

**MINUTES OF THE 224<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF GENERAL HOUSE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH HELD ON 30.11.2015 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE CORPORATION.**

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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.	Sat Paul Bansal	Councillor
12.	Dr. Shagufta Parveen	Councillor
13.	Surinder Bahga	Councillor
14.	Saurabh Joshi	Councillor
15.	Pardeep Chhabra	Councillor
16.	Asha Kumari Jaswal	Councillor
17.	Raj Bala Malik	Councillor
18.	Sat Parkash Aggarwal	Councillor
19.	Heera Negi	Councillor
20.	Arun Sood	Councillor
21.	Davesh Moudgil	Councillor
22.	Hardeep Singh	Councillor
23.	Kashmiri Devi	Councillor
24.	Darshan Kumar	Councillor
25.	Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
26.	Harphool Chander Kalyan	Councillor

27.	Mukesh Bassi	Councillor
28.	Satinder Singh	Councillor
29.	Naresh Kumar	Councillor
30.	Satish Kumar	Councillor
31.	Subhash Chawla	Councillor
32.	Jannat Jahan Ul Haq	Councillor
33.	Rajinder Kaur	Councillor
34.	Gurcharan Dass	Councillor
35.	Des Raj Gupta	Councillor
36.	Rajiv Gupta, PCS	Secretary

**The following Officers also attended the meeting: -**

**Sarv/Sh./Smt.:-**

1.	Mukesh Anand	Chief Engineer
2.	N.P. Sharma	S.E. (B&R)
3.	P.S. Bhatti	M.O.H.
4.	Uma Shankar Sharma	C.A.O.
5.	Inderjeet Gulati	XEN (Roads-I)
6.	Jai Pal Singh	XEN (Roads-II)
7.	Arjeet Singh	XEN (Roads-III)
8.	Sham Lal	XEN (P.H. Div No-I)
9.	Harish Saini	XEN (P.H. Div. No.II)
10.	B.K. Dhawan	XEN (P.H. Div No-III)
11.	Krishan Pal Singh	XEN (Horticulture)
12.	S.S. Mittal	XEN (Electrical)
13.	Dr. M.S. Kamboj	Supdt. Slaughter House

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that she had performed two official tours i.e. at Coimbatore & Copenhagen in Denmark. She wished to make the

presentation on Solid Waste Management System at Coimbatore and promotion of best practices in Copenhagen. It was found that the city of Coimbatore is carrying door to door collection with private partnership. The city has an area of about 250 Sq. K.Mtrs. and generates around 950 M.T. of garbage daily. The city further divided into 100 wards. A Pilot Project for segregation of waste has been undertaken in the 5 different areas of the city. For this, Municipal Corporation has introduced a Push Cart in which door to door collection is being done. There are 04 bins each of about 80 Ltr. Capacity in the Push Cart to collect the organic waste and 8 dry resource bags have been placed at the back of the Cart to collect the different types of inorganic waste. The door to door waste collected by the door to door collectors is segregated at source in the form of organic and inorganic waste such as plastics, carry bags, cloth, rubber, bottles and glass etc. This is further brought to the office of the Sanitary Inspector near the Ward, where a store has been located, wherein two young entrepreneurs have been roped into to further segregate the waste. This segregated waste is separated into different categories and is weighed at this centre. The door to door collectors in addition to their salaries are also paid according to the weight of the garbage which they bring in this centre. The rates of the different types of organic waste and inorganic waste have been fixed in terms of per Kilograms. This helps the door to door collectors to generate additional income apart from their salaries and is a big motivating factor for door to door collectors to segregate the waste at the source. The inorganic waste which has been received at the centre is further sold by these entrepreneurs to the different wholesalers of these materials. In informal discussions held with these entrepreneurs they told that they are able to earn 15,000-20,000/- per month each from the sale of this segregated inorganic waste and the door to door collectors earn around Rs.3500-4000/- per month in addition to their salaries from segregation of waste. She further told that the 2<sup>nd</sup> visit was to the Copenhagen World Cities Programme of European Commission. She said that the team of 5 members visited the Copenhagen and she was one of the members of

the team. She explained in detail through a power point presentation, the quality of life of the citizens of that city, waste water treatment & solid waste management in the city. She further told that 74% of the people use cycles in the city. The special roads, ramps had been constructed for the cyclist while car routes are generally longer cumbersome. The bridges had been constructed on the canals for the use of cycle. She further told that the zones which were once used for cars had been converted into cycle zone. She further shared information about the treatment of waste water, which is purified through the process and is very much clean, some parameters matching the drinking water standards and people swim in the bay, where discharge happen. She further described the system of solid waste management being practiced there where household level segregation is the norm, recycling is over 50% and the quantity of waste reaching in landfill is less than 5% .

The members of the House highly appreciated the presentation on solid waste management and promotion of cycling and the members were inspired to promote cycling in Chandigarh as well.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi suggested that the Councillors should also come to the meeting of House on bicycle.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta also appreciated the presentation.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that the recommendations of the House are sometimes rejected by the Administration and approval of any kind of construction is obtained from the Chief Architect, U.T., Chandigarh. He further said that the pending issues of the Corporation should be raised by the Mayor and the Commissioner in the meetings of the Coordination Committee.

Smt. Gurbax Rawat said that she brought an agenda regarding the segregation of household waste and it was decided that a survey should be conducted in

this regard, but the report of the survey had not been submitted in the House so far. She asserted that door to door household waste segregation system should be implemented in Chandigarh.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.1**

**Confirmation of the minutes of 223<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the General House held on 29.10.2015 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 223<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the General House.

Smt. Gurbax Rawat invited the attention of the House towards her statement at page No.13 of the minutes of 223<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the General House held on 29.10.2015 and pointed out that the estimate of toe walls was passed by the F&CC and Administration approval was also accorded last month, but the said proposal had been rejected by the F&CC itself. This has been recorded wrongly. It is in-fact the proposal had been passed by the F&CC and the administrative approval was rejected. She said that this should be recorded.

Sh. Satish Kainth replied the query of Smt. Gurbax Rawat. He clarified that in order to make space on the road berms for the parking of vehicles on V-6 road, the area of pavement is to be widened towards the parks after dismantling the old toe-walls and reconstruct the same with railing at a distance of 12 feet from the road. It had been cleared in the last meeting of the F&CC.

Sh. Des Raj invited the attention of the House towards his statement at page No.16 of the minutes of 223<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the General House held on 29.10.2015. He demanded that the resolution at page No.17 of the minutes should be amended by waiving off all kind of interest and penalty on the instalments of development charges.

**The House unanimously resolved that no interest or penalty be charged prior to 30.11.2015.**

Smt. Heera Negi pointed out that the work worth amounting to Rs.12.50 lac was allotted to the Contractor in her ward, but without her permission, the work had been started by the SDE. She demanded that the work should be started with the consent of concerned area Councillor.

Sh. Satish Kainth invited the attention of House towards page No.29 of the minutes of 223<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 29.10.2015, he pointed out that an agenda amounting to Rs. 89.50 crore was passed by the House regarding 35 MGD raw water from Mohali Water Treatment Plant at Jandpur upto Water Works, Sector-39. He apprehended that the DNIT of this estimate was being prepared in favour of a Company. He demanded that the DNIT should be prepared according to guidelines of CVC of all different works. He opposed the recovery of amount of Rs.9,000/- in lieu of the study tour and demanded that the said amount should be refunded to them. Other members who had gone on study tour also supported the said demand.

The S.E. (B&R) clarified that in the estimate the electrical, mechanical & civil work are the major components. It had been neither mentioned in the CPWD Manual nor the CVC guidelines allows for separate tenders. He further said that a proper procedure had been mentioned for the composite work.

**The Commissioner directed the CAO that the report regarding details of family members who had gone on study tours from 2003 onward be brought in the next meeting of the House.**

Major D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) invited the attention of the House towards page No.15 of the minutes and **demanded that the word “area Councillor & Nominated Councillor residing in that area” should be inserted in the resolution.** He further invited the attention of the House towards his statement at page No.11 & 12 of the

minutes and apprised that due to non-administrative approval of 9 projects passed by the Water Supply & Sewerage Disposal Committee, Sh. Surinder Bahga, Chairman of the said Committee had resigned under resentment. He criticized the working of the Secretary of the Water Supply & Sewerage Disposal Committee.

The Commissioner assured for posting of separate S.E.(P.H.) at the earliest so that the work could be done smoothly.

Sh. Arun Sood invited the attention of the House towards page No.19 regarding resolution of toe walls. **He demanded that it should be inserted that the toe walls of the parks be constructed irrespective of the area of the park according to the recommendations of the area Councillors.** He further demanded that **“who had maximum advertisements”** should be omitted from his statement at page No.18 of the minutes.

Sh. Satinder Singh invited the attention of the House towards page No.7 (6<sup>th</sup> line) that **he never stated that the recovery could not be done from the M/s Selvel Company. He had stated that the recovery could not be done by coercive manner.** He further asked the Mayor to provide the requisite information relating to her property under RTI Act. He further said that his version should be recorded.

The Mayor said that the required information would be provided as per law.

***“The House confirmed the minutes of 223<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the General House held on 29.10.2015 at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the M.C., Chandigarh, with the above mentioned amendments.”***

**The House adjourned for tea break at 12.35 p.m. and reassembled at 1.15 p.m.**

Sh. Darshan Garg highlighted the plight of the villages merged in the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. He said that the city beautiful had been established

on the land of villages and due to this, the villagers have been deprived off earnings from dairy & agriculture. He criticized the drainage system of villages merged in the Corporation as there was a leakage of water from the drains, which had damaged the houses of the villages. He further said that the map of 2-3 marla houses in villages is approved by the Corporation. He demanded exemption for the approval of map for the construction of houses in villages. He further highlighted the resolution passed by the House with the conditions in the year, 2013 regarding the merger of 13 villages in the Corporation. He insisted that the conditions mentioned in the resolution should be implemented before the merger of villages. He demanded that the notices served to the residents of villages for violation of building bye-laws should be withdrawn.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta demanded that private Architects should be authorized for the approval of maps of the houses below 5 marla.

Sh. Hardeep Singh opposed the merger of villages in the Corporation. He highlighted the pathetic conditions of the three villages which fall in his ward. He further said that a map of the house belonging to the village Buterla had not been passed inspite of submission of affidavit.

Smt. Jannat Ul Haq also supported the views of Sh. Hardeep Singh. She further said that the sewer line had already been laid down in all the villages, but requires replacement.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that the conditions of the villages is worse than colonies. She further said that the village Kajheri was selected for model village, but no action had been taken so far. She further said that we had no rural policy and no incentive had been given to the villages, which had merged in the Corporation.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that some villages already merged in the Corporation are the parts of the sectors, but some villages are independent villages and

Dadu Majra, Maloya & Hallomajra are among them. He demanded for community centre, parks, roads in the village of Dadu Majra. He said he went pillar to post for the development works in the village, but in vain. No demand of the villages is fulfilled.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the record received from the villages merged in the Corporation had not been opened so far due to the non-availability of kanungo and Tehsildar. He further said that the rural management system had not been implemented so far. He further said that the status/system of the city Chandigarh and villages are different. He insisted that the villages should be strengthened under Panchayati Raj System. He further said that the BJP & Akali Dal Councillors opposed the merger of villages in the Corporation in the year, 2013, but the resolution was passed with majority. He further said that when five villages were merged in the year, 2006, the same conditions were sent, but the Administration merged the villages without any condition.

Major D.S.Sandhu (Retd.) said that the problems of the villages should be brought in the House through the Slum, Colonies & Village Development Committee. He suggested that no tax should be levied on the villages till the facilities are at par with the city.

Sh. Subhash Chawla apprised the House that when he was Mayor, he was called by the Administrator and told that the Administration wants to merge the rest of the villages in the Corporation and requested that a resolution be passed by the House for the merger of villages. He further told that at that time he apprised the Administrator that those villages had already been merged their many problems had not been sorted out so far and in such circumstances, house would not be agreed for the merger of 13 villages in the Corporation. He further said that he had apprised the Administrator regarding the problem of extension of lal dora of the villages. He further said that the population of the villages had increased twice or thrice due to migration of labourer & business. He further said that about 40,000 houses had been constructed out of lal dora with the facilities of

sewerage, water & electricity, but all is illegal. He further said that all aspects and apprehensions were kept in view when the five villages were merged in the Corporation. He further said that a dairy colony was established in Maloya for the dairy owners of said villages, which had been functioning there. He further said still there are vacant plots and if the 13 villages are merged, the plots to the dairy owners of these villages can be provided in this milk colony. He further said that this resolution was passed after observing the views of the panches & sarpanches of 13 villages as they had demanded that the facilities at par with the city be provided in the villages. This resolution was passed after full debate with majority. He further said that the Congress Party was not against the merger of these villages. He was in favour of the regularization of the houses constructed out of lal-dora.

Sh. Arun Sood said that about 50 villages were uprooted for establishing the Chandigarh and a meagre compensation was paid to the villagers @ Rs.100/- per bala. He further said as per the commitment with the Pind Bachao Committee, no facility had been provided. He apprehended that the resolution passed with the conditions was totally vague and without merit.

The Mayor apprised the House that the posting of the Tehsildar had been done in the Municipal Corporation and sought the cooperation from the opposition to solve the problems of the villages. She further said that when the village would be merged in the Municipal Corporation, its all assets and liabilities would be transferred to the Corporation, therefore, there should be no interference of the Administration for any kind of development or implementation of schemes in the villages. We have to seek the permission of every project even after the approval of House. She asserted that the Corporation should be fully sovereign in its fields. She suggested that as the posting of the Tehsildar had been done, the registry of the property should be done by the Municipal Corporation. She further said that we should frame a rule regarding the

approval of maps of the small houses of villages. We should seek the legal opinion in this regard.

Sh. Arun Sood said that he met the Administrator along with the Panch & Sarpanches of the villages to be merged in the Corporation. During the discussion it came to light that the villages were merged in the Corporation in Madhya Pradesh, but later on the Administration had to restore the Panchayats of said villages. He demanded that the Panchayats of already merged 9 villages should be restored.

Sh. M.P.Kohli said that in order to take part in the race of smart cities, we would have to improve the conditions of villages at par with the city.

**The House adjourned for lunch break at 2.20 p.m. and re-assembled at 2.45 p.m.**

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.17**

#### **Solid Waste segregation in Sector 34 & 35, Chandigarh.**

The Secretary placed agenda item No.17 for consideration.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur thanked the House for bringing this agenda. She said that the garbage was being collected door to door since long time. She further said that we had organized an association to provide the segregated garbage to the Corporation. She demanded 2-3 bins be provided to the association to start the pilot project. She further said that if the bins are not provided by the Corporation, the association should be permitted to start the project, the bins would be purchased on its own by the association. She further apprised that the door to door collection would also be done from the funds of association. She further said that the children of the door to door collectors would be given better education, their accounts would be opened with the banks. She demanded incentives for the children of door to door collectors. We would have to do something for smart city. She further said that we are far behind compared to other cities. She further

said that public participation is necessary for making the city as smart city. She sought the permission of the Corporation to start this pilot project. She demanded for two three garbage bins & special type of rehris for segregation of garbage.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra apprised the House that the same project was started in Sector-22 during the regime of Smt. Raj Bala Malik in the year, 2012. He further said that a committee was constituted regarding the solid waste management in the year, 2003, headed by Finance Secretary and he was also member of that committee. The project was started in Sector-27, when Mrs. Babla was Councillor of that sector. The sweeper union protested against the project and the residents also did not co-operate the project. The project failed due to non-cooperation of door to door garbage collectors. The lifting of the garbage from the city was stopped. He further said that the Councillors of opposition supported the protesters against the pilot project. He further apprised that the Mayor called a meeting at dumping ground and assured the protesters that this pilot project would be scrapped and it was decided that the project would be continued in the commercial area. He further said before starting this project, consent of the sweeper union and association of door to door collectors should be obtained, otherwise this project would also meet with the same fate.

Sh. Arun Sood said that when the pilot project was started in Sector-22, in the year, 2012, the door to door collectors were not kept in service, but now a meeting was held on 18.11.2015 under the Chair of CMC in which the members of door to door collectors were also invited. He further apprised that the door to door collectors who are already working would be engaged to do the work in this project and they had given their consent to the CMC.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that the door to door collectors are being treated as a member of their family and they are seeking betterment for the education of their children also.

The Joint Commissioner-I said that first of all it should be clarified by the House whether the already functioning rehris would be provided in this project or the rehris of special type would be provided like the rehris shown in the presentation of Coimbatore. The rehris would be maintained by the RWAs.

Sh. Arun Sood said that when they visited the Matheran and inspected the project there. On the basis of said tour, two bio-methanation gas plant were approved by the House. One has been settled in Industrial Area and other is to be settled in other part of the city. He further apprised that when they visited the plant there was no foul smell in the area and suggested that the same project which was visited during the tour should be implemented in the city. He said that the second plant should be installed in Shantikunj.

Major D.S.Sandhu (Retd.) suggested that this project should not be started in haste and its merits and demerits should be studied thoroughly.

***“The House considered & resolved in the principle that the pilot project regarding solid waste segregation be started in Sector-34 & 35. The modalities of the project be framed later on with the consultation of RWAs.”***

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.2**

**Civil Writ Petition No.16072 of 2015 – Jai Parkash Associates Ltd. vs. U.T., Chandigarh, Home Secretary and CMC.**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.2 for consideration.

The Joint Commissioner-I apprised the House that a CWP No.16072 of 2015 titled as J.P. Associates Ltd. Vs. U.T. Chandigarh and others was filed by M/s J.P. Associates for tipping fees. This case was listed for hearing on 25.8.2015 and the Hon'ble High Court directed the respondents as under:-

***“without commenting on the merits of the case, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.3 to take a decision on the claim as contained in representation dated 26.06.2015 (Annexure P-12) expeditiously, preferably, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.”***

In compliance with the direction of the Hon'ble High Court, the CMC has passed speaking order on 5.11.2015. The representation of the petitioner has been disposed of by way of speaking order as per the clauses agreement.

The Commissioner suggested that if the Jai Parkash Associates creates something new for up-gradation of the Plant then his request can be considered.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that three companies made presentation for this plant. M/s Jai Parkash Associate Ltd. was selected on the basis of technology, which was shown by them as suitable for Chandigarh. He further told that according to the report of the expert, if the plant was not installed, there would be shortage of land at dumping ground within 4 or 5 years. At the time of presentation, M/s J.P. Associates told that the fuel would be carried to the Darlaghat Plant in Himachal Pardesh, but said Plant was banned by the Pollution Control Board and the basic violation started from there, because the fuel could not be used anywhere else. He further told that if they use the fuel then they would have to make the pellets. He further told that according to the clause of agreement, the company could not dispose more than 5-7% of waste in the land filling, but the company had been throwing large amount of waste in the land filling. He further said that the weighing bridge was also to be installed and 90% of garbage after treatment and conversion was to be sent outside, but nothing is going out of the plant. He further told that the garbage was being burnt at night having even bio-medical waste, which emanates the foul smell. He suggested that if this company had another technology, the company should be invited for that technology, then the real picture would come in light in the House. He further said that at least 100 tonne garbage was

being sent in the land fill everyday instead of only 30 tonne. He further said we should impose the penalty for this violation instead of paying the tipping fee.

The Commissioner opined that the company should upgrade the technology as the garbage was going in the dumping ground more than prescribed norms and fuel was also not being consumed as the cement plant of Darlaghat had been banned by the pollution board. Due to these reasons the pollution is increasing, therefore, the company should upgrade the technology.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal appreciated the presentation given by the CMC regarding the solid waste management at Coimbatore & Copenhagen. He further said that as per the presentation of Copenhagen, only 5% garbage goes to the land filling and rest of the garbage is consumed, 2<sup>nd</sup> was the control of the foul smell. He further said that the city had been suffering badly from this processing plant & dumping ground as the foul smell emanates from there. He further said that the present technology of the plant is not suitable to the city. He further said that this processing plant should be closed or shifted from there.

Sh. Surinder Bahga apprised the House when the planning of Chandigarh was done, it was noticed that the air blows from University towards Industrial Area. He further apprised that this plant and dumping ground had been planned on the wrong location, which is the basic reason of foul smell. He further gave the example of Corn Plant at Mohali, which was installed in wrong direction, which also emanated the foul smell throughout the Mohali and was closed later on. He further apprised the House that he had a clipping of engineering magazine named "Project Vendor" in which award was given to J.P.Associates and the company had claimed that they are not taking any tipping fee and providing services free of cost. He explained the definition of tipping fee. As the garbage is collected by the Corporation from the city they have no claim for tipping fee. He further said that the RDF is not being used by this company whereas

they have their own cement plant. He emphasized for the implementation of report of NEERI.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the fuel is not being used and present technology has not been serving our purpose. The foul smell emanates throughout the city. Moreover, this company has been carrying the garbage of Shimla in the Dumping Ground of Chandigarh to gain the tipping fee. This plant has been creating problem for the city. He further said that a medical camp was held in Dadu Majra and about 530 residents of Dadu Majra were examined and 95% out of them were suffering from eye disease, skin disease & asthma. He further suggested that a committee consisting of officers & councillors should be constituted to examine all the aspects of this plant. He further said this plant should be closed even if the Corporation has to bear the burden of crores of rupees.

***“The House considered & ratified the speaking order passed by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, in compliance with the directions of Hon’ble High Court passed in CWP No. 16072 of 2015 and it was further resolved that no tipping fee be given to M/s J.P.Associates Ltd.***

***It was also decided that a Committee be constituted to look into alternatives and upgradation proposal of the plant.”***

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.3**

**Installation of 2MWp Solar Power Plant at Water Works, Sector-39, Chandigarh.**

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

***“The House considered & in principle approved the installation of 2MWP Solar Power Plant at Water Works, Sector-39, Chandigarh.”***

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.4**

**To consider and to approve the payment in cash in lieu of summer uniform articles for the year 2015-16 & 2016-17 and winter uniform articles for the year 2015-17 and remaining uniform articles for the year 2013-15.**

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

***“The House considered & approved the payment in cash in lieu of summer uniform articles for the year 2015-16 & 2016-17 and winter uniform articles for the year 2015-17 and remaining uniform articles for the year 2013-15 at an estimated amount of Rs.1.10 crore.”***

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.5**

#### **Primary Schools under Municipal Corporation.**

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

The Joint Commissioner-I apprised the House that a meeting of the Primary Education Committee was held on 24.8.2015 and had resolved that **“the functions of the primary education be either transferred completely to Municipal Corporation or it be returned back to the Administration. it was further resolved that this be conveyed to the U.T. Administration.”** He further told that this resolution was sent to the Administration, but no reply has been received so far. He further said that on the basis of the news, the schools were inspected and the requirement has been ascertained. Some of the works relate to the engineering wing and rest related to the purchase of items.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the department had been transferred to the Corporation, but no power had been assigned except renovation of the buildings. He further apprised that the Bombay Corporation & Bangalore Corporation had been running the medical colleges. He further told that the Bombay Corporation had full-fledged power of the Transport Department. He further said that due to some reasons, the Corporation & the Administration had come in confrontation. He further said that the Primary Education & Health Department were transferred to the Corporation in the year, 2010. Five years have passed, but we have not obtained the full fledged control over these departments. He suggested that the Mayor and the Commissioner should raise

the issue/problems pertaining to the departments in the meetings of Co-ordination Committee. He further said that basic amenities are provided to the citizens by the Corporation. Therefore, we may collectively apprise the Administrator with the problems pertaining to the Education & Primary Health Department and strengthen the Corporation.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur apprised the House that the primary school in Mauli Jagran had been running in the houses of Housing Board Chandigarh and rooms of this school is in dilapidated condition. She has requested for the renovation of the building of the school, but the concerned authority had told that this property belongs to Housing Board Chandigarh and the renovation would be done by the said department.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that the present agenda had been brought only for the seven primary schools, whereas the number of primary schools is more in the city. He further wanted to know the number of schools to be constructed as new primary schools. He demanded that the board of Municipal Primary Schools should be installed at the gate of school. He insisted for the transfer of full-fledged departments.

***“The House considered & resolved that the functions of Primary Education i.e. posting & transfer of teachers, budget, uniform, mid day meal etc. be transferred to Municipal Corporation completely.***

***Further, it was also resolved that the renovation/maintenance of schools buildings be taken up by the Engineering Wing of the Municipal Corporation, after preparing proper estimate and taking approval of the competent committee/authority. The supply of other articles, furniture/fixtures be taken up by the Primary Education Wing of the Municipal Corporation, as per provisions of GFR.”***

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.6**

**Issuance of Parking Stickers to various officers of other departments.**

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

Major D.S.Sandhu (Retd.) demanded that the parking stickers should be issued to the gallantry award winners as per previous practice and their numbers are not more than 14. He further said that a fresh list of the gallantry award winners should be demanded from their President. He further said that these stickers should be issued only to the gallantry award winners who are resident of Chandigarh.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi narrated the story of Fire & Sparrow. He appreciated the presentation of CMC. He further said the officers & others dignitaries do the cycling in other countries, so we should follow this in our own country. He further narrated the changes in Copenhagen from cars to cycle. He further said that today is the historic day as a world level conference is being held today, 3,50,000 people had come on the roads regarding the climate change and we are not understanding the seriousness of this climate change. He further said no contractor had stopped officers of the Administration to park their vehicle in any parking lot. He opined that atleast one day we should not drive a car and should come to the office or in the meeting of House on cycle. He further suggested for the free cycle parking in every parking lot. He stressed that the VIP culture should be abolished from the city. He wanted to promote the cycling in the city rather issuance of free parking stickers for car parking.

The Mayor suggested that the parking stickers should be issued to the officers of other departments on reciprocal basis.

Sh. Subhash Chawla explained the culture of Chandigarh. He apprised 8,00,000 vehicles are registered in Chandigarh having the population of 10,00,000. He suggested that no person/resident should be allowed to have more than two vehicles. He further told that in Singapore when a person purchases first time car, 6% tax is charged, but on the purchase of subsequent car 500% tax is charged.

The Commissioner appreciated the views of Sh. Saurabh Joshi and suggested that let the House decide to abolish the concept of complementary stickers.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra opposed the issuance of free parking stickers to the officers of the Administration because no sticker was being issued to the Councillors from the office of D.C. U.T. Chandigarh and U.T. Secretariat. He further said he wants respect of the Councillors being the representatives of the public. He suggested that the stickers should be issued reciprocal basis and the passes should be issued to all the councillors by the Chandigarh Administration also.

***“The House considered & approved issuance of complementary free parking passes to the vehicles of all IAS, IPS, IFS, PCS, HCS & DSPs posted in Chandigarh Administration as detailed in agenda.***

***Further, it was also decided that the request be sent to the U.T. Administration and Deputy Commissioner, U.T. Chandigarh to send passes for vehicles of Councillors for parking at U.T. Secretariat & D.C. Office.”***

Sh. Satinder Singh raised the issue of electricity connections which had been disconnected from the public toilets due to non-payment of electricity bills. He insisted for the payment of electricity bills.

The Commissioner directed the Executive Engineer, P.H. Division No.4 to take the matter seriously.

**“The House resolved that the electricity bills of Public Toilets should be deposited by the Corporation.”**

Sh. Satinder Singh said that a public park/green belt in Sector-28D, was being used for functions by a influenced family, he had obtained wrong permission from the Corporation.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.7**

**Rough cost estimate for Re-carpeting of V-6 road in Sector-46-C Chandigarh.**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.7 for consideration.

*“The House considered & resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.57.71 lac for re-carpeting of V-6 road in sector-46-C Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”*

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.8**

**Rough cost estimate for Re-carpeting of V-6 road in Sector-46-A Chandigarh.**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.8 for consideration.

*“The House considered & resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.60.20 lac for re-carpeting of v-6 road in sector-46-A, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”*

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.9**

**Passing of resolution by the General House of the Municipal Corporaion for the formation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for the implementation of Smart City Project.**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.9 for consideration.

*“The House considered & resolved to approve the formation of Special Purpose Vehicle for implementation of smart city programme if Chandigarh gets selected in top 20 cities.*

*Further, the House approved the proposal of smart city along with the financial plan for the implementation as per guidelines of MOUD placed at Annexure “B” of the agenda.”*

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.10**

**Clarification regarding increase of honorarium and other allowances for Mayor, Sr. Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors.**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.10 for consideration.

*“The House considered & unanimously approved the honorarium and other allowances for Mayor, Sr. Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Elected Councillors and Nominated Councillor as per the Govt. of Punjab Notification No.6/13/2014-4LG1/504539/1 dated 9.6.2015 & No.6/13/2014-4LG1/504550/1 dated 9.6.2015.”*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.11**

**Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 40mm thick B.C. in Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh (Block-B)**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.11 for consideration.

***“The House considered & resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.106.57 lac for providing and laying 40mm thick B.C. in Industrial Area, Phase-I, (Block-B) Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”***

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.12**

**Rough Cost Estimate for providing and laying tack coat & 30mm thick B.C. on V-6 roads Sector 10-A&D, Chandigarh.**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.12 for consideration.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that the present agenda had been brought 8 months prior to the due date. He further asked why the agendas of the roads, whom recarpetting was required had not been brought. He further said that the election of the House was held in the year 2011 and the roads of Sector 16 were re-carpeted in the year 2010, the residents of Sector 16 told that the quality of the roads was very poor and told that the road without re-carpeting was better. He further said that neither the policy of paver block nor the re-carpeting of roads had been cleared by the Engineering Wing. He further said that there should be a clear-cut policy regarding the re-carpeting of roads without any partiality and discrimination.

The Commissioner said that the list of such roads should be prepared, for which re-carpeting would be due in the next year.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) apprised the House about the deteriorated conditions of the roads of Sector 35. He opined that in view of the increase of vehicles, the period of re-carpeting of roads should be reduced from 5 years to 4 years.

Sh. H.C. Kalyan apprised the House that a road of Sector 50 was constructed 3½ year ago, but had broken many times and patch work also has been done. He demanded the re-carpeting of said road before due date.

***“The House considered & resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.110.11 lac for providing and laying tack coat & 30mm thick B.C. on V-6 roads Sector 10-A&D, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”***

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.13**

**Rough Cost Estimate for providing and fixing 80mm thick paver blocks on internal roads in front of H. No.410 to 1143 at Dadumajra, Chandigarh.**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.13 for consideration.

***“The House considered & resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.153.57 lac for providing and fixing 80mm thick paver blocks on internal roads in front of H. No. 410 to 1143 at Dadumajra, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”***

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.14**

**Rough Cost Estimate for Construction of RCC retaining wall cum boundary wall opposite H. No. 2111 to 1608 (Along Dumping Ground) in Dadumajra, Chandigarh.**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.14 for consideration.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that the same agenda was brought in the year 2013, what was happened then. He further said that the justification of the agenda is not proper.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal replied to the query of Sh. Surinder Bahga and justified the present estimate.

The Chief Engineer apprised the House that the existing brick wall along with Dadumajra Colony segregating the colony and dumping ground has become ineffective because of low height. He further told that the residents of the colony throw

the garbage in the dumping ground. He further told that the existing drain gets choked and due to that general public had to bear the foul smell and the problem of flies and mosquitoes. He further told that when the Agenda was brought in the year 2013, the same was not passed in the House. He further said that the RCC retaining wall would be suitable to prevent the residents from throwing garbage across the wall of dumping ground.

***“The House considered & resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.231.55 lac for construction of RCC retaining wall cum boundary wall opposite H.No.2111 to 1608 (Along Dumping Ground) in Dadumajra, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”***

The Joint Commissioner apprised the House that as per data provided by Dr. M.S. Kamboj under the programme of ABC being carried out by M.C., 3650 dogs had been sterilized and most of dogs of municipal limit had been lifted & sterilized, but the dogs of the area beyond the Municipal limit was not included in the programme and he sought decision of the House as to whether to include the area beyond the Municipal limit under this programme.

***“The House noted that stray dogs are not limited by any boundaries and can migrate from one place to other. It was further discussed that the stray dogs of the surrounding areas of Municipal Corporation limits need to be sterilized and vaccinated against rabies. This will help in controlling the stray dog population in the city and prevent rabies.***

***The House unanimously resolved that M.C. should carry out the sterilisation programme outside the M.C. limits, within the city of Chandigarh by SPCA Udgir at already approved rates of Rs. 972/- per dog.”***

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.15**

**Estimate for the work of providing and fixing of DI water supply pipe line in front of the houses from house No. 410 to 1143 in place of existing CI/PVC water supply pipe lines inside the houses in rehabilitation colony Dadu Majra, Chandigarh.**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.15 for consideration.

***“The House considered & resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.127.52 lac for the work of providing and fixing of DI water supply pipe line in front of the houses from house No. 410 to 1143 in place of existing CI/PVC water supply pipe lines inside the houses in rehabilitation colony Dadu Majra, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”***

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.16**

**Estimate for providing and laying of HDPE irrigation pipe line for supplying T.T. water to Houses and Parks in Sector 10, Chandigarh.**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.16 for consideration.

The members of the House criticised the supply of T.T. water in parks and green belts.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the parks of Sector 37 and Sector 38 are being maintained by the RWA, but the water supply for irrigation is not available. He further said that his agenda has not been brought in the House for one year. He further highlighted that there is a lack of coordination between the Engineering Wing. He further said that there was a major problem of T.T. water in green belts.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil suggested that one department should be assigned the charge of T.T. water supply and hydrants in green belts/parks. He further said that the quality of the work is very poor as and when the water is supplied in T.T. water pipelines, the leakage started from these pipes.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that the stand-posts should be erected for the drinking water in the markets.

The Chief Engineer said that all the stand-posts had been closed and the water connection would be given to the consumers on paid basis through meters.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that there are 7-8 parks in his ward, but water supply had not been provided in any park.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the sale of bottled water had been banned in Sanfransisco city of America and free drinking water had been made available.

***“The House considered & resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.63.80 lac for providing and laying of HDPE irrigation pipe line for supplying T.T. water to Houses and Parks in Sector 10, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”***

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.18**

**Show Cause Notice under Section 405 of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976, as extended to U.T., Chandigarh (To increase paid parking fee).**

The Secretary put up agenda item No.18 for consideration.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that all the parking lots had been categorized in A,B,C and D and the rate of the paid parking had been kept same, which is not justified. He suggested that the rates should be different for the different area. He further said that the rates of the parking should be fixed according to the importance of the parking lot. He further said that the aspect of advertisement could not be ruled out. He further said that the rates proposed in the agenda were on the higher side, these should be reduced. He further said that why the Show Cause Notice has been served.

Sh. M.P. Kohli suggested that the rate for first two hours for two wheeler should be Rs.2/- only and he was in favour of the paid parking. The Show Cause Notice is not justified.

Sh. Babu Lal, IAS (Retd.) supported the increase in the rates of parking fee. He further said that if the hours for parking are fixed, the owner of the vehicle would vacate the parking earlier. He further said that it should be ensured that the workers of the contractor are in proper dress and following the terms and condition of contract meticulously. He further said that if the reasonable rates would be fixed/increased, then a reputed firm would come forward for contract, otherwise, the poor services would be

provided by the poor contractor. He further said that he and all the Nominated Councillors are in favour of the increase in the rates of Paid Parking.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra was not in favour of the increase the rates of parking fee. He further said that the rates of the Sahib Singh Parking and Elante Mall were increased, but the complaints for overcharging had been receiving from the residents. He further said that the Smt. Jannat Jahan, Councillor also had complaint against the contractor of Sahib Singh Parking. He further said that we had already increased the rates, but there was no improvement in the parking. He further said that all the Councillors of Congress Party are not in favour of the increase in the rates of the paid parking.

Sh. Arun Sood said that this issue had been discussed many times in the House and in the Committee also. He further said that on the direction of Hon'ble High Court, the paid parking was done in the city in the year 1998 only to regulate the parking in the city, but now the worker of the contractor are over-charging from the owner of the vehicle and do not wear the uniform. The parking of the vehicles is haphazard and the workers of the contractor misbehaved with the public. The facilities of the paid parking are not being provided in the parking lot in real sense. In other words, the concept of regulation of the parking had failed totally. He further said that in spite of the repeated reforms in the system, no improvement came into the parking. He preferred the Public Privatization Partnership in the parking lots, he gave the example of maintenance of parks by the RWAs. He further gave the example of toilets of Sector 37, market, which is maintained by the Market Association and its maintenance is not less than the maintenance of toilet of Five Star Hotel. He further gave the example of round-about maintained by the private companies. He further said that there are so many private companies those are ready to maintain the parking in place of advertisement. He insisted that the parking lots should be allotted to the private companies on Public

Privatization Partnership basis in place of advertisement of that company through his workers parking slips and barricades. He further said that more revenue would be generated then increasing the rate of paid parking. He further explained the size and rate of advertisement that would generate more revenue. He further said that the Finance Secretary & Home Secretary were also agreed and admitted that this aspect could be considered. He further said that the House Tax was rejected by the House, but the Administration imposed @ Rs.1/- per annum, but the same had been increased now by the Administration. He further said that we should convince the Administration rather than confrontation. He further said that the proposal of Public Privatization Partnership should be put in the meeting of Coordination Committee to convince the Administration.

The Commissioner requested the House again and again to reconsider the agenda and suggested that democratic institution should exercise its rights and the proposal of parking put-forth in the agenda be approved through the House, which can decide about rates.

Sh. M.P. Kohli and all the Nominated Councillors were in favour of the increase of rates of paid parking and stated that it should not be considered as tax.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that when the House Tax was levied an assurance was given by the Administration that it would not be increased, but the same had been increased now.

***“The agenda was rejected with majority.”***

### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.19**

#### **Utilization of underground parking into Night Shelter.**

The Secretary put up table agenda item No.19 for consideration.

The Commissioner said that first structural safety and other basic amenities should be seen, then bring the agenda for consideration in the House.

***“The Indian Red Cross Society may be allowed utilization of underground parkings into Night Shelter subject to the condition that no open defecation will be carried out and structural safety of these parkings will be ensured before these are converted into night shelter.”***

### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.20**

**Rough cost estimate for construction of Community Centre, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh.**

The Secretary put up table agenda item No.20 for consideration.

Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) asked about the site of the Community Centre, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh.

The Chief Engineer apprised that this Community Centre would be constructed near Shishu Niketan School, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh.

***“The House considered & resolved that the rough cost estimate amounting to Rs.508.95 lac for construction of Community Centre, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”***

### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.21**

**Administration's interference in day to day working of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.**

The Secretary put up table agenda item No.21 for consideration.

Sh. Surinder Bahga said that the members of the House were not happy with the appointment of SDM over and above the Officers of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. The elected Councillor had shared him that it is a interference of the Administration in the working of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. He further said that they could ensure the quality of work having dual charge. He further said that

empowering the Commissioner with the financial power of Rs.25.00 lac is the overlapping of the powers of all the sub-Committees.

The Commissioner said that if they want to know the role of SDMs, she can apprise the House, otherwise the House may sent it to the Administration. She further said that the financial power to the Commissioner had been assigned not for works, otherwise all the agendas of F&CC had been passed. This power has been assigned to expedite the functioning of the office. She further said that it is not the exercising of power, it is an additional responsibility. She further said that there is no clash of interest.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the Corporation is an elected body and works according to the provisions of Municipal Act. He further said that the posting of SDMs as additional is objectionable. He further said that if the Administration thinks that there is a lack of Officers in the Municipal Corporation, then the Administration should sanction the regular posts of Joint Commissioners etc. He further said that the Administration is fully empowered to enhance or reduce the posts of officers.

***“The House considered and resolved that the SDMs should not be appointed as Additional Commissioners in M.C. Chandigarh and delegation of financial power to Commissioner, M.C. Chandigarh be reconsidered. It was also resolved that sentiments of the House be conveyed to the Chandigarh Administration.”***

### **TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO. 224.22**

#### **Strengthening of Engineering Wing of Municipal Corporation.**

The Secretary put up table agenda item No.22 for consideration.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the House framed Recruitment Rules 3-4 years ago to fill up the posts by promotion and direct recruitment in the fixed ratio and the same were sent to the Administration for approval. He further apprised the House

that framing of Recruitment Rule was the right of the Corporation. He further said that the Administration changed the Recruitment Rules, which were sent by the Corporation. He further said that due to the change in the Recruitment Rules, the promotion of the SDOs has been affected. He further clarified that if the Service Rule would have not been changed by the Administration, these SDOs would have been promoted earlier. He further said that if the Administration was not agreed to the said Recruitment Rules, the same should have been sent back to the Municipal Corporation.

Sh. Babu Lal said that the Recruitment Rule of the Administration and Municipal Corporation had become different due to the change in the Recruitment Rule sent by the Corporation.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that the Administration was not empowered to amend the Recruitment Rule. He further said that according to the provisions of the Municipal Act, the Administration can approve or reject the Recruitment Rules, but cannot amend.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra told that the J.Es of the Administration had been promoted as XENs, whereas the J.Es of the Corporation had not been promoted as SDOs.

The Commissioner said that it is an Administrative matter and should not be discussed in the House. She suggested that the Councillors and Officers collectively should come to her office tomorrow at 12.30 p.m. to resolve this matter. She further said that if the Administration had done anything wrong, the same should have to be challenged in the Hon'ble High Court. She further said that she would like to study the matter thoroughly before any conclusion.

Sh.Satinder Singh that the matter had been referred again to the Administration for approval in the fixed ratio of direct and promotion. He suggested that till the finality of that case, the matter should be kept pending.

***“The House considered & resolved that the recruitment of Sub Divisional Engineers should not be carried out now.”***

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

**Secretary,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Chandigarh.**