

MINUTES OF THE 219th MEETING OF GENERAL HOUSE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH HELD ON 18.05.2015 AT 10.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE CORPORATION.

The following were present:

Sarv/Sh./Smt:-

1.	Poonam Sharma	Mayor
2.	V.P. Singh, IAS	Commissioner
3.	Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Sr. Deputy Mayor
4.	Gurbax Rawat	Deputy Mayor
5.	Anoop Sunny Gill	Councillor
6.	Prof. Aruna Goel	Councillor
7.	Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.)	Councillor
8.	Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.)	Councillor
9.	M.P. Kohli	Councillor
10.	Sat Paul Bansal	Councillor
11.	Surinder Bahga	Councillor
12.	Saurabh Joshi	Councillor
13.	Pardeep Chhabra	Councillor
14.	Asha Kumari Jaswal	Councillor
15.	Raj Bala Malik	Councillor
16.	Heera Negi	Councillor
17.	Arun Sood	Councillor
18.	Davesh Moudgil	Councillor
19.	Hardeep Singh	Councillor
20.	Darshan Kumar	Councillor
21.	Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
22.	Harphool Chander Kalyan	Councillor
23.	Mukesh Bassi	Councillor
24.	Satinder Singh	Councillor
25.	Naresh Kumar	Councillor
26.	Satish Kumar	Councillor

27.	Subhash Chawla	Councillor
28.	Jannat Jahan Ul Haq	Councillor
29.	Rajinder Kaur	Councillor
30.	Des Raj Gupta	Councillor
31.	Rajiv Gupta, PCS	Secretary

The following Officers also attended the meeting: -

Sarv/Sh./Smt.:-

1.	Sunil Bhatia, PCS	Additional Commissioner-I
2.	Dr. Sarita Malik, HCS	Additional Commissioner-II
3.	Mukesh Anand	Chief Engineer
4.	N.P. Sharma	S.E. (B&R)
5.	P.S.Bhatti	M.O.H.
6.	Dr. M.S. Kamboj	Supdt. Slaughter House
7.	Jai Pal Singh	XEN (Roads-II)
8.	Arjeet Singh	XEN (Roads-III)
9.	Sham Lal	XEN (P.H. Div No-I)
10.	B.K. Dhawan	XEN (P.H. Div No-III)
11.	Krishan Pal Singh	XEN (Horticulture)

At the outset, the Mayor welcomed the officers, members & media persons present in the House.

Sh. Arun Sood said that in the meeting of House held in April, he asked whether there would be shortage of water in future in the city after releasing 9 MGD water to Panchkula or not ? He further asked how many tube-wells had been installed and what was the status of these tube-wells? He further apprised that there was acute shortage of water in his ward Sector-37, 38, 38 (West) since few days. He further said that even on the ground floor, the supply of water was hardly for half an hour. Single drop of water does not reach upto first & second floor of the houses in these sectors. He

further said he was assured that after the installation of tube-wells, there would be no shortage of water. He further said that he had come to know from the officers & officials of water supply wing that the pressure of water was low from the procurement. He further said that there should be provision of reservoir, so that the water could be stored at least for two days for the proper supply of water. He further asked the status regarding the 40 MGD water, which would be provided by the States of Punjab & Haryana. He further said that he had come to know that a letter had been written to the M.P. for providing funds of Rs.5.00 crore from M.P.LAD for laying the water pipelines for 40 MGD water. He said that there was no shortage of funds with the Corporation for the pipeline, we should not wait for the funds from the M.P.LAD. He suggested that the matter for the procurement of 40 MGD water should be expedited. He further suggested that the full pressure water supply at least for an hour should be done instead of 3-4 hours, so that the water could reach upto 1st & 2nd floor. He further suggested that the leakage of water should be checked & stopped. He further said that there should be survey of all the water pipelines to ensure the smooth flow of water. The House should debate on this issue in detail and immediate relief should be given to the residents of the city from the shortage of water.

Smt. Heera Negi supported the views of Sh. Arun Sood. She further apprised that when the electricity is switched off, then the boosters become non-functional and the water supply is also stopped. She demanded that the facility of generators should be provided. She further said that four storey houses had been constructed in Sector-46, but the water supply was not even upto the 1st floor. She demanded the proper arrangement of water.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that water works & distribution of water was the same wing, but when inquired regarding the supply of water, one officer shifted the responsibility to the other. He suggested that single person should be held responsible.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.1

Confirmation of the minutes of 218th meeting of the General House held on 29.04.2015 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the M.C., Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.1 for confirmation of minutes of 218th meeting of the General House.

The CMC invited the attention of the House towards the page No.24 of the minutes of the 218th meeting held on 29.4.2015. He further said that one thing had been left in the resolution of Table Agenda Item No.218.19. He suggested that the Commissioner should be authorized to incur the expenditure and to take administrative decision in this regard and the resolution be read as under:-

“The House considered & approved in principle the starting of tests of sugar, urine culture, thyroid, lipid profile etc. in the dispensaries.

Further, the Commissioner was authorized to incur the expenditure and to take administrative decision in this regard.”

Sh. Arun Sood said that at page No.6 of the minutes of the 218th meeting, **he thanked the Prime Minister of India, Central Government, M.P. Chandigarh and States of Punjab & Haryana and the Administration of Chandigarh for 40 MGD water and the same should be inserted in his statement.**

He further invited the attention of the House towards the resolution of Agenda Item No.218.3 regarding Mahilla Bhawan. He stressed that the agenda should be passed in toto as proposed by the Engineering Wing including air conditioning.

The CMC said that in case the agenda is passed, three member Committee should be constituted by the Mayor to finalize the terms & conditions of air conditioning and the resolution be read as under :-

“The House considered & resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.139.78 lacs for furnishing and equipping of Auditorium Portion of Mahila Bhawan, Sector 38, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.

Further it was also approved that a three members committee be constituted by the Mayor to finalize the terms & conditions of air conditioning”

Sh. Arun Sood invited the attention towards page No.20 of the minutes of Agenda Item No.218.11 at the bottom and suggested that the “**muscles**” should be read instead of vein, “**under the skin**” should be read instead of muscles and “**Rs.45/-**” be read instead of Rs. 195/- per doze and at the bottom the Corporation can save “**money**”. He further said that the resolution should also be corrected as under:-

“The House considered & approved the procurement for three months anti rabies vaccine i.e. Rabipur @ Rs. 198/- + taxes extra from M/s Chiron Behring Vaccine Pvt. Ltd. through their authorized distributor.

Further it was also resolved that the Committee would review that if the intra dermal injection is medically adviseable, then it should be purchased.”

“The House confirmed the minutes of 218th meeting of the General House held on 29.04.2015 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the M.C., Chandigarh, with the above mentioned amendments.”

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that in the year 2006 automated water setup was installed through SCADA with the funding of Govt. of India and we were going to impose the tax on the residents, but it had not been inaugurated so far. She further said that last year an agenda for water auditing was brought in the House for the purpose that all the issues those are being discussed today should be streamlined. She stressed for the water auditing, so that the leakage could be stopped and water could be saved and system could be upgraded. She further said that the fault could not be detected easily

by the water supply wing of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh due to the lack of underground mapping.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that the water supply system was a very important issue. He further asked whether the quantity of water could be increased or not? He further said that we should take up the matter with the Administration to make the payment to the Punjab, so that the matter could be expedited. He further suggested for the rain water harvesting and conservation of natural resources. He further said that the T.T. water supply had been started in green belts, but no T.T. water had been provided in one kanal or more than one kanal houses, instead of incentives. He further said that due to the foul smell, the residents of big houses had not accepted the T.T. water. He insisted that the quality of T.T. water should be improved. He further suggested that the act should be amended and it should be ensured that no potable water would be supplied in the one kanal or more than one kanal houses, if they do not use the T.T. water.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that there was no doubt that the T.T. water was with foul smell, its quality had not been maintained. He further said that the condition of parks was very bad because no T.T. water was being supplied there. However, the T.T. water is supplied, the residents could not walk in the parks on that day due to foul smell. He further suggested that the quality of T.T. water should be improved before the supply of T.T. water in big houses.

Smt. Gurbax Rawat read the message which was received on whatsapp from ex-Councillor. She said that there was acute shortage of water in Sector 40, Chandigarh. She further said that the site was identified for the water reservoir in Sector-40 and the case was referred to the Home Secretary, but the work had not been started on that project so far. She further said that the proper water supply was not even on the ground floor. She stressed for the solution of this problem.

Sh. Darshan Garg said that the condition of water supply in villages and colonies was more critical. He further said that the motor had not been repaired for three days for water supply in his ward. He further said that the contractor should be advised to ensure the proper water supply through other sources in case of faulty motor and the motor should be got repaired immediately.

Smt. Raj Bala Malik said that the condition of road leading to Sector 11, 12 was very poor. She further said that there was no proper water supply in her ward in one kanal houses.

The Commissioner said that half of the road was being repaired and rest of the road would be constructed after the shifting of sewerage water pipeline. He further said that he was against the stand-post of water as no stand-post was available in any advance city.

Sh. Surinder Bahga supported the views of Smt. Harjinder Kaur regarding water auditing. He further said that the then S.E. told that it had never been done. He further said that in the report of Finance Commission lapses of Municipal Corporation had been highlighted. The Finance Commission has stated that the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh is not ready to accept new ideas, new technology and new concept. He further said that 25% water of the Municipal Corporation was being wasted due to leakage or other reasons and according to the international standard 15% wastage of water was admissible. He further said that if the 10% wastage of leakage is saved then the water problem would be solved in the city. He further said that no meter had been installed on the water pipeline of SCADA leading to the Mohali. He further said that the UGRs had been constructed in the city, but the shortage of water had not been solved. He further asked, in which sectors the reservoir had been constructed and the water problem was being faced even then. He further said that it was decided that the shallow water or T.T. water should be used for the construction work, but the portable

water was being used in construction work even in Municipal Corporation projects. He further said that 38 new tube-wells had been installed out of 40 sanctioned tube-wells, but the problem of water is more acute. He further said that Rs.15.00 crore had been incurred on T.T. water supply, but the same had not been used anywhere. He said that we should take the issue of water supply seriously.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that the wastage of water was more in the parks, the water flows continuously in the parks even on the jogging tracks. He suggested for the drip system.

Sh. Subhash Chawla admitted that the residents of the city had been facing the shortage of water. He further said that we should take immediate steps to tackle the problem. He further said that the news regarding the supply of 40 MGD water spread in the city and the residents presumed that the water would be available immediately. He further said that 20 MGD water pipeline was laid down in the beginning and that took one and half year. He further said that the water supply in two pipelines for 40 MGD water would be completed within the period of 2-3 years. He further said that the funds were provided by the Government of India under JNNURM with some conditions for the water supply and the House would not be agreed with those conditions. He further said that the supply of 40 MGD water was only a decision, it would have been better if this decision was taken two years ago. He suggested for hiring the water tanker for proper supply in the affected areas. He further highlighted the imbalance supply of water. He further highlighted the reasons for shortage of water i.e. increases in population, P.G. students in the city. He further said that the motors had been installed on the main water pipelines for filling the over head tanks for the use of P.Gs. So far as the case of Israel is concerned, one drop of water is considered as God Gift for them. He further said the water meters had been fixed in the backyard of some houses and they had installed motors on the main water pipelines and the staff of M.C. restricted to check the meters.

He suggested for the drive to remove the motors from the main water pipelines. He further said that a resolution was passed by the House for hand-pumps in the private houses in southern sectors, but no one had installed the same. He suggested that the people should be motivated for the use of hand pumps water for washing and bathing and bye-laws should be framed in this regard. He suggested that the supply of water should be made through tankers in the affected areas and the motors should be removed immediately from the main water pipelines.

The Mayor said that the water pipelines should be laid down immediately in Deep Complex, Hallomajra because the residents of said area had to wait for the tankers for taking water. She stressed for the starting of work for water pipelines in Deep Complex before the next meeting of the House. She further said that it was the responsibility of the Corporation to provide water to every door step.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that Sh. Subhash Chawla explained the character of the citizen of Israel. He further said that there were some different conditions between India and Israel, because due to the shortage of water that had become an international importance, but Chandigarh is the capital of Punjab whose name had been designated on the basis of rivers. He further said that we should amend the water bye-laws to save the flow of portable water in the urinal. He further said that 35 Councillors had been representing 12.00 lac people and they are answerable to 12.00 lac people for their problems. He further said that it is the responsibility of the Corporation to provide portable water to the students and old persons in the parks. He further insisted for the proper mapping of the water pipelines in the city. He gave the example of jogging parks which was dug by the Administration due to non-proper mapping of the underground water pipelines. He further told that the water was being misused from Sector 1 to Sector 11. He insisted that the penalty should be imposed for the misuse of water.

The Commissioner apprised the House that 40 MGD water project had been approved by the H.E. Administrator. He further said that the NOC is yet to be obtained from the Haryana. Though Hon'ble Chief Minister Haryana has given his verbal commitment in the Northern Zonal Council Meeting held recently. He informed that a water pipeline of 80 mgd. capacity had been laid by GMADA from Kajauli to Village Jandpur except for two portions where this line crosses the National Highway and the Railway line. The Chandigarh Administration would have to lay approximately 6 k.m. water pipeline from Jandpur Village to Water Works, Sector-39. The Administration/Corporation would have to pay 50% of total project cost and 50% of the recurring cost by GMADA. The indicative project cost is about Rs. 198.00 crore. If the NOC is obtained quickly, the work could be finished within about 9 month's time. However, the exact time line and the estimates can be given only after these technically prepared. He further informed that the Chandigarh was so far using 6 mgd. water out the share of Panchkula, which has now been released. To overcome this shortfall, additional tubewells have been installed, but the availability of water is almost the same as that of last year. He further said that the water supply can not remain the same in summer and winter because in summer, the water consumption goes up. He said that in summer, the priority has been kept higher for weaker section colonies and villagers and it shall be the endeavour of the Corporation to ensure that these areas do not suffer for lack of water. However, the societies in Southern sectors would also have better water supply than last summers. He further said that a representation was being prepared on the whole scenario of water supply in Chandigarh and soon the Mayor would be requested to convene a separate meeting where this issue can be discussed in detail.

He further said that the quality of T.T. water can not be compared with the potable water. The engineers of the Corporation will check the complaints of foul smell in T.T. water. He further told that the Leisure Valley and the Golf Club are the major

users of T.T. water, but so far no complaint has been received from there. He further said that in Chandigarh, the water supply is 252 Ltr. per capita, which is based on the actual consumption i.e. the billed amount of water for different consumers. He further told that the Corporation recovers about Rs. 65 crore from water billing, whereas the expenditure is an excess of Rs. 220 crore. This means that a huge amount of excess water subsidy is being given for water supply and tariff structure, therefore, this subsidy is not being targeted properly. The rich people who are consuming more water are getting more subsidy than the poor persons in the city. Further, the funds spent on maintenance & water supply are also insufficient because of above reasons. He further said that keeping in view with this object, the proposal for revision of water tariff was brought before the House, which was not accepted. He requested the House that it should be re-considered and with this, a significant improvement would be visible in the next summer season. We can not compare our system with the system that we saw in Israel because the water tariff and the amount spent on maintenance is very high compared to our standards. However, if we adopt the telescopic water system as was proposed earlier we can move in the same direction. Regarding water auditing, he said that for this purpose, the whole system is to be divided into small units called water districts. The consumers have to be installed meters for inlet and outlet in every unit. The readings of these meters will give us an idea about the leakage/unattended water etc. in every district. This system is very well known in technical circles as district meter system. This can be implemented in our city also, but it will involve huge cost. Similarly, hydraulic modelling of the system can also be done, which will facilitate better monitoring of the water supply system. He requested that these issues should be discussed in detail in a separate meeting, where the engineering wing can also give a detailed representation on the overall scenario of city water supply. Regarding Deep Complex, he apprised the House that the preparation are at an advanced stage and soon the

residents will be asked to apply alongwith their share of capital cost as already approved by the House.

The CMC left the meeting and the APMC-I took the Chair.

Sh. Subhash Chawla apprised the House that the water supply was affected due to the misuse of water at the stand posts in the markets. He further highlighted that there were 4-5 dhabas in every market, but they had no water & sewerage connection, they consume un-metered water from the stand posts or other means. He suggested that the timings of the water supply should be changed in such areas.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil asked about the pending recovering of water. He further said that during the construction of any building, the road berms, paver blocks and parks are destroyed, there is no check on misuse of water also.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi opposed the proposal of liquor to be served in the community centres.

The House adjourned for tea break at 12.00 noon and reassembled at 12.40 pm.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the problem of water shortage was being faced every year, but this year this problem had become more vigorous. He suggested that water supply should be with a full pressure for at least one hour. He further said that the T.T. water having foul smell was being supplied in the parks and that was due to dispute with the contractor of diggian, it should be resolved. He suggested that shallow tube-wells water instead of T.T. water should be used. He further said that the proposal for construction of UGR in his ward was sent to the Administration, which had been turned

down by the Finance Secretary. He suggested that a comprehensive survey for UGR should be done.

The Chief Engineer told that the UGR in the city would not be beneficial in the city, he preferred the pressure gauge. He further said that the quantity of water was same, but the demand was more in summer season. He further said that the quality of T.T. water would be improved with the new technique.

Smt. Heera Negi suggested that the sign boards with warning that water is not fit for human consumption, should be installed on the particular green parks where T.T. water is being supplied, because some time school children use this water.

Sh. Satish Kainth suggested that the surprise checking should be done for the sampling of T.T. water at STP.

Sh. Darshan Garg said that he was assured that the supply of water in Sector-56 would be done with the connectivity of line of Sector-52, but the same had not been done so far.

The Chief Engineer said that the said water pipeline was to be connected by the Administration and the Corporation had been persuading the matter.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur suggested that the Water Supply & Sewerage Disposal Committee should be empowered with some more financial powers.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that the Corporation had been following the CPWD manual. He further said that all the Councillors had become handicapped as this manual was not followed meticulously. He further said that due to the lack of faith, the deficiency had come in our working. He further said that the estimates had been passed since eight months ago, but the tenders had not been floated so far. He apprised the House with the powers vested in XEN, S.E. & Chief Engineer according to the CPWD manual

and insisted that the works should be done by the authorities according to the power assigned them by the CPWD manual. The matter should be taken seriously and it should be implemented in letter & spirit.

The Chief Engineer said that all the powers had been allocated & notified by the Finance Department. He further said that earlier Punjab PWD manual was being followed. Now the CPWD manual is being followed as the same is followed by the U.T. Chandigarh. He further apprised the House with the powers vested in XEN, S.E. & Chief Engineer according to the notification issued by the Administration.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that the CPWD manual should be implemented in letter & spirit and there should be no interference of the Administration. The CPWD manual was implemented in Chandigarh on pick & choose basis. He further said that if revision was required, we should recommend the case to the Administration.

Sh. Hardeep Singh said that dung amounting to Rs.12.00 lac had been collected from Dhanas, what compensation would be given in lieu of this. The pits for putting the dung were to be allotted to the dairy owners, but the same had not been allotted so far. He demanded to allot the land to the dairy owners for putting the dung. The encroachment had been removed on the basis of pick & choose policy. Moreover, the encroachment drive was launched without any notice. He further said that a permanent solution should be found out in this regard.

The ACMC-I replied that the land had already been identified for putting the dung. He further said that the land for the pits was to be allotted by the Estate Office. The action had been taken according to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court.

Sh. Darshan Garg suggested that a time bound policy for every work should be framed, so that the Councillors would not visit the officers again and again.

The Commissioner said that the time bound policy could be framed for the estimates, but some estimates would be returned with the objections which would not be liked by the Councillors. The estimates would be prepared by the engineering wing with the consultation of Councillors on priority basis. He further said that the 2nd issue was pertaining to the CPWD manual. He told that the CPWD manual had not been adopted by the U.T. Administration, if the CPWD manual is adopted by the Administration, the Corporation would adopt the same.

Sh. Des Raj said that there was a reserved land in Manimajra and he requested to convert the said land into park. He further said that the trucks and other vehicles were parked in Motor Market, Manimajra, he suggested that a paid parking should be developed there, which would increase the funds of Corporation. The agenda in this regard had not been brought in the House as per his request. He apprised that the condemned vehicles had been parked in Motor Market and abandoned since years. If the paid parking is developed there, there would be no abandoned or condemned vehicles in the motor market. He suggested for the issuance of token to the mechanics. He said that our works were pending with the Chief Architect since years and no reply had been received so far.

The Commissioner said that Street Vendor Act would be finalized by the Govt. of India shortly, then the problem of mechanics would also be considered as this act would come enforce within next three months.

The House adjourned for lunch break at 2.00 p.m. and reassembled at 2.40 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.2**QUESTION/ANSWER**

- Question No.1 By Sh. Satinder Singh, Councillor, M.C.C. regarding built up shops/booth/showrooms etc. of the Corporation lying vacant with the Municipal limit.
- Question No.2 By Sh. Satish Kumar Kainth, Councillor, M.C.C. regarding commercial property belonging to M.C.C.

This agenda item was deferred for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.3

To frame policy for disposal of 112 built up booths and 02 Halls in Vikas Nagar, Mauli Jagran, U.T., Chandigarh.

The Secretary put up agenda item No.3 for consideration and approval.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that at present M.P. & Mayor of the city are women and he suggested that this market should be established as Mahilla Market. he further said that the mode of allotment of the booths of this market should be adopted with the consultation of local area Councillor, but this market should be established as Mahilla Market. He further said that the rates may be decided at the commercial rates, but the booths should be allotted to the women.

Sh. Arun Sood asked the Commissioner upto what extent the reservation can be given to the women for the allotment of these booths in this market.

The Commissioner told that there were very clear instructions of the Government of India that any commercial property could be disposed of by way of auction and on market price basis. He further said that the proposed reserve price of the booths could be reviewed. He further said that the matter would be referred to the Administration for approval, if the Corporation goes beyond the rules. He further said that as per existing policy, reservation cannot be given to the women in this market. It should be auctioned on market rate.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur thanked the Mayor for bringing this agenda in the House. She further said that in view of the colonies, the price of the booths of this market had been fixed on higher side and demanded that these rates should be reduced. She further demanded that 50% booths of this market should be allotted to the local residents (Mauli Jagran) of the Colony as the outsiders had already failed. She suggested that there should be no wine shops in the market, however, one booth for police post, one booth for bank & Sampark Centre should be reserved. She further said that all the booths of this market should be allotted to women only and this market should be named as "Savitri Bai Phulley Market". She further apprised the House what and how Smt. Savitri Bai Phulley did for the welfare of the down trodden.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that if the 100% booths are allotted to the women, the purpose of this market would be defeated. He further said that the booths should be allotted to the needy women. He further said that the rate of these booths should be reduced from Rs.18.00 lac to Rs.15.00 and from Rs.15.00 lac to Rs.12.00 lac.

The Commissioner said that the proposed rate of the booths should be reviewed according to the rates of adjacent market. He further said that if the booths are to be disposed through open auction, the reserve price should be kept realistic. Reservation is provided in the residential properties just like rehabilitation colonies etc. but it is not possible in commercial property. He suggested that if the House feels otherwise, a committee of 3-4 members should be constituted by the Mayor to review this agenda and frame a concrete policy for this market.

The Mayor suggested that 50% booths should be rented out to the women. She further suggested that a committee would be constituted to assess all the possibilities for allotment of booths to the women.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the biggest Mahila Market had been established in Manipur, therefore, this market should also be established on the same pattern.

The Mayor suggested that the Chairperson of the Mahila Empowerment Committee along with other Mahila Councillor should visit the Mahila Market in Manipur to assess the credential of that market and the agenda should be brought accordingly.

The agenda item was deferred.

The CMC left the House and the ACMC-I took the Chair.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.4

Disposal of old obsolete/unserviceable material lying in P.H. store, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

The Secretary put up agenda item No.4 for consideration and approval.

Sh. Arun Sood said that he along with Sh. Subhash Chawla visited the Public Health Store on 05.03.2015. He suggested that a Councillor who raised the issue should be included as a member in the Committee. He further apprised the House that this store with material was transferred by the Administration in 1996. He further said that the material was laying in bulk and unused, but that material could not be used as per modern technology. He further said that the committee should fix the reserve price of the material and the XENs of all the departments should be asked to visit the said store, so that they could ascertain to use the material. He further said that huge material was laying there and it might be beyond the capacity of single kabari. He further suggested that before the disposal of material Sh. Surinder Bahga, Councillor or any interested Councillor should visit the Public Health store. He further apprised the House that this material was purchased by the Administration when the Chandigarh was to be transferred to Punjab on 26 January 1986. He asked who was the responsible for this huge purchase, which could not be exhausted even for 20 years. He further said that the

House should resolve to request the Administration to fix the responsibility of the officer, who purchased the huge material unnecessarily. He further said that most of the material is laying in packets, which had not been used.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that it had been cleared in the report of the Committee that new/unused material had been laying there. He further said that when the agenda was brought in the House, it was the impression that the material would be used and old, but he had sensed at that time the material might be new and the value of the material might be 15-16 crore. He further asked whether the Corporation would certify that the cast iron pipes was not used anywhere within 20 years. He was not agreed with the report of the Committee because the cast iron pipes had not become obsolete. It is the best quality of the iron pipe. He further asked why the Engineering Wing did not use the material in this office building, which is under construction or in the Multi Level Parking. He demanded for the enquiry and action should be taken against the defaulter, who purchased this material unnecessarily.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that he was under the impression that there might be a scrap which was to be disposed, but he was surprised to see the sealed packed in which the material was laying untouched. He appreciated the honesty of the officers of the Engineering Wing, who did not dislocate the material. He further told that the cast iron pipe had broken in pieces, but other valuable material was laying unused. He further suggested that all the XENs should visit there and pickup the material as per their requirement with indent, either the material should be sold by back to the same company. He also supported that Sh. Surinder Bahga should visit the store being a technical expert, so that the some material could be used. He further said that some material could not be auctioned in scrap as the abandoned trucks, transformers and a Crain.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil asked why this material was purchase and where it was to be used and why not used so far?

Sh. M.P. Kohli said that the material was purchased in the year 1986 by the Administration and transferred to Corporation in the year 1996. He further told that the value of scrap is approximately Rs.2.50 crore. He also demanded for the inquiry, why this huge material was unnecessarily purchased? He further suggested that useful material should be used anywhere in the Corporation and rest of the material should be auctioned.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi apprised the House that a Committee for the disposal of junk pertaining to the MOH was constituted, when they went to the store of MOH in Industrial Area they found that rehri, trucks and other abandoned material was laying in that store. He demanded that such material should be auctioned after preparing an inventory. He further asked the validity/expiry of the sluice valves used in the water supply.

The XEN P.H. Division No.3 told that sub-standard sues valves had been purchased. He further apprised the House that an enquiry was conducted for the purchase of this material and the then SDO Sh. Gurnam Singh was dismissed from service and the concerned XEN was sentenced to jail. He further said that this purchase was not done by any officer of the Corporation.

Sh. Babu Lal said that this material was purchased by the then officers of the Public Health Wing of Chandigarh Administration in the year 1986, when the Chandigarh was to be transferred to Punjab. The punishment had been awarded to guilty officers and the purchased had not been done by the Corporation. He suggested that the useful material should be used by the Corporation and rest of the material should be auctioned.

“The House considered and resolved that the useful material should be used by the Corporation and rest of the material be auctioned by the Committee, which had already been constituted.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.5

RCE for development of green belt in Sector – 38 (W) by P & F of railing on toe-wall, huts, PCC benches, children play equipment and landscaping work and C.C. flat path in green belt in Sector – 38 (W) Chandigarh.

The Secretary put up agenda item No.5 for consideration and approval.

“The House considered and approved the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.66.61 lac for development of green belt in Sector–38 (W) by P & F of railing on toe-wall, huts, PCC benches, children play equipment and landscaping work and C.C. flat path in green belt in Sector – 38 (W) Chandigarh.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.6

Providing and fixing PCC tiles on road berm in EWS Colony in Sector 38 -West, Chandigarh.

The Secretary put up agenda item No.6 for consideration and approval.

“The House considered and approved the estimate amounting to Rs.86.08 lac for providing and fixing PCC tiles on road berm in EWS Colony in Sector 38 -West, Chandigarh.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.7

To consider and to approve the amendments in the tender document and payment in lieu of uniforms, for the period has already passed, to the officials of Fire & Emergency Services, M.C., Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.7 for consideration and approval.

“The House considered & resolved that the cash payment in lieu of summer uniforms for the period 2013-14, 2014-15 & winter uniform for the year 2013 to 2015 be made to the officials of Fire & Emergency Services, M.C. Chandigarh as

per rates of last successful tender i.e. for the uniforms for the year 2010-11.

Further, it was also decided that the present tender be modified to read summer uniform for the year 2015-16 & 2016-17 and winter uniform for the year 2015 to 2017. The estimate already passed in this respect was also approved by the House with the maximum variation of 10% of the rough cost estimate.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.8

Procurement of Dry Fodder.

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.8 for consideration and approval.

“The House considered and resolved that since the rates received through the present e-tender are on the higher side as compared to the existing rates, it would be prudent to call a fresh e-tender. It was also further resolved that extension be granted to the present contractor for the supply of dry fodder for one month or till the finalization of new e-tender whichever is earlier, on the existing rates. It was also further resolved that e-tender be floated immediately without waiting for the minutes.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.9

Rough cost estimate for recarpeting of main road from HDFC Bank to Plot No.130, Indl. Area Phase-I, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.9 for consideration and approval.

“The Committee considered and approved the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.57.89 lac for recarpeting of main road from HDFC Bank to Plot No.130, Indl. Area Phase-I, Chandigarh.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.10

Disposal of 40 booths under New Over Bridge, Sector 17, Chandigarh.

The agenda item was deferred.

The CMC joined the House again.

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.11**Request for domestic charges in the societies situated in Sector 48, 49, 50 & 51.**

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.11 for consideration and approval.

The Mayor apprised the House that the Administration has issued instructions those societies had obtained a completion certification, the domestic rates would be charged for water supply, but where the completion certificate has not been issued, the commercial rates are being charged. She further said that although an agenda in this respect was brought by Sh. Davesh Moudgil in the year, 2012, but no action was taken. She further said that the problem of both the Councillors was same.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil apprised the House that 15 years ago land was allotted for the group housing societies in Sector-48, 49, 50 & 51 and some conditions were imposed on the allotment letter. He further said that the roads, parks, road berms, UGRs & transformers etc. had been managed by the societies. He further said that the allotment of the land is to the name of society as a single unit. When the land was allotted, the circumstances were different. He brought the agenda in the year, 2012 with the request that the internal development of the societies should be taken over by the Corporation. He further said that the residents of the societies are tax payers and voters of the city. He requested that no commercial water charges should be levelled on the societies situated in Sector-48,49,50 & 51. He further said completion certificate was a very technical issue which could not be solved for 15 years. He further said that he met the Adviser to the Administrator with a delegation and submitted a memorandum. He further said that the 5 points solution was sought i.e. internal development, single window system, simplification of completion certificate because it is very technical issue. He further said that the notice is issued to the president of the society by the

Administration in case of violation and the president did not adhere it. He further said 90% residents are within the rules, only the violation has been done by 10% and due to them, the completion certificate was not issued by the Administration. He further said that the residents of societies of four sectors staged a dharna and Mayor, Area Councillor Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan, Sh. Pardeep Chhabra, President of Congress Party and himself went there to listen the problems of the residents. He thanked for the support of the Congress Party for this dharna. Now he had brought the table agenda after giving assurance to the residents for domestic water charges instead of commercial charges in the group housing societies in Sector-48, 49, 50 & 51.

Sh. Harphool Chand Kalyan thanked the Mayor for placing his table agenda in the House. He demanded that the domestic rates for water should be charged instead of commercial, rest of the issues are to be decided by the Administration.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said when the agenda in the year, 2012 was brought, it was stated in the agenda that all the responsibilities of development in societies should be taken by the Corporation, which was not possible. But today is only one issue that the domestic rate should be charged for water in the societies instead of commercial. He further said that if our water bye-laws allow that the domestic rates could be charged in the absence of completion certificate, then we should resolve today for domestic rates. He supported the domestic charges.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the commercial rates are charged till the completion of the construction and after that domestic rates are charged. He suggested that a inspection team should be constituted to ensure the completion of building and domestic rates be charged.

The Commissioner replied that new construction and renovation of building are two different issues. During new construction, the commercial rates are charged, but after obtaining occupation certificate, the connection is given on domestic rates. In case of renovation, when the consumer informs the Corporation that his work is completed, after inspection by the Engineering Wing, the domestic charges are restored. The specific issue of these societies is that they have not been given occupation certificate by the Estate Office, because of different issues between the Estate Office and the Societies. Therefore, the Municipal Corporation was unable to give them domestic connections. This issue has been discussed a number of times at different levels earlier. The resolution was that these societies were charged double the domestic rates rather than actual commercial rates. Some of these societies had also gone to the court where most of them have already lost. Giving an exemption to these societies would be beyond the existing water bye-laws and therefore, the approval of the Administration would have to be obtained.

“The House noted that the societies had been allotted land for construction of group housing apartments in Southern Sectors and that some of these societies have not been issued occupation certificate till date even after a lapse of almost 10 years. This could be because of different reasons which are beyond the purview of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

The House further noted that actually in these societies, people have already started living in the apartments even though the societies do not have occupation certificates. These occupants have already been provided with services like electricity, water, sewerage etc.

The House felt that since these apartments in societies are being used for residential purposes, it is unfair to charge them higher rates for water supply. It was therefore, unanimously resolved that the residents of group housing societies situated in Sector-48, 49, 50 & 51 should be charged water tariff at domestic rates irrespective of whether or not they have been issued an occupation certificate.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 219.12**Construction of compound wall around parks in Village Dhanas.**

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.12 for consideration and approval.

The S.E. (B&R) told that on the directions of Hon'ble High Court, the cow dung had been removed on 15th & 16th May, 2015 from the parks in the Milk Colony, Dhanas by deploying large number of manpower & machinery of Engineering Wing & M.O.H. wing of the Corporation. During the subsequent visit at site, it has been observed that the residents has again started throwing cow dung there. Since, the Hon'ble High Court has warned of strict action against the authorities, if the complaint of cow dung is received. Therefore, it was decided that to tide over the situation for the time being, a compound wall be erected all along the major parks.

“The Committee considered and approved the estimate amounting to Rs.30.00 lac for Construction of compound wall around parks in Village Dhanas, Chandigarh.

An estimate amounting to Rs.175.35 lac has already been approved for fixing railing on toe walls in Indira Colony, Manimajra, as the tender for the above said work had been allotted for Rs. 132.00 lac, therefore, there is saving of Rs. 40.00 lac in the said estimate and an amount of Rs. 30.00 lac would be incurred from that saving.”

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

**Secretary
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Chandigarh.**

**Mayor
Municipal Corporation
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