

MINUTES OF THE 220th MEETING OF GENERAL HOUSE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH HELD ON 23.06.2015 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE CORPORATION.

The following were present:

Sarv/Sh./Smt:-

1.	Poonam Sharma	Mayor
2.	Bhawna Garg, 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.	Dr. Amrit Tewari	Councillor
8.	Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.)	Councillor
9.	Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.)	Councillor
10.	M.P. Kohli	Councillor
11.	Dr. Shagufta Parveen	Councillor
12.	Surinder Bahga	Councillor
13.	Saurabh Joshi	Councillor
14.	Pardeep Chhabra	Councillor
15.	Sat Parkash Aggarwal	Councillor
16.	Heera Negi	Councillor
17.	Arun Sood	Councillor
18.	Davesh Moudgil	Councillor
19.	Hardeep Singh	Councillor
20.	Sheela Devi	Councillor
21.	Kashmiri Devi	Councillor
22.	Darshan Kumar	Councillor
23.	Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
24.	Harphool Chander Kalyan	Councillor
25.	Mukesh Bassi	Councillor
26.	Satinder Singh	Councillor

27.	Satish Kumar	Councillor
28.	Subhash Chawla	Councillor
29.	Rajinder Kaur	Councillor
30.	Gurcharan Dass	Councillor
31.	Des Raj Gupta	Councillor
32.	Rajiv Gupta, PCS	Secretary

The following Officers also attended the meeting: -

Sarv/Sh./Smt.:-

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

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

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Bhawna Garg, who has joined as Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh and she is present in the House today. She further told that she is the topper of her batch of IAS.

The House observed two minutes silence to pay the homage to three deceased sewer men and late Sh. Nek Chand.

The Mayor praised the working of late Sh. Nek Chand and said that a table agenda be brought in the House to include his son in the Committee of Management of Rock Garden. She further said that the House should recommend the name of Sh. Anuj son of late Sh. Nek Chand to the Administration to include him in the Committee of Rock Garden. She further said that the problem of water should be discussed in detail in the House. She further said that she received at least 50 calls from Mauli Jagran regarding the supply of contaminated water.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur said that since last one month contaminated water was being supplied in Mauli Complex. She further told that she tried to contact continuously to the officers even to the Commissioner, but no action had been taken. After the huge resentment among the residents and her request to the officers, the Executive Engineer went to the spot and started the work, but the problem could not be solved. She further said that a water tank had been constructed in Mauli Jagran and its inauguration was done with enthusiasm, but the supply from this tank had not been started. She further said that there was leakage in the tank and the supply had not been started since eight months. She further said that a road has been constructed in Mauli Jagran and the level of the road had been raised so high, the water logging had started behind that road. She criticized the working of engineering wing of the Corporation.

The Chief Engineer apprised that when the call came from the Councillor, he directed the XEN to visit the site and detect the fault why the contaminated water was being supplied. He further said that three storey houses had been constructed on the water pipelines and the pipelines had been encroached. He further said that the motors had been installed by the residents on the water pipelines, when the supply hours are off, the water is sucked from the pipes through hand pumps or motors, then the contaminated water comes through leakage. However, no contaminated water is supplied during the supply hours. He further said that the leakage in the water tank was

natural and it would be stopped after testing and he assured that the supply would be done within two or three days.

Sh. Satish Kainth said that the contaminated water was being supplied in many parts of the city.

Smt. Heera Negi said that when the water supply is stopped from Kajauli water works, it is published in the newspapers that the supply would not be available for said period. She suggested that the water should be stored in advance for such circumstances. She further said no action had been taken whereas it was decided that the signboards would be erected in the parks stating that the water is not fit for human consumption.

The Chief Engineer said that capacity for storage of water is only for half day. The water stored in the evening is supplied in the morning and stored in the morning is supplied in the evening. Only Phase-III out of four phases is maintained by the Corporation, whereas Phase-I, II and IV are maintained by the Punjab Government. He further said that the leakage had occurred this year otherwise it had never happened.

There was a din in the House on this statement.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the same reply was being given since four years and it was being assured always that the problem would be solved next year, but the condition had become more acute. He further said that when the incidents of deaths occurred in Mauli Jagran, it was discussed what steps should be taken to prevent such bad incidents. He further apprised the House that in view of the situation of that time, the Administration had stated that we should work for 24 hours water supply in the city and Mauli Jagran was taken as a pilot project. He further said that it was assured that next year pilot project for the water supply of 24x7 would be started, but nothing had happened in this regard. He further said that in the year 2013, some areas were

identified by the Public Health Wing of the Municipal Corporation, where the water problem was acute and it was assured that in future the focus would be given on these areas, but nothing had changed in the said areas. He further said that a team of the Councillors visited the Water Works, Sector 39 and pointed out some things for the solution of water shortage. He pointed out the shortcomings in the Water Works Sector 39. He suggested that the additional manpower beside the officers to look after routine work should be provided for improving the water supply system. We should form a task force for the solution of this problem. He further said that the suggestions of the Councillors are not implemented by the officers. He suggested that the tankers should be hired for the water supply in the affected areas. He further said that the matter of water shortage is being published in the newspapers, but the officer says that no complaint has been received from anyone. It means the Public Health Wing of the Municipal Corporation has not been taking any steps for the improvement of water supply. He suggested that the necessary steps should be taken immediately before the arrival of Monsoon.

Sh. Arun Sood said that in the meeting held on 18.5.2015, he had emphasized for detailed discussion on the problem of water supply in the city. He further said that he had data that the pipeline had burst last year and this year also. He further said that the water pipeline had burst every year since last four years and we are facing the water problem for four or five days every time. He further said that it reveals from the minutes of last meeting that detailed discussion was done on this issue. He is doubtful that whether any reformative steps would be taken or not, besides the detailed discussion and suggestions. He read the SMS of his friend regarding the problem of water supply in the city vide which he had criticised the Councillors and the working of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. He further said that he had suggested for the construction of reservoir in Budget meeting and asked what action had been taken in this

regard? He further said that the leakage is always in summer and winter, but due to the shortage of water, it is more prominent in summer. He suggested that the routine inspection of the water pipelines should be done in the month of January & February and leakage should be identified & addressed. He further suggested for the construction of reservoirs in the city. He highlighted the suggestions given by the Councillors in the previous meeting. He further invited attention of the House towards the statement of the then Commissioner at page No.11 of the minutes of the last meeting held on 18.5.2015 vide which a separate meeting on this issue was to be called earlier by the Mayor, but the same had not been called. He further asked why the special meeting was not called for discussion on water supply. He further said payment of supply of 40 MGD to the city is to be made. He demanded for a special meeting at the earliest, in which only water problem should be discussed and steps should be taken regarding implementation of suggestions.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the present meeting should be treated as a special meeting and the discussion should be only on the water supply and no other agenda should be taken.

The Mayor said that she had been working on the supply of 40 MGD water that how it would be brought to the city and stored, but in the meantime, the death of three sewer men had occurred. She further said that she wrote a letter to the M.P. only to apprise her the problem of the residents. She did not write to the M.P. for demanding the funds for water supply.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari said that she had suggested many times that the inspection of the water pipelines should be done regularly and where the inspection was not possible, alternate water pipelines should be laid down.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that there were two XENs in the water supply wing of M.C. i.e. one in the water supply and other in the distribution, both of them say that water supply is smooth and they try to shift the responsibility on each other in case of any complaint. He suggested that the full charge relating to a particular matter should be given to the one authority, so that he can be held responsible.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that the water supply/problem of water in the city had been discussed many times and different suggestions were given by the Councillors for improving the condition, but no suggestion had been implemented by the officers so far. He further said that the same condition is with the T.T. water. He further told that 500 connections were given for T.T. water with the project of Rs. 15.00 crore, but no advertisement was given in this regard and 80% residents are unaware for use of T.T. water. He further said that number of underground reservoirs were made in the city, but the water pressure had not increased. He suggested that water supply system should be privatized.

Smt. Sheela Devi apprised the House regarding the water problem in Sector-52 in her ward. She further told that the water was supplied to the residents through hired tankers.

Major D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that whenever any fault occurs in the water supply, we could not sustain the supply for 24 hours, because there is no sufficient capacity of storage. He apprised that there are 7 tanks of raw water in Sector-39 Water Works, out of which one has been lying defunct since long time. It means 36 MGD raw water is available with us. The five tanks for drinking water are available in water works, Sector-37 having 2 MGD water capacity each. He concluded that total 57.5 MGD drinking water is available from the all the water works. He further said from the perusal of above mentioned data, it reveals that we have insufficient storage capacity of raw water as well as drinking water. He further said that before giving 6 MGD water to

Panchkula, we made arrangement from new tube-wells, but old tube-wells had not been functioning properly, their functioning & life should be assessed. He suggested that those tube-wells are 50% dead these should be replaced. He further apprised that 30 MGD T.T. water was available, out of which only 7 MGD T.T. water was being utilized. About 23 MGD T.T. water was being wasted beside the huge expenses incurred on T.T. water. He suggested that the 3BRD water should be treated well and be made for proper utilization. He further apprised that only 600 T.T. water connections had been given throughout the city including schools & other institutions. He further said that the T.T. water pipelines were laid 15 years ago and no supply was made through these pipes and they had become useless. He suggested that the survey should be got done of these water pipelines and after that those are found useless/dead should be replaced. He suggested that the T.T. water should be used for construction and other purposes. He further said that 25% potable water was being wasted due to leakage and other means. He further said that the water enforcement teams had not been working properly. The motors installed on the direct water pipelines had not been removed and no checking is being done in this respect. The wastage of water in green belts should also be checked.

The House adjourned for tea break at 12.40 a.m. and reassembled at 1.30 p.m.

Dr. Shagufta Parveen said that the water problem was being discussed since morning. She further said that the month of Ramjan is going and the people have been facing the acute problem of drinking water. She further said that on Friday she received two telephonic message for the supply of two water tankers and she asked the concerned officer to act upon the demand of the people, but no action was taken. She criticized the working of the officers of the Public Health Wing. She further called the Chairman of the Water Supply Committee that the jamatis had been facing the water

problem and the time of Namaz is also there. She further said that she requested in the year, 2012 for the water connection in Sector-29 & 31, but no action was taken even after passing the agenda in year, 2014. She further said that water connection should be given at any cost or any penalty.

The S.E. (B&R) said that as per the resolution the regular connection was to be given to the religious places and the case was referred to the SLG, but the case has been returned with some observations and the case has been sent back with comments on observations.

Sh. Arun Sood said that in view of the month of Ramjan, provisional connection should be given to the religious places, other formalities should be completed later on.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that we had been discussing the water problem since four years, but no concrete solution had been find out so far. He further said that the Kajauli water pipeline broke many times and the residents had to face the problem, if the Kajauli water pipeline breaks again, we have no sufficient storage capacity. He further said inspite of monsoon approaching, the residents had to face the water problem, whether it may be due to leakage or low pressure. He further said that we always insisted for the subsidized water. He further said the Corporation should think over the wastage of unmetered water. He further said that there was no water connection in the booths of markets whereas the water is taken by them from the stand posts which is unmetered water. He suggested that the water & sewerage connections should be given in the market and it would improve our revenue and theft of water would be prevented. He insisted that the water connection should be given to all the religious places irrespective of religion and one time policy should be framed for legal connections. He further suggested that the motors from the water supply pipelines should be removed and the illegal supply on the constructions work should be checked.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that the contaminated water was supplied in Mauli Jagran and some deaths had occurred in the previous years, but the same contaminated water is being supplied in Mauli Jagran this year also. He further said that the water borne diseases spread after the monsoon season. He suggested that water fit for human consumption should be supplied in the city.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said the matter regarding water supply and leakage had been discussed many time, during the tenure of Sh. Subhash Chawla as Mayor, it was passed by the House that the residents should be made aware to install the hand pumps in their houses, so that the water can be obtained for washing of cloths and for other works. He further said that the residents had not been made aware that the water of hand pumps would not be drinkable, but it would be used for other purposes except drinking. He further said that the tubewells were installed in the city and a project was started under JNNURM as SCADA to check the proper water supply from the tubewells, but no report of the SCADA had been brought in the House so far. He further said that the House should be apprised by the SCADA that all 238 tubewells were functional. He insisted for the detailed report of SCADA should be brought in the House. He further said that the post of S.E.(P.H.) had been laying vacant in the Corporation and it should be filled up at the earliest. He further said that all the water pipelines should be got checked to ascertain the leakage.

Sh. Satish Kainth said that there were 18 rehabilitation colonies in the city and the water pipelines were laid there since long ago and leakage is in these water pipelines and in spite of the repeated requests the leakage has not been stopped. He suggested that all the water pipelines in the rehabilitation colonies should be replaced.

The Mayor said that the consent of the residents of rehabilitation colonies should be obtained to shift the water pipelines from backyard to front of the houses, then the action should be taken accordingly.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil suggested that it should be taken as a policy for the whole city.

Sh. M.P. Kohli demanded that the water supply should be mandatory during 12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. in the city, so that the drinking water could be available in the markets.

The Chief Engineer said that the Corporation had half day storage capacity of water in Water Works Sector 39. He further said that the storage of water would be increased from 36 MGD to 42 MGD from the tanks in Water Works. He further said that there was no space in the water works was available for storage. He further told after the intervention of the Councillors he told that total area of the Water Works Sector 39 was 38 Acre and 30 Acre land was lying vacant in the Water Works. He further said that the agenda had been passed to rehabilitate the tanks of Water Works, Sector 39.

There was a din in the House on this issue.

The Mayor said that the Water and Sewerage Disposal Committee should visit the Water Works Sector 39 under the Chairmanship of Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) and the Committee would submit its report within 15 days.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta said that 3 tube-wells had been installed in his Ward, but these tube-wells had not been made functional. He demanded that if the electricity connection is not available, the same should be started with generators.

Smt. Heera Negi asked whether the consent of the House was obtained before proceeding on tour? She further asked why an amount of Rs. 9000/- was being deducted from their salary? She further asked why the deduction was not being made from the salary of officers who also went on tour with them.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that when the councillors went on tour previously the consent of all the councillors was obtained. He further said that an amount of Rs.35000/- for each councillors is to be deposited for attending the conference. He further said that 10 Councillors had been selected for this conference. He further asked what was the criteria for selecting the Councillors. He further said the conference should be attended by the Mayor & Officers or Councillors, but not in big group. He further asked why the large number of Councillors & Officers were going to attend this conference. He further asked that what was the reason that two councillors withdrew their consent from this conference. He further said that the House should be taken into confidence before proceeding on tour for conference. He further said that the meeting of the House had been preponed due to this conference.

Sh. Satish Kainth said that before the disaster in Nepal due to earth quake a letter was circulated among the Councillors for study tour, but the venue of the tour was changed for Tamil Nadu & Mahabalipuram, in which it was also mentioned that an amount of Rs.35000/- per councillors would be deposited, therefore, in view of the huge amount, he declined the tour. He appreciated the agendas of the conference which was being organized by the Govt. of India. He was also willing to participate in this conference. He further said that as per the news, the Mayor is going to attend the conference along with the capable councillors. He further asked the definition of capable and incapable and what criteria has been adopted for selecting the Councillors for this conference. He further said that the Mayor sent the proposal of tour to the Administration for attending the conference secretly and selection of the participants was also made secretly, she cheated the Councillors in this way. He further asked whether an amount of Rs.9000/- had been deducted from his honorarium or not. He further said that even the TA/DA of that tour was not paid. He further said that from the inception of

Corporation, many study tours were performed, but the deduction from the salary of the Councillors was never made.

Sh. M.P. Kohli said that the Government of India had provided the funds of Rs.50.00 lac for study tours of Councillors, so why an amount of Rs.9000/- per Councillors was being deducted. He further said that the amount of the tickets of spouse was increased from Rs.25,000/- to Rs.30,000/-. He further said that an amount of Rs.9000/- should be waived off. He demanded the detail of transaction from his account.

Sh. H.C. Kalyan said that the study tours were being performed from time to time since 1996 till date, but the deduction from the salary of the Councillors was never made due to the spouse or children. He further said that it is the injustice with the Councillors. He further said that the water was being stolen in the city. He further said that the temporary water connections should be given to the religious places. He further asked why the water connection was not given to the religious places in spite of passing an agenda in this regard. He demanded that said resolution should be implemented in letter & spirit.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the deduction of amount of Rs.9000/- from the salary of Councillors was injustice, because nothing was concealed before proceeding on tour. He further said that the tour was duly approved and totally transparent, so why the deduction was being made. He further said that no show cause notice was given before deduction whereas it was mandatory under the rules. He demand that the amount of Rs.9000/- should be waived off. He further said that he was in favour of the tour for attending the conference and he proposed for the tour. He said that a proposal was sent to the Administration for approval of tour along with the names of the interested councillors. He further apprised the House that the proposal of M.C. was returned back with the query that under which policy this tour is being organized. After fully examination by the officers, the Administration was apprised that there was

budget provision of Rs.50.00 lac for study tours. He further said that the Councillors from all over India are going to participate in this conference, because the Councillors learnt new things from these tours. He further said that it is the right of the Councillor to avail such opportunities.

Sh. Satish Kainth demanded the letter vide which the proposal was sent to the Administration for this tour.

The Mayor apprised the House that it was the programme of the Institute recognized by the Govt. of India and the representative from other countries also participating in this conference. During the interaction, we will learn something new in this conference. She further said that she was keen to obtain the consent of all the councillors for the tour of Nepal at Kathmandu. She further said that during the discussion, the Nepal authority told that they had been inviting the representative of other states also and foreign countries, therefore, it was not possible for them to accommodate a large delegation from one state. She further described the criteria of selection and told that 33% representation had been given to the women in this tour. She further told the officers be asked about reason for the deduction of Rs.9000/- from the salaries of the Councillors, those went on tour. She further told that Smt. Asha Jaswal had deposited Rs.9000/- from her own pocket, however, no deduction of any Councillors had been made so far. The House should decide for further strategy to waive of this amount. She further told that the tour for the conference had been duly approved by the Administration.

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

The Mayor apprised the House that the job of sterilization of dogs was assigned to SPCA (UDGIL) w.e.f. 6th April, 2015 and the said organization had sterilized

more than 1200 dogs so far. She further described the action of the members of Animal Welfare Board, those intervened the matter, but the problem was solved with the help of colleagues.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the intervention of Ms. Nandini Kakkar in the smooth functioning of sterilization was unnecessary and unbecoming as no dog had died during the sterilization even after sterilization. He further apprised the House, the number of dogs had been sterilized during this period equal to the number of sterilization during more than a year. He further said that when the team visited Nasik and invited the organization for participating in the tenders of sterilization and accordingly they participated. He further said that the other NGOs working in other states for sterilization of dogs had been spreading rumour against this SPCA, so that this organization could be de-recognized. The House should think seriously on this issue. He further said that only sterilization was the method to control the population of dogs. He further said that the Administration should appoint a veterinary doctor to watch the functioning of SPCA. He appreciated the act of the Mayor when the members of Animal Welfare Board were threatening to the members of SPCA.

The Joint Commissioner told that as per orders of Secretary Animal Husbandry, the Doctors of Animal Husbandry Department would visit weekly to the Veterinary Hospital Sector-38 and the Veterinary Dr. Sarabdeep Singh had been deputed specially for this job. He further told that during the operation of dogs, Dr Sarabdeep Singh would supervise the work of operation and would examine the dogs at the time of release.

Major D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that the stray dogs problem had been becoming more serious year to year. He further said that only sterilization was the way to control the population of dogs. The SPCA had been doing the work very well and better than the NGOs whom the sterilization was assigned previously. He criticised the

intervention of members of Animal Welfare Board. He further said that the certified copies of the complaint or DDR should be obtained and then it should be written to the Animal Welfare Board and no person should be allowed to enter in the premises without prior permission of the authorities.

Sh. Arun Sood said that first of all we should ascertain the jurisdiction of Animal Welfare Board and upto what extent it can go in this process. The email had been received in the Corporation that Smt. Nandini Kakkar had been deputed to monitor the functioning of sterilization done by the SPCA (UDIGIR). The sterilization system in Chandigarh is better than Nasik. He had visited from time to time and even for counting the organs of dogs & bitches in the centre and he found the functioning was very well. He further told that all the process of sterilization of dogs is done under surveillance. He further said that the Corporation should ask the Animal Welfare Board that what kinds of wrong had been done by the SPCA (UDIGIR) and which complaint had been received in this connection. He suggested that a resolution should be passed by the House and send to the Animal Welfare Board that a team of the doctors & officers had been constituted to monitor the functioning of sterilization under surveillance and every movement of the dog was being recorded. An independent committee of Animal Husbandry Department had been constituted by the Administration. He further said that we should ask the jurisdiction and powers of the Animal Welfare Board and a complaint if any received against the SPCA (UDIGIR) should be explained.

The Joint Commissioner apprised the House that SPCA (UDIGIR) is recognized by the Animal Welfare Board of India.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari said that we should not give unnecessary importance to the Animal Welfare Board and we should pass a resolution that there should be no interference of the Animal Welfare Board in the functioning of SPCA (UDIGIR).

Sh. Davesh Moudgil appreciated the functioning of sterilization done by the SPCA(UDIGIR). He further said that the tour of Nasik had become fruitful for the city. He further said that we should ascertain the jurisdiction of Animal Welfare Board. He further said if any person has been appointed by the Welfare Board, the clarification in this regard should be sought from the Board. He further said that we should pass a resolution as suggested by the members in this regard.

Sh. Subhash Chawla suggested we should resolve that the sentiments of the House should be sent to the Animal Welfare Board. He further demanded that an amount of Rs.9000/- should be waived off.

“The House noted that a committee of doctors and officers is monitoring the functioning of SPCA (UDIGIR). A Committee of Councillors and Officers also has been formed to count the organs of dogs. The operation of dogs is also carried out under CCTV surveillance. The doctor of Animal Husbandry Department, U.T. Chandigarh also monitoring the release of operated dogs. The House considered and resolved that the dog sterilization centre run by SPCA in Sector 38, Chandigarh has been functioning very well. The residents of the city strongly feel to control the population of dogs and number of dog bites. Keeping in view the sentiments of the residents of the city, Animal Welfare Board be apprised of this fact and conveyed that this sterilization centre be allowed to continue functioning in this manner.”

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that everything was transparent, nothing was concealed. He further said that no penalty can be imposed before giving the opportunity of show cause, but in this case the penalty is being imposed without any reason or without giving any opportunity of hearing. It is against the natural justice of law. No undue benefit has been availed by any Councillor.

“The House considered & resolved that the deduction of amount of Rs.9000/- from the salary of Councillors, those went on tour be waived off.”

Sh. Satinder Singh opposed the resolution and recorded his dissent against the waived off deduction.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the sites had been allotted by the Corporation to the persons selling watermelons. He further told that it had come to notice that the harmful chemicals are being injected in the watermelons. He demanded that the team of Health Department should take the samples of watermelons for checking, so that these kinds of fruits could not be sold in the city.

Dr. Amrit Tiwari showed the presentation regarding Primary Health in the House. She thanked the Governor and Sh. Arun Sood Councillor, who helped her for the preparation of this project.

The Mayor said that after the perusal of this project, it reveals that the Corporation should send a proposal to the Administration for the sanctioning of these posts as shown in the presentation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 220.1

Confirmation of the minutes of 219th meeting of the General House held on 18.05.2015 at 10.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the M.C., Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.1 for confirmation of minutes of 219th meeting of the General House.

Smt. Gurbax Rawat invited the attention of the House towards page No.6 of the minutes of 219th meeting held on 18.5.2015 and apprised that the word "Home Secretary" should be read as "**Finance Secretary.**"

The Secretary apprised the House that the Additional Commissioner-I had submitted an amendment in the resolution of Table Agenda Item No.219.7 that "**the amendment in the tender document as proposed in the agenda is also approved.**"

The House approved the amendment in the tender document.

"The House confirmed the minutes of 219th meeting of the General House held on 18.05.2015 at 10.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the M.C., Chandigarh, with the above mentioned amendments."

AGENDA ITEM NO. 220.2

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.
- Question No.3 By Sh. Satinder Singh, Councillor, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh regarding safaikaramcharies.

This agenda item was deferred for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 220.3

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

This agenda item was deferred for the next meeting as the concerned Councillor was not present in the House.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 220.4

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

This agenda item was deferred for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 220.5

Contract for the supply of 345 Safaikaramcharis - regarding.

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

Sh. Satish Kainth said that the extension was being granted again and again and asked why the agenda is brought at the later stage. He demanded that this

agenda should be brought in the House atleast two months before the expiry of tenure. He suggested that only two months extension should be granted instead of one year. He further asked the number of safaikaramcharies, whether or not D.C. rates are being paid to them. He further said that the attendance of the safaikaramcharies is marked by the Sanitary Inspectors or Sanitary Jamadars, but the Councillor is never apprised how many safaikaramcharies have been deputed in his ward. He demanded for outsourcing of his area.

The Commissioner told that the maps would be displayed in every sector for knowledge for general public that how many workers had been deployed in the sectors and their names and place of duty would also be mentioned in the map.

Sh. Arun Sood said that why this agenda had been brought at the later stage whereas it was in the notice of the officers that the tenure of the contract was going to expire on 30.6.2015. He further said that it should had been brought at the earlier stage for e-tendering.

The M.O.H. told that the amount of ESI & EPF is directly sent to the concerned authorities instead of contractor. He further said that DC rate is paid to these Safaikaramcharies. He further told that in future the recruitment would be done by draw of lots, but in the present case, the safaikaramchaires would be continued.

Sh. Arun Sood said that when the safaikaramchaires are engaged through outsourced, they are sometimes exploited. He suggested that there should be a check on the contractors and others.

“The General House of the Corporation has considered and approved to float fresh e-tender for the supply of 345 Safaikaramcharis on D.C. rates plus statutory payments etc. as applicable and extension is granted to the present contract of M/s Reliable Services for 2 months i.e. w.e.f. 01.07.2015 to 31.08.2015 or till the finalization of new tender, whichever is earlier.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 220.1

Allotment of site for running business of sale/purchase of Old Car Bazaar in Parking Area of Sector 7-C, Chandigarh on Sunday only.

The Secretary put up table agenda item No.1 for consideration and approval.

“The House ratified the decision of the F&CC taken in its 252nd meeting held on 09.06.2015 at 12.00 Noon regarding the allotment of sites for running business of sale/purchase of Old Cars in parking area of Sector 7-C, Chandigarh, which is as under :-

The Committee noted that it is in the financial interest of the Municipal Corporation and further when the highest bidder is forthcoming, the extension of time limit should be allowed. Hence, the Committee allowed extension in time for depositing the requisite amount i.e. 50% + service tax within three days of the receipt of letter of intent subject to the final ratification by the General House of the decision taken by the F&CC.

Further, the Committee amended the Condition No. i) of the terms & conditions (page No. 166 of the agenda of 216th meeting of the House) & as earlier in the Clause 3 of the allotment letter, the mode of payment was not clear, the Committee amended this clause also as under :-

“50% + service tax deposited by the successful bidder on allotment shall be accounted for a payment for the first quarter and last quarter of first year term. The successful bidder shall deposit 1/4th of the auction bid + service tax on or before the 7th day of the starting of the 2nd and 3rd quarter of the first year. The term for another one year shall be extended i.e. for 2nd year on the enhancement of 5% of the bid amount with the mutual agreement between both the parties. The mode of payment of deposition of amount will remain same for the extended 2nd year period.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 220.2

Augmentation of water supply scheme from Kajauli Head water works to S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali.

The Secretary put up table agenda item No.2 for consideration and approval.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the agenda should be admitted in principle and should be brought in the next meeting with the details regarding the funding of water pipelines which were laid down previously. He further told when the Chandigarh was established, there was an agreement between Punjab, Haryana and Central Government regarding the water supply. He further told that the funds were made available by the Central Government. He further asked where from the funds would be available for laying down the pipelines for 40 MGD water from Kajauli water works. He further insisted that the discussion should be in the full House in detail and at present this agenda should be deferred as only few members are present. He further said that who is responsible to lay down the pipelines from the Kajauli Water Works to Water Works, Sector-39, Chandigarh. He wanted to see the agreement which was made between Punjab, Haryana & Central Government. He wanted to see the agreement with JNNURM. He further said that if the Administration would not provide the funds for pipeline, then the Corporation would incur the expenses. He said that it should be brought in the House, from where the funds would be available. He further said that everything is in the files and the matter in detail should be brought before the House.

The Chief Engineer apprised the House that when phase-III was constructed, the funds were made available by the Centre Government.

Sh. Arun Sood opposed the version of Sh. Subhash Chawla and insisted for the debate. He further said that the water supply in the city was the responsibility of the Corporation since from the its inception.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the Government had committed that the taxes should be imposed on the public, then the Administration would provide the funds for the pipelines. He further said that according to the agreement with the JNNURM 100% funds for water supply would be provided by the Central Government. If the funds for water supply is not made available by the Administration, then the Administration

should withdraw the taxes. He assured that it was the responsibility of the Central Government to provide the funds for the water pipelines from Kajauli to Water Works, Sector-39, Chandigarh. He further told that he was also one of the signatory in the agreement and insisted for full debate in the House.

Sh. Arun Sood said that a long debate had been done in the House since morning on water problem in the city. He further told that the water supply department is full fledged department of the Corporation. He said that laying of pipelines and supply of water & funding is the responsibility of the Corporation. He said the process would be done under the supervision of the Corporation. He further said that he had gone through the agreement of 2006 made with the JNNURM vide which nothing would be given for water and he was not aware with the agreement of 2002. He further said that the summer season is on the peak and this matter should not be delayed. He further told that it was assured by the then Commissioner that after issuance of NOC from Haryana, the water would be available in the city within nine months.

The Chief Engineer apprised the House that Rs.98.00 crore would be provided to the Punjab Government for laying the pipelines from Kajauli Water Works to Village Jhandpur.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that at present there are four water pipelines, out of which three were laid down before the inception of Corporation and fourth water pipeline was laid down after the existence of Corporation. He asked the Chief Engineer who had incurred the expenditure on fourth water pipeline. He further said that the Administration wants to shift the responsibility on the Corporation and apprised the House that the Administration wants that the funds should be made available by the Corporation from the FDs. This is the public money and has been kept for emergency. He further said that it was the responsibility of the ruling party to bring the funds from the Central Government.

The Executive Engineer, P.H. Division No.1 told that the funds for fourth water pipeline were provided by the JNNURM.

Sh. M.P. Kohli said that the water should be made available at the earliest, whether by the funds of Corporation or Central Government. He further said if the FDs of the Corporation could be saved, we should save them.

Sh. Arun Sood said that so far as the question of credit is concerned, there was a deadlock between the Government of Punjab & Haryana, which had now been cleared and this credit goes to ruling party. He admitted that if the Central Government provide the funds for water pipeline, then we should save our FD. He suggested that it should be resolved today and request the Administration that the funds would be provided for water pipeline in the next budget. He insisted again and again for passing this agenda to avoid delay. He assured the House that the maximum grant would be brought from the Administration/Central Government for this project.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that in the budget meeting, he apprehended that there would be cut of Rs.200.00 crore in the budget for the year, 2015-16 and his apprehension became true as the cut was done in the budget by the Administration. Sh. Arun Sood had assured in the said meeting that there would be no cut in the proposed budget. He further said that if the Administration shows its inability to provide the funds, then the Corporation would incur the expenditure.

Major D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) said that the matter should not be politicised. He apprised the House that the 1st phase was constructed in the year, 1983, phase-II in the year, 1988, Phase-III in 1994 and the Corporation was not in existence at that time. When Phase-IV was constructed the Corporation was in existence. He further said that we should examine the agreement of 2006 and the rules & regulations should be

followed meticulously. He suggested that the next meeting should be called at the earliest.

The Mayor said that if the House is agreed, this agenda would be brought in the next meeting with full facts & figures and full debate would be done in the House. She further said that the meeting of the House would be convened in the first week of July, 2015. She also opined for deferring this agenda.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that his questions were pending since four months due to lack of coordination in the office. He further said that all the questions are for the welfare of Corporation.

The agenda was deferred for next meeting.

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

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