

**MINUTES OF THE 189th MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
CHANDIGARH HELD ON 30.01.2013 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL
OF THE CORPORATION.**

The following were present:

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

26.	Smt. Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
27.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
28.	Sh. Mukesh Bassi	Councillor
29.	Sh. Satinder Singh	Councillor
30.	Sh. Naresh Kumar	Councillor
31.	Sh. Darshan Kumar	Councillor
32.	Smt. Heera Negi	Councillor
33.	Sh. Davesh Moudgil	Councillor
34.	Smt. Jannat Jahan Ul-Haq(Naina)	Councillor
35.	Smt. Rajinder Kaur	Councillor
36.	Sh. Gurcharan Das	Councillor
37.	Sh. Des Raj Gupta	Councillor
38.	Sh. Rajiv 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. Inderjit Gulati	XEN (Roads-I & III)
9.	Sh. Jai Pal Singh	XEN (Roads-II)
10.	Sh. Harinder Singh	XEN (P.H. Div No-I)
11.	Sh. Rajesh Bansal	XEN (P.H. Div No-II)
12.	Sh. A.K.Bansal	XEN (P.H. Div No-III)
13.	Sh. Gurpreet Singh	XEN (P.H. Div No-IV)
14.	Sh. Surinder Pal Singh	XEN (Electrical)

At the outset, the Secretary informed the House that 30th January is Martyrdom Day and requested that two minutes silence be observed.

The House observed two minutes silence.

Major D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that two minutes silence may also be observed and homage be paid to the two Indian soldiers who had been massacred and their bodies were mutilated and beheaded by the Pakistan Army on 8th January, 2013. **The House recorded its homage to the dead soldiers.**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of 187th & 188th meeting of the General House held on 17.12.2012 & 01.01.2013 at 11.00 a.m. respectively in the Assembly Hall of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

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

“The House unanimously confirmed the minutes of 187th & 188th meeting of the General House held on 17.12.2012 & 01.01.2013 at 11.00 a.m. respectively in the Assembly Hall of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh with the amendment that the name of Smt. Laxmi Devi be removed from the list of Councillors of 188th meeting.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Election of the Finance & Contract Committee for the year 2013.

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

The Secretary explained the election process and told that the election of members of Finance & Contract Committee would be based on preferential voting

as per provisions contained in Section 48 of the Municipal Corporation Regulation, 1996.

The Mayor suggested that it would be better that the election of members of Finance & Contract Committee should be held unanimously as per previous practice and further said that if any nominee wants to withdraw his/her nomination, he/she can withdraw at this time also, but no one withdrew his/her nomination.

This election was got conducted under the supervision of two officials of Panjab University, Chandigarh i.e. Sh. Sunil Kumar, Sr. Assistant & Sh. Sukhdev Sharma, Sr. Assistant.

Thereafter, the election process was started and all the Councillors including Ex-Officio-Member casted their votes one by one.

Total 36 votes were polled and all the votes were found valid.

The counting process was carried out by the two officials of Panjab University and after the completion, the following were declared as elected members of the Finance & Contract Committee for the year, 2013:-

1. **Sh. Sat Paul Bansal**
2. **Sh. Darshan Kumar**
3. **Sh. Mukesh Bassi**
4. **Sh. Davesh Moudgil**
5. **Sh. Arun Sood**

The House adjourned for tea break at 12.30 p.m. and reassembled at 12.45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**Question/Answer****Question by Surinder Bahga, Councillor, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh regarding machinery.**

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

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that there was delay in the reply of his question, which was asked three months ago. He read his question as well as reply and said that 2 JCB Machines of Road Division No.1 had been abandoned instead of repair whereas the Corporation had to hire the JCB Machines to meet out the work. He further told that there were two road rollers in Road Division No.1, but both were out of order. So far as, the information pertaining to road roller in Road Division No.3, the information has not been provided whether the said road roller is operational or not. He further said that no information regarding the machinery with the MOH & Public Health Wings has been provided. He further apprised the House that there was dedicated workshop of M.C. in Sector-26 alongwith staff, but the machinery was lying idle and asked what the staff had been doing in the workshop. He further said that the machinery was out of order and their drivers were getting the salary which amounts in lacs.

He further said that for their own convenience the road wing had started the purchases of shellmac, which is five time costlier than normal patch work. He read out the question No.11 and told that 653 employees had been working in three road divisions, out of which 400 employees had been working in the houses of the high ups. He further told that due to best efforts of Mayor, about 200 employees had been called back. He told that machinery of road Division No.2 was almost

operational due to the availability of mechanical engineer with them. He suggested that the workshop of Sector-26 should be upgraded and made operational.

The Commissioner told that as the question was relating to Road Wing, therefore, the reply had been submitted by the said wing only.

The S.E.(B&R) told that when any machinery is out of order, the same is took to the workshop in Sector-26, where the S.O.(Mech.) detects the fault and reports what part of the machinery is required to be replaced and then these are got repaired from the authorized dealer. He further told that the workshop of M.C. was very old whereas the machinery of new technique had been purchased. He further replied question No.10 that the shell mac is a good quality material being used for instant patch work in all weather conditions even in rainy season and the same is used by the engineering department of the U.T. for the same purposes, even in Punjab & Haryana and this material had been approved by the F&CC. He further gave the reply of query that only small patch work was done by shellmac, otherwise the other patches was done with the bituminous.

Sh. Surinder Bahga asked about the drivers of abandoned/defunct vehicles.

The S.E.(B&R) clarified that there was already shortage of drivers even for the operational vehicles and Beldars had been working as drivers those had driving licences.

Sh. Surinder Bahga asked about the deployment of 400 Class IV employees in the houses of high ups.

The Mayor told that there was a review meeting regarding sanitation conditions and he had called for the Presidents of Sweeper Unions for seeking their

cooperation regarding the deployment of sweepers, so that they might be present at the place of their deployment. They told that some employees had been deployed at the residences of the officers, first they should be called back, then they would cooperate. However, no number of such employees was told by them. From the scrutiny of record, it was revealed that such employees had been deployed in streets where the residences of officers were located and their checking was not possible. He further told that some malies were also deployed in the same manner. After the instructions issued by the Commissioner, the inspection was done and with the efforts, most of the employees had been called back. The checking is being carried out continuously for the deployment of such employees. He further told that about 1000 sweepers are being recruited i.e. 319 on regular basis and rest of on contractual basis and it would improve the sanitation conditions in the city.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur appreciated the efforts of the Commissioner for calling back the employees from private sector and she demanded the time bound maintenance of machinery of Corporation and Nodal Officers be appointed to meet with the maintenance requirements.

Major D.S.Sandhu (Retd.) said that two JCBs were non-functional in Road Division No.1, whereas in Road Divn.No.2, three JCBs are functional and in Road Divn.No.3, two JCBs are functional and suggested that the machinery should be transferred from one division to another division for smooth working.

Sh. Arun Sood said that deployment of M.C. employees at the residences of the officers was a prolonged problem and he wanted to know the strength of such employees and sought information that who is responsible for their deployment. He stressed that the names of the such employees, name of official

who deployed them and name of the officers should be disclosed and action should be taken against them, so that the own going practice could be stopped.

The Mayor apprised that during the review it was found that some employees were absent from duty and thereafter the Supervisors were directed to ensure their attendance at the places of their deployment. Most of the employees have come back to their places of deployment and no particular name of any employee or officer has come to him.

Sh. Arun Sood told that the list of such employees and their place of deployment had been published in the news paper "Hindustan Times". Since the inception of the Corporation, this problem is being faced and we should curtail it.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi thanked Sh. Surinder Bahga for asking the question No.11 vide which the complete details like name, number of employees with their position of work, because the attendance of employees is marked elsewhere and they are posted elsewhere. He further said that the Councillors were not aware with the facts that the employees of all road divisions where they are posted and where their attendance is marked. He wanted the information ward-wise deployment of employees. He suggested for the roster of these employees. If the roster has been prepared, the information may be provided to him.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra suggested for the recruitment of more staff and bio-metric system of attendance for the labour of contractors.

Sh. Satish Kumar told that during inspection, 50% employees of the contractor were present in his ward Sector-29 & Colony No.4. He suggested that more manpower be provided.

Sh. Arun Sood asked that what is the mechanism of checking and what kind of check is being imposed on the employees. He suggested that a team of the officers be formed for surprise checking of the workers, so that the attendance be maintained.

Major D.S.Sandhu (Retd.) suggested that a particular place should be identified in each sector for the attendance of safaikaramcharies and the space also be provided for their tools.

Smt. Jannat Jahan told that 95 safaikaramcharies were deployed in her ward, but about 18-20 were found during the inspection. When the contractor was asked about the absentees, he told that they had gone for the work of Corporation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Modification of the rates to be charged from different type of residential houses/SCF/SCO/Hotels/Booths in Sector-22 for door to door collection of house hold waste approved by the General House in the 178th meeting held on 30.3.2012.

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

“The House unanimously resolved to exempt the residential areas for collecting the charges of door to door collection of garbage in Sector-22, whereas the charges would be collected from the Commercial establishment alongwith water bills/sewerage bills.

While this item was being discussed, Sh. Pardeep Chhabra apprised the House that the sanitation condition of Sector-22 has not come upto the expectations after the pilot project. He requested that this pilot project needs to be evaluated.

The Commissioner replied that very soon, a separate meeting would be held to discuss the issue of the pilot project of Sector-22.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Guidelines for the management of the Community Centres and Janj Ghars, under the control of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh-2012.

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

Major D.S.Sandhu (Retd.) apprised the House that from the inception of Corporation, there were only four Community Centres which were transferred by the CITCO to the Corporation and there were no guidelines but with the passage of time the guidelines/bye-laws were framed for the Community Centres. He suggested that Community Centre should be there in every Sector. He further suggested that the method of new membership be made simplified as the Elected as well as Nominated Councillor should be authorized for the recommendation of membership. So far as the refund of membership fee is concerned, the same should be refunded through accounts payee cheque not in cash. He further pointed out sub para (iii) of Para No.4 regarding the membership fee for Community Centres located in villages/rehabilitated colonies and suggested that the membership fee for Community Centres in Villages and Colonies should be 50%.

Major D.S.Sandhu (Retd.) suggested the following amendments in the guidelines :-

Para 2 (e) : For membership fee of Rs. 1000/- amend to read

“the membership fee as prescribed by the M.C. from time to time”

Para 7 : The following sentence should be deleted in 9th line

“the account shall be maintain as under”

Para 10(a) : At the end of the paragraph the following should be added

“authorized as signatories”

Para 2(i) : the following should be added at the end of paragraph

“through Account Payee Cheque”.

The spelling of “Center” be read as “Centre” and spelling of “Councilor” be read as “Councillor”

Dr. Shagufta Parveen suggested that the condition of being member of the Community Centres should be removed for election as Vice Chairperson. She further pointed out regarding the membership of he Community Centres on the basis of the recommendations of the Area Councillor, she demanded that the Nominated Councillor should also be authorized for the recommendation of membership.

The Commissioner clarified that the recommendation word has been substituted with verification.

Major D.S.Sandhu (Retd.) suggested that the sub note (i) & (ii) of the Para No.5 should be placed below the duties of Supervisor/Care-taker.

Smt. Poonam Sharma said that in her ward the Community Centre is without air condition & lawn whereas the charges have been fixed as per A.C. rooms and lawns. What would be in such situation?

The Mayor & Commissioner said that this case could be considered.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta asked from which date these guidelines would come into force? He further suggested that the area Councillor should be authorized to recommend the name of atleast one member of Executive Committee.

The Commissioner told that these guidelines had come into force from the date when the F&CC approved these guidelines.

Sh. Arun Sood suggested that the Nominated Councillor should be the Vice Chairperson of any Community Centre, in case there are two Nominated Councillors in the said area and the option should be obtained in this regard, membership should not be mandatory. He further suggested that the tenure of the Executive Committee should be only one year.

The Commissioner told that the tenure of the Executive Committee should be more than one year and less than five years because the procedure takes some time for the formation of Executive Committee.

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan said that 50% concession should be allowed to the Elected as well as to the Nominated Councillors for the booking of Community Centres for their own family functions (son, daughter, unmarried brother & sister, grand son & grand daughter).

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra suggested that the strength of the members of the Community Centres for constituting the Executive Committee should be 50 instead of 100. He further suggested that such mobile towers should be removed from the roofs of the Community Centres, those are not involved in any court case.

Sh. Naresh Kumar said that there was no Community Centre in his ward i.e. Bapu Dham Colony and demanded for a Community Centre in his ward.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that all the towers those were not involved in court cases should be removed immediately.

Sh. Surinder Bahga suggested that the booking of the community centres should be decentralized, so that the public may not be harassed.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi read out Sub Para (vii) of Para No.4 and suggested that seniors word should be substituted with the Chairperson. He further read out Sub Para (viii) of Para No.4 and suggested that clearance from the booking office should be substituted with the clearance from the Chairperson. He further proposed that as our youths are involved in yoga/meditation, so the yoga camps should also be included as free of cost. He further suggested that the tenure of the executive committee should be only for one year like other committees, so that due representation could be given to the female and other categories.

Smt. Heera Negi said that as and when the parks were required to be booked for functions, the reply of the booking office was always negative, but the functions were held in the same parks.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that some times the maintenance of the Community Centres/Janj ghars is assigned to the private agency, if the said agency damages the property/equipments of the Community Centres, the Sr. Officers or Chairperson should be authorized to take immediate action against the said agency. She further suggested that same yard sticks may be adopted for all Community Centres. Sector Welfare Associations should also be allowed to organize their meetings free of cost once in a month in Community Centres.

Sh. Des Raj suggested that the booking of the Community Centres should be from the respective Community Centres.

The Commissioner said that the decentralization of booking of Community Centres would not be a healthy practice. If the booking of the Community Centre is allowed on the spot the person who wants to book community centre, he can not give his option for the other Community Centre. Therefore, the centralization of booking of Community Centre is a better option for the citizens. He further said that the Corporation would try to provide online booking of Community Centres in the city.

After discussion, the following guidelines were approved with the following amendments:-

- 1) The recommendation of Area Councillor of the ward to be substituted with the verification by the Area Councillor/Nominated Councillor of the related sector.**
- 2) The Sub Para "C" of Para No.2 has been deleted.**
- 3) In respect of Sub Para No.3 of Para No.4, the annual membership fee of Community Centres located in villages/colonies will be 50%.**
- 4) The tenure of the Executive Committee would be two years and it needs not to be co-terminus with the House.**
- 5) The bhog ceremonies in case of death would be permitted free of cost.**
- 6) 50% concession would be allowed to the Councillors for their own family functions (son, daughter, unmarried brother & sister, grandson & granddaughter).**
- 7) The Nominated Councillor need not be a member of the Community Centre to become Vice Chairman of the Community Centre. He would be the Chairperson ex-Officio in**

a Community Centre of his choice near his/her place of residence.

- 8) The number of minimum members of the Community Centre for election of Executive Committee be 50%.
- 9) The Sectors Registered Residents Welfare Associations will be allowed to hold the meetings free of cost once in a month.

It is further decided that the present guidelines shall supersede all previous guidelines/instructions in this regard and the new guidelines will come into force with effect from 1.3.2013.

The House was adjourned for lunch break at 2.40 p.m. and reassembled at 3.30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Hiring of 20 No. Tractor trolleys.

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

The Additional Commissioner-I apprised the House that recently the rent of one tractor trolley was @ Rs. 2750/- per day including all taxes, but after negotiation with the service provider/contractors, the rate of Rs.2670/- per day per trolley has been decided including POL+one driver+ minimum 5 labourer with each trolley with sanitation material. The annual expenditure will be incurred Rs. 1,94,91,000/-. He further said the service tax may be exempted from this amount and the amount of service tax would be reduced from the total amount.

Sh. M.P.Kohli told that the Committee negotiated with both the bidders and they agreed to provide each tractor trolley alongwith 5 workers @ Rs. 2670/- per

tractor per day which was less than Rs. 2750/-. He further said there was manipulation of the bidders and suggested that tenders should be invited from more than two bidders.

Sh. Malkiat Singh asked that a Committee was constituted to negotiate with the service providers/bidders but why no member of the BJP & Akali Dal was included in the said Committee? He further suggested that the Corporation should purchase its own tractor trolleys and he calculated the amount of 20 tractor trolleys equal to 2.00 crore, which is equal to the amount of hiring of 20 tractor trolleys. Moreover, after one year, these trolleys would be the property of the Corporation.

The Mayor said that this Committee was formed before his Mayor-ship and assured that this view would be kept in mind in future that member of all the parties should be included in the Committee. He further said that the cost of a tractor would be about Rs. 5.00 lac and a Driver would also be required. The salary of the driver is about Rs. 20000/- per month, in addition to this, five labourers, diesel & repair of the tractor & trolley would be more costlier.

Sh. Arun Sood suggested that simple trolleys should be purchased instead of hydraulic as simple trolleys were provided by the contractor. So far as the recruitment of drivers is concerned, they should be hired from outsourcing and these would be more cheaper. The trolleys of contractor takes 3 rounds from the city and 2 rounds from the Manimajra, whereas, we can use our own trolleys for the whole day. He seconded the proposal of Sh. Malkiat Singh.

Sh. Satish Kainth suggested that it would not be prudent to purchase open tractor trolleys for lifting of garbage, ideally garbage should be lifted in closed

vehicles and therefore, if the Corporation intends to purchase vehicles for lifting of garbage, then they should purchase some modern vehicles.

“The House unanimously resolved and approved hiring of 20 No tractor trolleys from M/s Malwa Engineering Works and M/s Capital Security Services @ Rs. 2670/- per day including POL, one Driver + minimum five labourer and sanitation material with each trolley only for four months. It was also resolved that in case the service tax is exempted, the payment would be made accordingly.

Further, the House resolved that the Sanitation Committee would frame a proposal to purchase new vehicles for lifting of garbage to replace the present tractor trolleys”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Special repair/renovation of cattle pound (Cow shed) in Indl. Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh.

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

Smt. Heera Negi told that 36 cows died in the gaushala of Maloya in the month of December-2012 and 28 cows died in the month of January,2013. She asked the reason for these deaths? She further asked about the health care of the cows and reasons not to assign these gaushals to the NGOs. She said that the matter relating to cows is attached to her sentiments. She narrated the condition of gaushala in Sector-45 and told the donors were being exploited and stressed to allot these gaushalas to the NGOs.

The Mayor told that when the news published in the newspaper regarding the death of cows in the gaushala of Maloya, he reached the spot at 8.00 a.m. and the Additional Commissioner-I & MOH were already present there. He scrutinized the record and found that some cows had died. The injured and old cows were abandoned in gaushalas. There were two reasons of the deaths i.e. natural

death & severe cold. About 500 cows have been kept in that gaushala. All the cows were kept together. The healthy & injured/old cows were not properly segregated. The healthy cows takes the food forcibly whereas the injured and ill cows remain hungry, this may be one reason of their death. First of all, he ordered to segregate the cows. The fodder was given to the cows as per norms i.e. five kg. green fodder and five kg. dry fodder. So far as the roaming of stray cattle in the city is concerned, the same should be caught and put to other gaushalas. He further said that the Corporation had written to Baba Ramdev to keep the cows in his gaushala and he agreed to take them. He told that when he was Mayor in the year, 2003, about 3500 cows were sent out of city in other gaushalas with due care and suggested to send the stray cattle in the said gaushalas as both the gaushalas of the city are already over crowded as construction of a new gaushala will take atleast one year time.

The issue of cremation of dead cows arose in the House during discussion and there was din in the House on this issue and the House was adjourned for 10 minutes at 5.05 p.m. and reassembled at 5.15 p.m.

There was again din in the House and the House was adjourned sine-die.

**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**