

**MINUTES OF THE 195th MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
CHANDIGARH HELD ON 31.7.2013 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. V.P. Singh, IAS | Commissioner |
| 3. | Smt. Kashmiri Devi | Sr. Dy. Mayor |
| 4. | Sh. Satish Kumar | Deputy Mayor |
| 5. | Sh. Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.) | Councillor |
| 6. | Dr. Amrit Tiwari | Councillor |
| 7. | Prof. Aruna Goel | Councillor |
| 8. | Sh. Anoop Sunny Gill | Councillor |
| 9. | Maj.(Retd.) D.S. Sandhu | Councillor |
| 10. | Sh. M.P. Kohli | Councillor |
| 11. | Dr. Shagufta Parveen | Councillor |
| 12. | Sh. Surinder Bahga | Councillor |
| 13. | Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal | Councillor |
| 14. | Smt. Raj Bala Malik | Councillor |
| 15. | Sh. Darshan Kumar | Councillor |
| 16. | Smt. Sheela Devi | Councillor |
| 17. | Sh. Saurabh Joshi | Councillor |
| 18. | Sh. Pardeep Chhabra | Councillor |
| 19. | Smt. Gurbax Rawat | Councillor |
| 20. | Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala | Councillor |
| 21. | Smt. Asha Kumari Jaswal | Councillor |
| 22. | Smt. Harjinder Kaur | Councillor |
| 23. | Smt. Poonam Sharma | Councillor |

24.	Sh. Arun Sood	Councillor
25.	Sh. Malkiat Singh	Councillor
26.	Sh. Harphool Chander Kalyan	Councillor
27.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
28.	Sh. Mukesh Bassi	Councillor
29.	Sh. Satinder Singh	Councillor
30.	Sh. Naresh Kumar	Councillor
31.	Smt. Heera Negi	Councillor
32.	Sh. Davesh Moudgil	Councillor
33.	Jannat Jahan Ul Haq	Councillor
34.	Smt. Rajinder Kaur	Councillor
35.	Sh. Des Raj Gupta	Councillor
36.	Sh. Rajiv Gupta, PCS	Secretary

The following Officers also attended the meeting: -

1.	Sh. Sunil Bhatia, PCS	Additional Commissioner-I
2.	Sh. S.S. Bida	Chief Engineer
3.	Sh. Mukesh Anand	S.E.(B&R)
4.	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)
9.	Sh. Jai Pal Singh	XEN (Roads-II)
10.	Sh. Arjeet Singh	XEN (Roads-III)
11.	Sh. Sham Lal	XEN (P.H. Div No-I)
12.	Sh. Rajesh Bansal	XEN (P.H. Div No-II)
13.	Sh. B.K.Dhawan	XEN (P.H. Div No-III)

14. Sh. Gurpreet Singh	XEN (P.H. Div No-IV)
15. Sh. Surinder Pal Singh	XEN (Electrical)
16. Sh. Krishan Pal Singh	XEN (Horticulture)

At the outset of the meeting, the Secretary welcomed the Mayor, Commissioner & all the Councillors.

Sh. Satish Kainth said that the House should observe two minutes silence to pay homage to the deceased mother of worthy Commissioner who had expired in the accident.

The House observed two minutes silence.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur raised the issue regarding the Punjabi language was not being given due importance. She told that in the recruitment of conductors in CTU, the candidates who had passed matriculation with Punjabi their papers are not being accepted. She stressed that most of the citizens of Chandigarh and nearby villages are Punjabi speaking. Therefore, the Punjabi language should be given the equal status like other languages and a resolution should be passed in this regard and a proposal should be sent to the Administration for taking necessary steps in this regard. She further said that the original language of villagers and slum dwellers was Punjabi therefore, the importance should be given to Punjabi.

Sh. Malkiat Singh also supported the proposal of Smt. Harjinder Kaur and said that the people of villages are Punjabi speaking and students of the said villages also studying in Punjabi medium.

The Mayor said that the matter was not related to the Corporation and such matters should not be taken in the House. He further said that if at all such matters are taken up, they should be taken during the zero hour. He further said that if any resolution is brought the House in this regard, it would be considered by the House for necessary action.

Sh. Satish Kainth, Dy. Mayor took the chair of the Mayor at 11.40 a.m. and the Mayor resumed at 11.50 a.m.

Agenda Item No.195.1

Confirmation of the minutes of 194th meeting of the General House held on 28.6.2013 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the MC, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.1 before the House for confirmation of minutes of previous meeting.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said at page No.6 (9th line), the minutes had been recorded as incomplete and original concept of the statement had not been recorded in the minutes of previous meeting. He said that the name of the Administrator, Governor & Mayor had been mentioned whereas the name of M.P. (Local) had been left/missed. He further said that the name of M.P. should also be recorded in the minutes. He further said that the original concept of the minutes should not be disturbed. He invited the attention of the House towards the minutes recorded at page No.7 in which it had been mentioned that M.P. of Chandigarh had donated Rs. 30.00 lacs in the relief fund of Uttarakhand. He said when the praise of M.P. could be done, why his name had not been mentioned alongwith the Administrator, Governor & Mayor. He further said that

the name of Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, M.P. had been mentioned at page No.9 at the bottom whereas it was decided the issue regarding a person who was not present in the meeting could not be raised.

The Mayor said that he would check the recording of the minutes, if he (Sh. Davesh Moudgil) spoke about the M.P. then that would be inserted in the minutes.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the last three lines of page No.12 of the minutes had not been stated by him, therefore, the same should be deleted.

These lines should be treated as deleted.

Sh. Satish Kainth said that at page No.15 of the minutes of previous meeting, “he had suggested that the UGR capacity should be increased and additional UGRs should be constructed”, the said statement should be treated as inserted in the minutes.

Sh. M.P.Kohli clarified the criticism of the statement of Sh. Arun Sood. He said that he had not agreed with the views of Sh. Arun Sood which he expressed against Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, M.P. Chandigarh. He further said that instead of political issues, the matters of development works should be discussed in the House.

The Mayor said that the criticism word should not be used in future any other appropriate word like ‘disagree’ should be used in such cases. He further said that the decisions were taken according to the circumstances. He further told that in 2002-03 it was decided not to discuss about a person who is not present in the House because he could not give the reply. He further said India is a democratic country and

every Councillor has right to criticize the M.P. or anyone, but with facts. He further said that an alleged person should be present so that he could clarify his position.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that he spoke atleast 15 minutes on issue of water supply and boring of new tubewells, but many things were missing in the minutes of previous meeting and he stressed that the detailed statement may be incorporated in the said minutes. He further asked whether the requirement of 40 tubewells for 3.5 mgd. water for slum houses had been included or not.

The Commissioner told that these tubewells had not been included in the proposal because they had already been using the water and detailed version of Sh. Bahga would be recorded in the minutes as under :-

“Sh. Surinder Bahga told that he had a report which was prepared by Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, in which they had studied about Belgaum, Dharwad, Gulbarga & Hubli. The salient features of this report are that their losses had been reduced from 50% to 3 %. Their water tariff had increased from 3.50 crore to Rs. 16.00 crore and electricity pumping consumption had been reduced. The expenditure on mechanism, storage & sump had been saved. The water consumption also got reduced and water pressure got raised. He further told that the Nagpur city had also followed the report and water supply started for 24x7 days and wastage of water has also been reduced. He told that according to Magasayay award winner, the water sources were available surrounding the Chandigarh, as the choe was available near the Chandigarh waste water could be re-treated. He said that he had studied another report which was prepared by Centre for Science & Environment, New Delhi, which was specially made for Chandigarh city and according to this report they have suggested that rain water should be used for harvesting. They have also suggested for treatment plant on N-Choe. He further told that 219 tubewells were installed in 60 years in Chandigarh and now we are going to install 45 more tubewells to fulfill the requirement of water in the city. The provision had already been made for 24X7 water supply in Chandigarh.”

Sh. M.P.Kohli said that in the minutes of previous meeting, it may be added that ***“the rain water enters in the houses of colonies and villages, therefore, the two pumps in each Fire station should be provided as per requirement.”***

The statement of Sh. Rajesh Gupta at page No.23 of the minutes of previous meeting may please be treated as deleted.

In the minutes of previous meeting at page No.5, the statement of Smt. Heera Negi may be read as under :-

“that two minutes silence should be observed to pay the homage to the deceased and the deceased were from all over the country not from Uttarakhand only.”

Therefore, the House confirmed the minutes of 194th meeting of the House held on 28.6.2013 at 11.00 a.m. along with aforesaid amendments.

Agenda Item No.195.2

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

1. Question by Sh. Satinder Singh, Councillor

Sh. Satinder Singh read out the reply of item No.B of question No.1 given by the office and pointed out that these Kiosks were allotted on 3.11.2005 only for one year and, according to the terms & conditions these can be extended for another one year more and all the three water kiosks were located at the prime location. The Advertisements remained on these kiosks for seven years and the matter was never brought either in the F&CC or House. The advertisement at one of the kiosk pertains to a Dhabha. He demanded the inquiry in this case because these kiosks with

advertisements had been running without permission for seven years. He further said that the reply had not been given that why the kiosks could not be installed in other wards and sectors. The letter of Finance Department had not been annexed. The House should take such matters seriously and involvement of the guilty persons should be ascertained.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that the stand posts had been installed in the markets and were misused by the miscreants or dhabha owners. He further said that , “all the water kiosks in Sector-17 are closed at present and no drinking water is available in the Sector-17.” According to the policy, six water kiosks were to be installed, but only one at PGI had been running. The concerned officers had not taken the responsibility/accountability and there is no transparency in this matter.

The Commissioner said that the kiosks had been running beyond the tenure and when the matter came into his notice, all the advertisements had been removed from the kiosks. He further said in Sector-17, the water kiosks and advertisement should be allotted through auction. He further said that the stand posts in markets were being misused. The taps are stolen from the stand posts and water runs from there continuously. He said that the concept behind these kiosks was that the contractor would provide the filtered water free of cost and would pay the electricity & water charges also and in lieu of this he was allowed for the advertisement. He further said that in future these kiosks would be allotted through auction.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that in view of the misuse of stand posts the decision of these water kiosks was taken. He said that he apprised the Commissioner

regarding these kiosks eight months prior that these kiosks belongs to Corporation, but the concerned officer gave the reply in negative. He further asked that how much revenue had been collected from these kiosks.

The Commissioner said that the requisite information in this regard would be provided shortly.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the water kiosks had been running for seven years without permission. He demanded inquiry report alongwith the revenue received from these kiosks should be placed in the next meeting of the House. He further said that a board of travel agent had been displayed in Sector-17. The board was allowed in lieu of maintaining the green area, but no one has been maintaining the green area and board also has not been removed. He has been asking since six months but no action has been taken so far. He said that accountability should be fixed. He said that some of the stand posts in the markets were being misused. He suggested that if the market association took the responsibility for maintenance of stand posts, it should be allowed. He further said that the market association of Sector-37D, had been trying to get the permission for stand post for six months but nothing had been done.

The Commissioner assured the House that the relevant documents of allotment of water kiosks would be checked. If any discrepancy is found action will be taken accordingly.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that the signboard of cellphone companies for no parking had been fixed on the front gate of houses. He suggested that the tax should be charged from the firm in lieu thereof.

The Commissioner suggested that in order to stop the wastage of water, all the stand posts should be metered. He further said that if action is taken as per

Sh. Satinder Singh's suggestion, then it would also have to be taken against the commercial establishments.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that the stand posts had been installed at Delhi Airport which are well maintained and there is no wastage of water.

The Mayor said that recently a survey was got done regarding the wastage/leakage of water. According to the record unmetered water is being used by the people, therefore, the nonrevenue water has increased upto 27%. He further told that in villages and colonies and in the surrounding of Chandigarh, service stations were being run. He further told that the dhabhas had been running near the water stand posts in every market and they had connected the illegal pipes with the stand posts. There are some such dhabhas where atleast 200 people eat daily, but water connection is not there. The stand posts are being misused by the dhabha owners. The concept behind the metered water is that the association will take the responsibility for opening and closing the tap of stand post and water should be provided through such stand posts free of cost. We have to stop the wastage of drinking water. He further said that these connections be metered.

Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala said that the leakage of water had never been stopped due to which the roads were being damaged in Manimajra.

Thereafter, the House adjourned for tea break at 12.45 p.m. and re-assembled at 1.15 p.m.

2. Question by Sh. Satish Kainth, Councillor

Sh. Satish Kainth read out the item No. d) of the reply of the question. He asked the status of Fish Market Sector 41C, Chandigarh. He further asked the status of 14 shops of Sector-17, Chandigarh

The Commissioner said that the Municipal Corporation has sought permission for auctioning the booths of fish & meat market, as and when the permission is received, the booths of Fish & Meat Market would be auctioned. So far as the status of Sub Way Shops is concerned, permission from the Administration has been sought for auction, but still awaited as the Corporation can not auction any property without the permission of Administration. The concept behind the ban on the sale of property was that in order to recoup the deficit budget or fulfill the other requirements, the property would not be sold.

Sh. Arun Sood asked what policy had been framed regarding the shops of Sub Way in Sector-17, Chandigarh.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi suggested that these shops should be used as Prantha Wali Gali and this market would run smoothly, but the rent would have to be reduced.

Smt. Poonam Sharma said that the condition of Dairy Complex Maloya was very bad. She had submitted a file in the M.C. after the approval of development department. The lease should be charged from the dairy owners, so that we can provide services to them. She further said there was a stadium in Maloya and prior to the merger of said village in Corporation, the BSNL office was opened in the said

complex. The said office should be got vacated so that the stadium can be maintained well.

3. Question by Sh. Satinder Singh, Councillor

Sh. Satinder Singh said that when they go to their wards, the people raised the problem of stray dogs. He read out the figure of dogs given in the reply and said that according to the figures, 260 stray dogs were in each ward. He further said that the figures of dog bites had not been provided year-wise. However, if these figures are believed, 15 cases of dog bite happened daily in Chandigarh. He asked about the concept of dog pound and what was its status. He was not satisfied with the reply of the office given at page No.14. He stressed again and again for the construction of dog pound because the problem of stray dogs had taken a serious turn. He read out the order of Hon'ble High Court rendered on 31.10.2012 in the case of "Kuljit Singh Bedi Vs. State of Punjab" vide which two months period was allowed for framing the policy in this regard. He further read out the operative part of judgement rendered in Kuljit Singh Bedi's case vide which comprehensive scheme was to be framed by the respondent and be enforced and executed within two months, but nothing has been done so far, which amounts as contempt of court.

The Commissioner said that the direction had been issued by Hon'ble High Court to the U.T. Administration. The administration had taken the help of our concerned officers for framing the policy on the basis of ABC rules and the guidelines had been filed by the Administration in the court. He further told that the office was trying its best for the construction of dog pound, but the concept of dog pound is to bring

the injured and ill dogs and after recovery they will be put at the same place from where they were lifted.

Sh. Satinder Singh read out the judgement and told that it was not compulsory that the dogs could not be killed. According to the judgement that the population of the dogs is to be reduced. He further said that dog menace was with the Municipal Corporation, therefore, the policy should be framed in this regard and be brought in the House for approval, otherwise it would be considered as disobedience of the order of Hon'ble High Court, which amounts as contempt of court.

Major D.S.Sandhu said that the dog menace was a very old issue and it arose when our Councillor was bitten and after that this issue was being discussed in the House regularly. The situation has deteriorated. According to figures of census, the population of dogs has increased. Recently, the cases of dog bite have increased upto 22 per day. These are official figures. The NGOs and guidelines are not only to check the population of dogs, but to save the diseased or injured dog. It was decided in the House that the collar should be put on the sterilized dog, but no dog had been seen with collar of sterilization. No sterilization is being done. He said that NGOs were only for getting the grant from the Government.

Sh. Arun Sood said that it was decided that ward wise schedule would be circulated for sterilization of dogs, but no Councillor was informed in this regard.

Other Councillors also seconded to Sh. Arun Sood.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that he brought a model of dog pound from Vancouver after studying himself. They had dedicated cell who look after all the

animals and they have trainers and doctors also. He further said that the dogs were caught and trained by the trainers and further sold in the market, which generates money for running the pound.

The Commissioner said that different countries have different laws. The PCA Act and the ABC rules have been framed by the Central Government, which are binding on us.

Sh. Arun Sood said that we should write to the animal welfare board for seeking the special permission for killing the stray dogs like the permission obtained by the Punjab Government in the case of 'Barasingha'. He further said that the figures were not reliable because the strength of the dogs was more than these figures. He further suggested for four zones for anti rabies vaccination in the four dispensaries of the city.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that it would amount as contempt of court if the Corporation would not follow the guidelines/directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court in respect of stray dogs. According to the said judgement, those dogs can be killed who are violent, diseased or rabid. This judgement should be studied thoroughly. Further he read out the whole of the judgement before the House. He further said that the compliance of the "Kuljit Singh Bedi's Judgement" should be made and the report should be brought in the next meeting of the House.

The Commissioner said that all the judgements had been superseded by the PCA Act and we had to take action according to the prevailing law/rules. He

further said that after the judgement of Bombay High Court, the act was passed by the Lok Sabha.

4. Question by Sh. Surinder Bahga, Councillor

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that his question was pertaining to the Act regarding persons with disabilities, equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation Act, 1996, this act had been implemented in India w.e.f. 1st January, 1996 and according to this act says Municipal Corporation and Municipal Authorities should ensure that all the provisions in this act are implemented. These guidelines have been issued by Urban Development Authority of India. He further said that he sought an information through RTI regarding this act, but the office asked him that the office was not aware about this act and a copy of the same should be provided. This act is not only for the disabled even it includes the Sr. Citizens also. It proves that how much our Corporation is insensitive towards citizens. He further said that the no officer had owned the responsibility for making the provisions. He studied the condition of 26 parks and out of which 18 parks had nothing in this regard and only 8 parks had partial provisions. He further said that the M.C. was not aware about the bus stops whether these relate to M.C. or not. He further said that there are four categories of disabled. He further said no officer of the Corporation is aware how to construct the slope for the disabled. He suggested that this act should be implemented in letter & spirit.

The Mayor assured that a survey would be got conducted.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that there were many problems in Dadu Majra Colony & Village. There is no big park in his ward, there is no provision of water and lights in the small parks and it have not been maintained properly. There is problem of contaminated water and low pressure of drinking water. He further told that Dadu Majra colony was rehabilitated 35 years ago and there were single storey houses, which had been constructed upto three storey. The sewerage & water pipelines were laid down from the backyard, which had been covered as the construction had been done on them. The sewerage and water pipelines are in deteriorated condition. The site was visited by the Commissioner and it was assured that the appropriate action would be taken, but no action has been taken so far by the S.E. (P.H.). This problem has taken a serious turn and solution of this problem should be found out immediately. He suggested that the water pipelines & sewerage lines should be laid down in the front side of the houses and this will solve all the problems and residents are ready to take the connection from the front side and he should also be consulted while the policy is framed.

The S.E.(P.H.) told that the water and sewerage pipelines were laid in the backyard which had been covered and front side of the houses also had been encroached. Only the roads are left. He further said that the people were not ready to take the connection of water and sewerage from the front side.

Sh. Satish Kainth said that in addition to the reply of one question, the reply of two questions was also still pending. He further said that reply of his letters sought from the officers had not been received so far. He raised the issue of extension of maintenance toilet blocks for which the tenders were to be floated. The tenders of all

the toilet blocks of the city has expired and no new tender has been invited. The amount is being received from advertisement agencies, but reply of his question has not been given so far. He further said that the officers have extended the term of toilet blocks under non-plan. The terms & conditions of toilet blocks which are to be tendered now are not proper. The toilets were allotted on BOT basis but now the situation is different. He suggested that the office should tender for the advertisement & maintenance/operation separately. The revenue that would come to the Corporation in this way would increase and in the end, he stressed for the reply of his pending questions.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that the toilets in markets are in very shabby condition and these should be renovated.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta said there was only one room in Harijan Dharamshala in Manimajra, which was also in deteriorated condition and rent of the said room was charged Rs. 2700/- per day. He suggested that the rent of the said room should be Rs.200/- per day only. He further said that a piece of land near the police station on Ropar road had been earmarked for Community Centre and that should not be used for the play ground and he demanded for the stand post of water in Indira Colony, Manimajra. He said that he should be permitted for providing water coolers in schools and dispensaries out of the Ward Development Fund. He demand the toe wall of the park of the Indira Colony.

Smt. Heera Negi said that the permission be granted for all type of religious functions in the Community Centres. She further demanded that if the

community centre is not possible at least the Sampark centre should be provided in her ward.

Sh. Darshan Garg said that he was not satisfied with the working of engineering wing as the Councillors had to follow the files pertaining to the estimates and officers do not take the responsibility to get done the work immediately and smoothly. He further said the cluster of stray cattle had been roaming in the city whereas we had been catching the one or two cows daily. These stray cattle should be caught in the night. The parks of his area are being destroyed by the stray cattle. He further said, "the stalls of chicken and fish are put up in his ward whereas Mandir and Gurudwaras are also there." He demanded that these stalls should be shifted from there. He further said that he asked the reply of the question regarding road gullies where only 70 persons were found present instead of 102, had not been received so far

Sh. Naresh Kumar said that he had requested so many times regarding the community centre in his ward, 75% of which has been occupied by the police department only 25 % is with the Corporation. He demanded that the 75% of the area of the community centre should be got vacated. He further said that the estimate of toe wall of park was laying unattended, that should also be got passed.

Sh. Malkiat Singh said that under Section 64 of the Municipal Act, the reply of the question should be given within 7 days. A question was asked by him in the month of March, 2013 and two questions were asked in July, 2013. He asked when the reply of these questions would be given. He demanded that arrangement of Patwari should be made even from the retired Patwaris. He further submitted the grievances

against the SDO Sh. Dadwal. He further told that 600 ft. railing had been stolen from the area of LIG Housing Board houses in Sector-41, but the permission of re-fixing the railing had not been given so far. He further said that in the green belt of Sector-42, lights have been installed but the tender is pending for leveling the area. There is problem of low water pressure in his area. The road are being damaged due to leakage and accumulation of water, therefore, the road gullies are required immediately. He further said that inspite of new carpeting, there was leakage in Sector-42 and the road had started to break.

Smt. Jannat Jahan Ul Haq said that sabji mandi is organized near Masjid but the said area is not cleaned on the next day and foul smell remains there. On the other side there is a green belt in Hallomajra which is also not cleaned by any authority. She also wants that the religious functions should be organized in the community centres.

The House adjourned for lunch break at 2.30 p.m. and reassembled at 3.00 p.m.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that an agenda was passed on 28.4.2012 regarding internal developed of group housing societies should be taken by the Corporation, that resolution was passed unanimously and he had asked for the copy of said resolution, but the same had not been provided to him. He demanded that the issue should be raised in the meeting of Co-ordination Committee and the matter be pursued with the Administration. He suggested that metered water should be supplied to the booth owners and shopkeepers to avoid the wastage of water.

The Mayor said that there was no provision in the booths for water supply connection, therefore, the permission would had to be taken from the Estate Office, U.T. Chandigarh.

Major D.S. Sandhu said that the railing of neighbourhood parks of Sector 35-A & D had been stolen and request was made to reinstall the railing there, but no action has been taken so far.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi requested that the provision of septic tank should be made in his sector.

The Mayor said that the grievances of all the Councillors would be forwarded to the concerned officers for the appropriate solution and reply.

The Commissioner replied the question of Sh. Satish Kainth. He told that the Corporation had 35+45 toilet blocks which were allotted in the year, 2007 for the period of five years. The term of tender has expired but due to time consuming process of tendering the tenure was extended for three or four months. The tenders have been floated but the rates are quite high. He is of the view that the tenders should be floated again. In the meanwhile, the existing contract should be extended by six months. In this period the whole issue can be analyzed and tenders should be floated again. During the process, it can also be decided whether advertisements should be decoupled from maintenance and also the size of packages can be decided. We can also offer the Traders' Associations to take up the maintenance and upkeep. He further said that the office was of the view that the tenure should be extended for six months on

the same rates and during this period all the modalities should be worked out and after that the tender would be floated.

Sh. Satish Kainth said that how the extension was granted under the Non-plan head before the finalization of tender.

The Commissioner said that the reply of this query would be given separately.

No more items could be discussed due to shortage of time.

The meeting was adjourned sine die at 3.30 p.m.

**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**