Superior Eco Chlorinator and it is document of the Engineering Wing vide which it has been mentioned that there is no Superior Eco chlorinator. The Committee changed the specification. He further calculated the amount of 40 chlorinators. He further asked the reply of question No.15 which was not satisfactory. He further read out the reply of question No.16 as nil whereas according to the reply of recent question, 50 cylinders were defused. He said on one hand reply of a question is nil on the other hand 50 cylinders have been defused. He further asked the number of total gas chlorinator cylinders had been provided on the tube-wells. He told that atleast three cylinders were necessary for three years per tubewell. He further told that as such total of 684 cylinders were required. The reply of question no.18 was also not satisfactory and did not tally with the reply filed in the recent questions. He further said that one mistake should be excused but repeated mistakes could not be excused and who does the mistake knowingly amounts as homicide and deaths have occurred in Mauli Jagran due to said mistakes. It comes within the definition of murder.

The S.E.(P.H.) said that he would like to give the reply of all the questions of Sh. Saurabh Joshi. First of all, he would like to tell that why the Committee was constituted. The makes have been given according to the DNIT and as per the report of Executive Engineer, these cylinders have been installed i.e. Echo-chlor and CVC guidelines have been adopted. Copies of the minutes have been provided, the names of the participants have been mentioned, eligibility has already been clarified, allotment letters have been attached. It has been mentioned in the reply of question No.7 that Echo chlor have been installed. So far as, the reply of question No.9 is concerned, he is not aware whether the complaint was received or not, as he was not in the Corporation in the year, 2009. The Committee was constituted on the proposal of the office and it was not constituted as suo moto for the inspection of the material of the firm and fixing the chlorinator. He further told that the recommendations of the Committee had been accepted by the then Commissioner, in principle, the report of the Committee has been accepted by the competent authority. In connection with the reply of question No.12, he told that was the reduced amount not deduction. He said that where there is any kind of doubt, the part payment of the firm is withheld as security. He replied the question no.13 that the work was completed upto 28.2.2012 which was within the defect liability period of the firm. He further told that the report had been submitted as per the official record.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said he had procured a letter from the office of Engineering Wing.

The S.E.(P.H.) said that he would give the reply of the same after obtaining from the Executive Engineer.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi asked why the gas cylinders were defused. He gave the instance of leakage on the tube well of Mauli Jagran and told after that instance, the Corporation defused the cylinders of 2-3 tubewells.

The S.E.(P.H.) told regarding Q.No.17 that 66 cylinders were kept on the tube wells (hardware). Regarding Q.No.18, he informed that 640 MT gas had been used in circle (all Water Works).

Sh. Saurabh Joshi refuted the reply of the S.E.(P.H.) and he calculated the 640 MT of chlorine gas into cylinders which were not found correct according to the calculations of S.E.(P.H.).

The Commissioner clarified that some cylinders were big & some were small, whereas the calculation was for the whole city, therefore, the calculation was not comparable.

The S.E.(P.H.) replied the Q.No.18 (a) that the chlorine gas had been supplied by the Punjab Alkalies & Chemical Ltd. i.e. undertaking of Government of Punjab and the firm is licence holder.

Sh. Subhash Chawla also asked where these 640 cylinders had been used ?

The S.E.(P.H.) told these cylinders had been used in three divisions (whole city).

Sh. Saurabh Joshi refuted the reply of S.E.(P.H.) stating that the reply of this question had been submitted twice, therefore, one of the answers is wrong. In one of the reply, 20 cylinders had been used and in the 2nd answer, 640 Mt gas had been

used. He further told that the different reply to the questions asked by the Councillors was given double. He further said that the then Commissioner constituted the Committee on the basis of complaint because those chlorinators were to be used by the Corporation was not available with the firm.

Sh. Surinder Bahga appreciated the efforts of Sh. Suarabh Joshi and he further said that no inquiry was marked against the officers so far. If any inquiry is marked against the officers, nothing is done against them and no one has been repatriated or suspended. He further said that high handedness of the officers was in the apex. They do not bother even regarding the article published against them in the newspapers. He addressed the House to see the level of shame. He suggested that there should be time bound inquiry in this case. He further said that while the question of P.H. was being discussed, the two Executive Engineers were sleeping. The Councillors would get nothing from the Corporation/Officers. He further said that the Commissioner is non-technical and was often misled by the technical officers of the Corporation. He requested that what action had been taken on all the issues raised during the meetings of last eight months and what would happen in the future? He further told that some officers of the Corporation used to go in the offices of newspapers at night at 9.00 p.m. and request them not to publish such & such article and he can show the CCTV footage in this respect.

The Commissioner said, "either the news agency or the officers are aware of the facts stated above. As far as the action against the officers is concerned, if the vigilance inquiry has been marked, the action will be taken after the receipt of the inquiry report. The inquiry report cannot be predicted before the receipt of outcome of the inquiry. He further said the then Commissioner had constituted a technical

Committee on the basis of complaint. He took the final decision on the recommendations of the Committee.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur appreciated the efforts of Sh. Saurabh Joshi. She further said as per the version of Sh. Surinder Bahga, no action had been taken on the issues raised during the eight months. She further asked the budget of this project (Chlorinator) and whether we can proceed without the approval of technical bid. She further said that who was responsible for the loss of technical bid, which was an important document.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur said due to the dereliction in duty on the part of the officers of Corporation, deaths had occurred in Mauli Jagran on account of contaminated water, but the same had been repeated. The city is facing the water crises. She further told that the attitude of the officers was unchanged and action should be taken against the defaulters.

The Commissioner told that the situation arose in the year 2009 and now to comment on that issue would not be appropriate and according to the record on the basis of complaint, a technical committee was constituted and technically the equipment was found alright and the same was accepted.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that Superior Echo Chlor & Superior are different.

The Commissioner said that if the Echo Chlor had been mentioned in DNIT and had been purchased accordingly, the same was not objectionable. The question is only whether the Chief Engineer approved Echo Chlor or Superior make. He further said that the main object in the issue was that whether the chlorination was being done properly or not. So far as the make is concerned, it is not possible to say

whether the intention is malafide. Only the basic defect is that the log book has not been maintained. 640 MT gas has no relevancy with the question because it has been used in all the divisions in the city.

Sh. Satish Kumar said that when this issue was published in the newspaper, he wrote a letter to the Commissioner. He read the said letter in the House and told that the water supplied through Colony No.4, Phase-I & II, Industrial Area, Dhanas, Dadu Majra Colony & Sector-44 and Sector- 52, was un-chlorinated but nothing was done. He said the same issue was published in the 'Hindustan Times' also.

The Commissioner said that this was the main issue whether the chlorination was done or not. He has issued order 15 days ago for the physical verification of the tubewells and the report will be received shortly. The important aspect is the chlorination of water irrespective of the make of chlorinator. He further suggested that either by the Water Supply Committee or other Committee should look into the matter beside the inquiry to be done by the Corporation.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said, "the Councillors are answerable to the public, but the officers do not work as per their expectation."

Sh. Arun Sood said that a complaint was received from Sh. Piara Singh in which all the allegations levelled had come in the light. After that it has also come to notice that the specification of DNIT has been diluted whether these were Eco Chlor or Superior Eco Chlor Chlorinator. The loss of record of technical eligibility is the main issue. It is strange, the something is missing from the record, therefore, something is fishy. He further stated that the contaminated water was being supplied in the city. The

impurity in the water is visual. It should be taken seriously. He gave the instance of spun pipes and asserted that the responsibility for the lapses should be fixed. If the Chlorinator is sub-standard or chlorination is not done properly, the responsibility of someone should be fixed even in future also. What will be the benefit to the deceased from the inquiry, who have died in Mauli Jagran? The compensation has still not been given to the kins of the deceased, the contaminated water is being supplied again in Mouli Jagran and he demanded the inquiry through Chandigarh Police and the action should be taken against the defaulters.

The Commissioner told "After the Vigilance Inquiry, the report is submitted to the Vigilance Department and they have the power for investigation and registration of case." As per the demand of the Councillors, inquiry has been marked to the Vigilance Officer of the Corporation.

Sh. Arun Sood asked whether any FIR had ever been lodged against the defaulters or any kind of action had been taken against them. In the meantime Sh. Surinder Bahga said that nothing had been done against the defaulters till today.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that the three different replies had been received from the department and the record was also missing, therefore, the matter should be inquired through the Chandigarh police.

Sh. Arun Sood asked about the loss of official record whether it pertains to pass parking, study tour or chlorinators. Why the responsibility of the officials is not fixed, who is the custodian of the record. Whenever any particular record is wanted, the same is not provided.

The Commissioner told that a committee consisting of Sh. Lalit Siwach, APMC-II, Sh. Surinder Pal Singh, Executive Engineer (Electrical) & Sh. Jai Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, Roads Division No.2, had been constituted, to inquire into the matter of chlorinators.

The Councillors were not satisfied with the constitution of above mentioned Committee. Then the Commissioner left the matter on the Councillors to constitute a three members Committee on their own.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the S.E. (P.H.) should narrate whole the matter what has happened wrong in this episode beyond the normal procedure.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari said, "the bureaucracy is the permanent opposition of the House and making fool to the House by appointing the members of said Committee for inquiring into the matter." She repeated again that bureaucracy was the permanent opposition of the Councillors. She further said that the attitude of the officers was very bad, if they could not work, the work should be returned to the U.T. Administration. The roads maintained by the Administration are in good condition but the roads within the sectors are maintained by the Corporation, are in deteriorated condition. The same condition is of the water supply & sewerage. The sewage water is mixed with the drinking water and due to this the people died in Mauli Jagran. She further said that the Commissioner should govern the officers firmly.

Sh. Malkiat Singh said that about nine months had elapsed, our two colleagues had brought two matters with their hard labour, but their labour seems to be fruitless. He asserted for the time bound independent inquiry in this matter because the

House does not believe in the vigilance inquiry of the Corporation and the criminal action should be initiated against the defaulters.

The Commissioner said that a Committee of the House was constituted for the independent inquiry, subsequently, it was entrusted to some officer of the Corporation and asked why the inquiry got done by the officers of Corporation will not be impartial?

All Councillors said that the inquiry conducted by the officers of Corporation would not be impartial and demanded time bound inquiry from independent agency.

Sh. Arun Sood said that all the members were convinced that there was something fishy. The report of the Committee would be as stated by Sh. Saruabh Joshi.

The officers walked out of the House under protest and there was din in the House.

Sh. Arun Sood said, " Today is the insult of the House and it has not happened for nine months ." He further told that last year, he was in the visitor's gallery and the same incident happened in the House. He further said that as per the question raised by Sh. Saurabh Joshi, if the departmental Committee was constituted, that would be biased and all the Councillors were agreed with this view. He further said that if an officer conduct inquiry against another officer within department, that would be doubtful. The House had shown the apprehension against the constitution of departmental vigilance committee. He further said that name of any officer had not been pinpointed but the officers united and left the House, is the insult of the House and against the decorum and demanded the disciplinary action against the officers under the rules. He

urged the members to raise their hands in support of his resolution and all the members raised their hands in his support. He further said that the independent inquiry should be got conducted by the CBI.

The Commissioner said that the CBI/Vigilance was not under the control of the Corporation.

It was decided to request the Chandigarh Administration to conduct an independent inquiry in the matter relating to the installation of Chlorinators.

The Commissioner said that first of all the Corporation should check whether the chlorinated water is being supplied or not irrespective of make of the chlorinator and he further told the members that they had right to ask the questions but should keep restrain on the words, which is more important. Moreover, we left the issue of the question raised by Sh. Saurabh Joshi and it went out of the track.

There was din in the House on this issue.

The House adjourned for lunch break at 2.40 p.m. and reassembled at 5.00 p.m.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting stating that the same agendas would be discussed in the next meeting.

There was din in the House.

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