

MINUTES OF THE 273rd (ADJOURNED) MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH HELD ON 08.07.2019 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CHANDIGARH.

The following were present:

Sarv/Sh./Smt:-

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| 1. Rajesh Kumar | Mayor |
| 2. Kamal Kishor Yadav, IAS | Commissioner |
| 3. Hardeep Singh | Senior Deputy Mayor |
| 4. Kanwarjeet Singh | Deputy Mayor |
| 5. Charanjiv Singh | Councillor |
| 6. Ajay Dutta | Councillor |
| 7. Haji Mohd. Khurshid Ali | Councillor |
| 8. Dr. Jyotsna Wig | Councillor |
| 9. Shipra Bansal | Councillor |
| 10. Sat Parkash Aggarwal | Councillor |
| 11. Kamla Sharma | Councillor |
| 12. Maj. Gen. M.S. Kandal (Retd.) | Councillor |
| 13. Mahesh Inder Singh | Councillor |
| 14. Raj Bala Malik | Councillor |
| 15. Ravi Kant Sharma | Councillor |
| 16. Sunita Dhawan | Councillor |
| 17. Sheela Devi | Councillor |
| 18. Ravinder Kaur | Councillor |
| 19. Arun Sood | Councillor |

20. Davesh Moudgil	Councillor
21. Chanderwati Shukla	Councillor
22. Heera Negi	Councillor
23. Gurpreet Singh	Councillor
24. Farmila	Councillor
25. Devinder Singh Babla	Councillor
26. Dalip Sharma	Councillor
27. Shakti Prakash Devshali	Councillor
28. Asha Kumari Jaswal	Councillor
29. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
30. Jagtar Singh	Councillor
31. Bharat Kumar	Councillor
32. Anil Kumar Dubey	Councillor
33. Sanjay Kumar Jha, IAS	Secretary

The following Officers also attended the meeting: -

S/Sh:-

1. Satish Kumar Jain, HCS	Additional Commissioner-II
2. Anil Garg, PCS	Additional Commissioner-III
3. Manoj Bansal	Chief Engineer
3. Sanjay Arora	S.E. (B&R)
4. N.P. Sharma	S.E. (P.H.)
5. Krishan Pal Singh	S.E. (H&E)
6. Varinder Singh Thakur	Chief Accounts Officer

7. Dr. Amrit Pal Singh	M.O.H.
8. Dr. M.S. Kamboj	Supdt.Slaughter House.
9. Ajay Garg	XEN (Roads-I)
10. Dharminder Sharma	XEN (Roads-II)
11. Harish Saini	XEN (P.H.Div. No.-I)
12. Suresh Gill	XEN (P.H.Div. No.-II)
13. Vijay Premi	XEN (P.H.Div. No.-III)
14. I.D. Sharma	XEN (P.H.Div. No.-IV)
15. Pritpal Singh	XEN (Horticulture)
16. Kuldeep Singh	XEN (Electrical)

Smt. Sheela Devi said that the condition of sanitation in her ward is very bad and there is no dustbin as a result the people have thrown the garbage on the roadside and due to non-lifting heaps of garbage are seen there. She had talked to ACMC-II, MOH, CSI telephonically, but no action has so far been taken in this regard.

Sh. Dalip Sharma said that the sanitation condition of his ward is also very bad and dustbins are overflowing due to garbage as dustbins have not been picked up for one week.

The Mayor said that the concern of Smt. Sheela Devi is genuine as he has also noticed that five dustbins from Sector-25 have been shifted and there is lot of garbage lying here and there. He said that out of five garbage lifting vehicles, two vehicles are also out of work and payment is not being made for repairing of the vehicles. He said that the vehicles should be repaired properly in time and made in running condition through Transport Section.

Smt. Kamla Sharma said that at present the sanitary condition of the city is worst during the last 40 years and requested the officers to do something to improve the condition of the city, otherwise it will become a house of diseases.

Smt. Asha Jaswal said that in papers there are 50 safaikaramcharis deputed in her ward, but the condition of sanitation is very bad and there are heaps of garbage in her ward also.

Sh. Ravi Kant Sharma said that earlier there were 10 rehries and 8 trolleys deployed in his ward, but now only one trolley is available against 8 to remove the garbage. He requested to depute more trolleys.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that segregation is an important component of Municipal Solid Waste Rules and Mayors have contributed a lot for improvement of sanitation and J.P. Plant. Segregation of garbage has been started in the villages recently merged with the Corporation, but the sanitary condition of the city is deplorable. The swacchhta sarvekshan has been started but segregation in the city has not so far been started and it was proposed to sign an MOU with the door to door garbage collectors, but it has not been done even after lapse of eight months. The Corporation has spent more than Rs.1.50 Crore for cleaning of road gullies but has not been done properly and the roads of the city were chocked with rain water when it rained for only one hour. If the rain had continued for more hours, then what would be the condition of the city and moreover an amount of Rs.50.00 Crore spent for recarpetting of roads would also drain out due to chocking of road gullies. There is lack of coordination between officers of different wings and lack of will power to perform efficiently. Small tenders are floated under non plan head by the officers at their own level and no development is seen in the field. He further said that the Corporation should implement the parameters laid under swachhta sarvekshan

and segregation should be done in the city also. He requested the Mayor to take personal interest to improve the sanitary condition of the city.

Smt. Chandrawati Shukla said that during the rainy day the rain water enter the houses in her ward and requested to take necessary action to avoid this situation in future. She further said that the birds are being slaughtered in the open at many places in her ward and nobody takes action against them. Some people have erected jhuggies in front of houses and a sweet shop has encroached upon the public land, but no action is being taken against them.

Smt. Asha Jaswal said that there is lot of nuisance in the meat market and the scooter mechanics from Sector-21 should also be removed. She further said that the safaikaramcharis clean the roads, but the heaps of garbage are not lifted regularly. After cleaning the road gullies the garbage is not lifted from the site as a result the dry leaves and the garbage enter the road gullies and chock the storm water line. During the rainy day, the water entered the houses of Sector-21 and she thanked the officers for quick action to drain out the water from the houses on her request. She further suggested that additional road gullies are required to be constructed in some areas. Crores of rupees are spent every year to clean the road gullies, but the result is nil. She requested the Commissioner to take personal interest and strict action against the officers who are not performing their duties efficiently.

The Commissioner said that the Chief Engineer and SE (PH) have visited the field and identified low lying areas where the rain water collects and in some areas the pipes under road gullies needs to be cleaned. Moreover, there was heavy rain on that day as a result there was water on roads, but if the water drains within some minutes then the drainage system is said to be perfect as the storm water lines have their own capacity for holding the water.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that there is slop of about 8 feet from northern sector to southern sectors and the rain water flows towards southern sectors and collect there. He suggested that planning should be done to ease out the rain water collected at southern sectors. He further said that the office had started a campaign to bring back the employees working at the residence of officers which is a good action as the shortage of employees adversely affect the sanitation work of the city. There is no proper disposal of garbage collected by the safaikaramcharis.

Smt. Heera Negi said that the boundary wall of Advocate Society fell sown due to stagnation of rain water. The condition of green belts in southern sector is very bad. There is a colony of EWS houses where the sewerage system is always overflowing and the area is stinking. She further said that sewer water is over flowing and water up to 10 feet deep gathers there which can prove fatal. She requested that permanent solution of this problem should be find out. She further said that being public representatives she has to go to those areas for vote purpose and moreover they are paying tax to the MCC.

The SE (PH) said that he had visited the EWS colony of Sector-49 and found that internal sewer system of the colony is defected as a result the water is over flowing. These houses are the property of Chandigarh Housing Board and they are collecting the rent from the allottees, therefore, it is their responsibility to solve this problem and the responsibility of the MC begins from the manhole.

Sh. Bharat Kumar said that there are about 500 EWS houses in Ram Darbar constructed by the Chandigarh Housing Board and the same problem of sewer overflow is being faced by the residents.

The Commissioner said that every department has to do proper hand over and takeover of a property only then it is said to be transferred and unless it is transferred it is the responsibility of the Chandigarh Housing Board to maintain them. If the

Corporation has cleaned the area at its own level on the request of area Councillor, it does not imply that it is the responsibility of MCC.

Sh. Arun Sood said that as per Chandigarh Administration Rules, the building constructed by the Chandigarh Housing Board will be automatically transferred to MCC after five years. The EWS colony of Sector-38 West and Sector-49 have been transferred to MCC as the roads, smart lights and tow walls have been provided by the MCC. There are some old colonies which have been transferred to MCC whereas the Estate Office is collecting the instalments or rent from the allottees. He further said that there are many inbuilt defects in planning of EWS colonies and one of them is that the water meter chambers have been installed below ground level as a result the rainy water enters into the chamber and contaminate the drinking water through the water meters. He had taken up the matter with the Chandigarh Housing Board and they lifted the level of water meter chambers of three blocks. One more problem is that there is one small chamber for eight houses, which is always overflowed with the sewerage water and making their life terrible.

The Commissioner said that the rules of every department are defined and unless a property is duly transferred to MCC, it is not the responsibility of MCC. Since the public representatives are approached by the public they take up the issue with the officers of the MCC and get the work done. The Corporation should not spend money on the areas not transferred to it by the Chandigarh Administration as the MC is facing shortage of funds. He directed the Chief Engineer to check the documents in the office whether the said EWS colony of Sector-49 has been transferred to MCC or not. He further said that the Corporation has already approved estimate of Rs.8.50 Crore on the projects of Mauli Jagran and Karsan Colony. He suggested that the Corporation should chalk out the proper plan to sort out the problems being faced by such colonies and then demand a

comprehensive fund from Chandigarh Administration for such works in the colonies constructed by the Chandigarh Housing Board.

Sh. Davinder Singh Babla said that the Mayor should take up this issue in the meeting of Coordination Committee.

Sh. Arun Sood said that earlier agenda was used to be prepared by the MCC and sent to the Chandigarh Administration for discussing the issues in the meeting of Coordination Committees and then the administration fix the meeting. He further said that no intimation about allotment of work under plan and non plan head has been received by the area Councillors during last one month and requested the Commissioner to implement this practice positively. He further said that the problem of water logging is due to capacity of storm water drainage system and it can be improved only by laying new drainage system of higher capacity. Moreover the capacity of choe by widening it at receiving end, is also required to be increased. He further suggested that drainage system should be cleaned by using Super Suction machine at least once in eight years to make the storm water system effective. In the year 2012 an estimate of Rs.33.00 Lac was approved by the House for cleaning road gullies whereas the said estimate has been increased up to Rs.1.25 Crore and such high increase in the estimate also needs to be examined. He further suggested that a clause should be inserted in the tender document for cleaning the road gullies that the garbage removed from the road gullies should be lifted from the spot immediately and a penalty should also be imposed for non-compliance of this clause. He further suggested that the JEs should visit the field after the rain and the blocked road gullies should be got cleaned immediately. He pointed out that news has appeared in the local newspaper that the safaikaramcharis have also been deputed at the residence of Councillors. He requested the Commissioner to withdraw the said employees and disclose the names of those Councillors.

Sh. Davinder Babla suggested that the malba removed from road gullies be packed in empty cement bags and lifted from there to avoid rain water logging on roads. He further requested to disclose the names of officers and Councillors at whose residence the safaikaramcharis have been working as the MCC is incurring huge expenditure due to this system. He further said that payments of contractors are not being released in time as a result they discontinue the work in between.

The Commissioner requested the Councillors to inform him about any pending payment of the contractor working in their respective wards so that he would direct the concerned officers to make the payments at the earliest.

Smt. Sunita Dhawan said that some government houses of administration are lying vacant in Sector-23 and their sewerage system has been chocked as a result all residents of the area are suffering. She requested that the Chandigarh Administration should be requested to allot those houses or make the sewerage system functional.

Ms. Shipra Bansal said that door to door garbage collectors are not in a position to purchase vehicles for transporting the segregated garbage. She further said that the tobacco sellers should not be allowed to sit near schools.

Sh. Gurpreet Singh pointed out that a group of tailors have encroached upon public land at different places. He informed that a tailor has started work under the hut of the green belt in Ssector-46 and another near Gurudwara and such tailors can also be seen on every V-4 and V-5 roads. He further said that dog bite cases have come to notice from Sector-32 and there is no vaccine in the hospitals.

Sh. Davinder Singh Babla said that it has been observed that lot of rain water log in parks and suggested that some provision of rain water harvesting should be arranged in such parks and made compulsory for big houses. Similarly, T.T. water connections should be given to the houses where pipelines have been laid.

The Commissioner apprised the House that the tender for supply of vaccine was floated but no bidder submitted bid and second time single bid has been received and order to supply the vaccine has been passed. He further apprised the House that the Government of India has launched a scheme "Jal Swavlamban" for which 250 districts have been selected in India and Chandigarh is also included in that list. Under this scheme there is planning to harvest the rain water and water conservation w.e.f. 1st July up to September 2019. Under this provision it is compulsory for the houses of 500 sq. yards and above to make provision for rain water harvesting.

Davesh Moudgil said that most of the shallow tubewells have been closed and TT water is not being supplied properly to maintain the green belts in the city. He, therefore, suggested that rain water harvesting system should be set up at least in big green belts to avoid water logging.

Sh. Bharat Kumar said that there is a choe near Faidan which overflows during rainy season and can cause damage to the nearby houses.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO.273.1

Contract for the supply of 1260 nos. safai karamcharis regarding:

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

The MOH apprised the House that the Committee constituted to examine this matter has recommended that 3 tenders be floated to engage 1260 safai karamcharis and accordingly 400, 400 and 460 employees will be engaged through GeM. It was also recommended by the Committee that no company should be given contract to supply more than 400 workers.

The Commissioner suggested that it would be better if the area, where the safai karamcharis are to be deputed, should be mentioned in the tender document in advance so that the area of safai karamcharis could be pre-determined.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil enquired about the method to be adopted for selection of drivers for the newly purchased vehicles for door to door garbage collection. He further said that it has been noticed that there is a nexus to engage persons from a particular state which should be checked.

The Commissioner apprised the House that the outsourcing agency will send the candidates and a committee of the officers consisting of ACMC-II, MOH, representative of CTU and SDO Transport has been constituted which will supervise driving test of drivers. So far as the safai workers are concerned, some workers have been transferred from the villages merged with the MCC and dependants of the deceased safai karamcharis will also be given preference.

“The House considered and resolved that 3 tenders for the supply of 1260 nos. safai karamcharis be floated i.e. 400, 400 and 460 safai karamcharis in each tender.

The House further resolved that in future an outsourced agency should not be given tender to supply more than 400 workers.

The House further resolved that area/wards of the safai karamcharis to be deputed should also be mentioned in the tender document.

The House further resolved to extend the contract of existing service provider for one month or till the tender is finalized and allotted.

The House further decided that only the residents of U.T. Chandigarh be considered to be engaged for safai karamcharis and drivers.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM No. 2:**Regarding Swachh Survekshan League 2020:**

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that a booklet on Swachh Survekshan League-2020 was distributed to the Councillors in the last meeting in which the various leagues have been shown and on the basis of performance of a city in these quarters the marks are to be assigned and result will be announced after every quarter. Various benchmarks have been set up which are to be followed by a city and citizen's validation will also be done to confirm them. Out of 6000 marks, 25% marks are for direct observation, 25% for certification, 25% for service level progress and 25% for citizen's feedback.

Sh. Arun Sood said that unless the segregation of garbage and its processing by J.P. Plant is up dated, the city cannot achieve good ranking.

The Commissioner said that there are many challenges to be faced by the city to get good marks. Plastic waste and hazardous waste are to be treated properly. Medical waste is monitored by Director Health, U.T. Chandigarh and whole medical waste is sent to the incinerator set up for this purpose. Protocol set up for bulk waste generator has to be followed properly and under this system solid waste has to be collected by MCC and composting plant to treat wet waste has to be set up by the bulk waste generator. It is also kept in view as to how many residents are using the Swachhta App. The concept of recycle and reuse has been stressed under this scheme. He directed the Chief Engineer to explore a good model for reuse of garbage like Rock Garden and Waste to Wonder Park in Delhi. There are marks for public participation and competition between RWAs, MWAs, Hotel, Schools etc. and he requested the councillors to motivate the residents and

the Associations to participate in such competition. He further suggested that the elected Councillors may constitute a committee of eminent persons of their wards and motivate and encourage the RWAs and MWAs for competition and some officers of MCC will also be associated with the said committee for technical support. The campaign will start w.e.f. 15th August, 2019 to 2nd October, 2019 and on the 150th Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, a joint big function may be celebrated. A committee of 11 members is being constituted in the 13 new villages merged with the MCC in which ex-sarpanch, panch etc. will be involved. The committee may be allowed to hold the meeting in the community centres of the ward. The nominated councillors should also be incorporated in the said committee of the ward. The zonal Commissioner may also be involved in the meetings occasionally. **An amount of Rs.3000/- per meeting will be paid by MOH Wing from its own Budget Head.** He further requested the House to decide the quantity of garbage for the category of bulk garbage generator.

“The House resolved that generator of 50 kg garbage shall be considered under the category of bulk garbage generator.”

The Commissioner further requested the members to identify about 150-200 houses who can be motivated easily for starting segregation of waste at source, so that they put forward an example for other residents to follow. He apprised the House that the MOU to be signed with the door to door garbage collectors will be placed before House for approval. He directed the ACMC-II and MOH to ensure that all the vehicles are in running condition. To make the functioning of transportation section more effective, the powers have been delegated to MOH to spend upto Rs.1.25 lac and the SDO has been authorized to spend upto Rs.1.00 lac. There is proposal to provide GPS system in all the vehicles of MOH to track the movement of the vehicles and the log book will be filled accordingly. He

directed all the heads of branches to ensure that diesel is available in all the vehicles and all the pending payment should be made immediately.

Sh. Gurpreet Singh said that most of the workers of Horticulture and Electrical Wings have been deputed in parkings as a result no work is being done at the field level. He requested that these technical workers should be made free from parking duty and LED lights should be fixed on the dark spots in his ward. He further said that at the time of function, illegal connection are taken from electric polls and after function they are left without covering the box which can prove fatal.

Sh. Ravi Kant Sharma said that in the Shastri Market Sector 22, the vendors have illegally taken electric connection from electric polls and suggested that strict action should be taken against such violators.

Smt. Asha Jaswal said that some residents of her ward want to donate the LED tube lights for installation in dark spots, but the area J.E. said that permission from the office is required. She said that there should not be any bar on donation.

The Commissioner apprised the House that JP plant is processing only 27% of the garbage and therefore, a notice has been issued to the JP Plant for payment of compensation. At present the plant is polluting the environment of the city and Corporation failed to achieve good rank in Swachhta Sarvekshan and the MCC had failed to segregate the garbage due to failure to execute agreement with door to door garbage collectors.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the JP Plant has no intention and neither capacity to process the garbage of the city. The plant is not in a position to process the garbage. In 2017 the Pollution Control Board had issued a notice to the JP Plant, but no improvement has been seen in its functioning. He suggested that the Corporation should take over the possession of the plant with the help of the Deputy Commissioner in the interest of public.

Smt. Asha Jaswal said that while appearing before the NGT, the representative of JP Plant had agreed to receive whole garbage of the city failing which he would hand over the plant to the Municipal Corporation. She suggested that the file and order of the NGT should be examined thoroughly.

The House adjourned for lunch at 2:15 p.m. and reassembled at 3:00 p.m.

TABLE AGENDA ITEM No. 1:

Operation and management of 89 paid parking + 01 Multi Level Parking in Chandigarh.

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that earlier the paid parkings were allotted to M/S Arya Toll Infra Ltd., but due to default by the company the contract was cancelled and possession of the parking was taken over by the MCC. Earlier, the House had constituted a Committee to examine the terms and conditions and other aspects of parking and give its recommendations. Earlier, there were 62 parking lots and now there are 90 parking lots including Multi Level Parkings. The Committee has meticulously deliberated on various issues of the parking and has recommended that all the parkings should be divided into four zones and the tender be floated accordingly. It has also been proposed that the smart parking solutions should be provided by the company and 3 models of parking rates and reserve price have been recommended by the Committee. It has also been recommended that parking should be allotted for 3 years extendable to further two years. The smart parking solutions like CCTV, e-ticketing, boom barrier, display board, smart passes etc. have been recommended by the Committee. The officers

of MCC included in the Committee have recommended that the rates of parking earlier applicable at the time of M/S Arya Toll Infra Ltd. should be continued. The detailed rates of 03 proposals are mentioned at page 20 to 25. The members of the Committee were of the view that the rate of parking for 1st hour be kept low and it should be doubled after next four hours.

Sh. Davinder Singh babla said that after taking over the possession of parkings by the MCC, the parking rates were fixed as Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- and the Member of Parliament Smt. Kirron Kher had visited the parkings and made a statement that after election the same rates of parking will continue. He further said that now the number of parkings have increased and there will be no shortage of funds with the MCC if the parking rates are fixed at Rs.5/- and Rs.10/-. He, therefore, suggested that the rates of Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- be continued and rejected the report of the Committee.

Sh. Arun Sood thanked the members of the Committee for their cooperation and said that the concept of smart parking was introduced in the year 2016 as number of complaints against the small contractors were being received regularly regarding over charging, misbehaviour, violations etc. In this proposal the committee has tried to improve the shortcomings faced in the earlier system. It has been kept in view that the project should be financially viable for the contractor and revenue earning for the MCC and various types of facilities for the public. All the parkings have been divided in four zones as per division of Executive Engineers and there are two zones of parkings under division No. 3 according to which tenders will be floated and number of companies can participate in tenders. There are 90 parking lots including Multi Level Parking, but the total area has increased only up to 25%. The parking areas near markets may be handed over to RWAs and MWAs for proper regulation of the same free of cost after getting approval from the Commissioner, MCC. The parkings behind the markets where there is residential area

have been exempted from converting into paid parking. The e-ticketing system has been proposed to be compulsory. It is also proposed to provide CCTV cameras at the entry and exit for which the committee has also recommended the specifications. The contractor will provide smart card to the commuters and facility to recharge the smart card should be available at least in one parking of each zone. There will be LED display at entry showing the number of vacant slots in the parking. It has also been proposed that the MCC will develop an "Application" which will provide real time occupancy information of parkings and a customer can file complaint on it. At the entry of parking the contractor shall display an information board in which the rates, slabs, phone nos. of Supervisors etc. will be mentioned for the information of the public. There will be provision of digital or e-payment and issuance of day and monthly passes for the public. Boom barriers will be provided only at parkings near Malls and a central server will be installed in the MCC office to control and see the CCTV images of the parkings. The contractor can utilize the kiosk presently available at the paid parkings. It has also been proposed that the lease deed will be registered with the Registrar of U.T. Chandigarh as legal documents and the expenses for this purpose will be borne by the contractor. The contractor has been given 30 days time to install and implement all the smart features in the parkings and it has also been recommended that the MCC will stand surety of contractor for obtaining electricity connections in the parkings. It has also been proposed that timings of the parking will be 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. However, keeping in view the occupancy the timings can be changed with the approval of CMC. The tender will be allotted for 3 years extendable for two years one by one. It is also proposed to take bank guarantee equal to 30% of total bid money in 3 parts of 10% each which shall be valid for 66 months. The contractor will pay advance instalments of two months instead of 3 months. The employees to be engaged by the contractor should be 18 years and 8th pass and will provide them I card, name plate,

jacket and P-cap as dress code, and their salary should be transferred to their account before 10th of every month. The contractor shall submit the data regarding ESI & EPF of the employees to the MCC, failing which penalty has been proposed. To recover the penalty from the contractor, it has been proposed that the contractor shall submit 36 PDCs in advance so that the amount of penalty imposed upon him could be recovered from him through the PDCs. Penalty between Rs. 2500/- to Rs.10,000/- has been proposed for haphazard parking and it is also proposed to ban the blacklisted contractors to participate in the tenders. The Committee has further recommended to develop four available spaces to convert into parkings for commercial buses and trucks. It has also been proposed to allow free pick and drop system within five minutes and the Councillor members were of the view that existing parking rates of Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- should continue for first four hours and after that it should be doubled. However, the Special Commissioner was of the view that the rates charged by M/S Arya Toll Infra Ltd. should not be reduced to avoid audit para in future. The members then recommended that the present rate should be charged for 1st hour and then only two slabs of rates be fixed. The Committee also recommended that the XENs of area concerned will be responsible to check the violations in the parkings and it has also been recommended to strengthen the parking branch. It has also been recommended to discontinue the practice of issuing free parking passes to the employees of MCC as some people had forged the duplicate parking passes through coloured Photostat and this system needs to be reviewed by the House. It has also been recommended that the contractor shall submit a report to the MCC regarding number of vehicles parked in the parking and after completion of tender period or cancellation the whole infrastructure set up by the contractor shall be the property of MCC. The Committee also received two representations from Chandigarh Beopar Mandal and Federation of

RWAs which also have been considered and the matter is placed before the House for taking appropriate decision.

Major Gen. M.S. Kandal (Retd.) said that the committee has done a good job and deserve appreciation.

Sh. Charanjiv Singh said that in the last contract there were many complaints of haphazard parking and therefore, it should be mandatory to depute a worker at a distance of 50 metre to guide the vehicles. He suggested that there should be provision of cancellation of contract at page no. 45, if haphazard parking is reported at the fifth time. He suggested that at point (Viii) it should be responsibility of licensee to depute sufficient number of workers to regulate the parking. He suggested that option no. (ii) of parking rates should be implemented as the public is in its favour. He further suggested that the contract should be allotted for 2-3 years instead of 5 years and the rates should remain same for that period.

Haji Mohd. Khurshid Ali suggested that the free entry for five minutes needs to be increased up to 10 minutes.

Sh. Shakti Parkash Devshali suggested that there should be toll free number for complaints to be filed by the general public. He further suggested that it should be compulsory for the contractor to cover all the employees with life insurance scheme recently launched by Govt. of India. There should be mandatory in the terms and conditions to keep space in the parking for fire tender. He further suggested that the free pick and drop timings should be increased to 10 minutes and the period of first slab of parking charges should also be increased to two hours. He was of the view that proposed increase in the rates should be 10% of base rates instead of 20%.

Sh. Mahesh Inder Singh Sidhu said that there is no entrance from Madhya marg to Sector-7 and a person has to go through the parking in front of SCO No. 1-16. He

suggested that a specific space should be given to public to enter Sector-7 from Madhya marg.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that the Committee has given recommendations for parkings in which there are 3 options of parking rates. Terms and conditions of tender and contract more or less are the same as were at the time of M/S Arya Toll Infra Ltd. However, some new proposals are like payment of two months' advance licence fee and 36 PDC to recover the penalty amount. The smart parking solutions like CCTV, e-ticketing, central server etc. are the same as were mentioned with the contract with M/S Arya Toll Infra Ltd. Boom barriers have been made compulsory only in four parkings and after cancellation or surrender of parking the infrastructure will be taken over by MCC. It has been proposed that MCC will develop an "Application" for real time information about parkings and the terms and conditions of Multi Level Parkings are almost same. He further said that it has been mentioned that rickshaw and auto-stand will remain same in the parking, but there is problem of street vendors sitting in the parking, which is required to be decided. The dress code for the employees of the contractor has been relaxed. In the last contract 15 days time was given to implement the smart parking solution, but all the smart parking solutions were not implemented even after lapse of one year. A Committee under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Raj Bala Malik had inspected all the parkings and submitted a report containing 240 pages in which all the violations done by the contractor were mentioned. The clause regarding damage and theft of vehicles during the parking time need to be clarified. He read out all the remaining clauses of terms and conditions one by one and said that some technical gadgets have been proposed to be installed by the contractors which cannot be said to be smart parking as for making the parking smart the boom barrier is necessary to be installed so that the vehicle could enter the parking after automatic system of boom barrier and even the sensors are fixed in the ground to keep the

track of vehicles' entering and exiting. There is no provision to avoid haphazard parking and only the MCC can be more legally stronger than earlier, otherwise all the terms and conditions are almost same. There is no mention of female employees to be engaged by the contractor and the provisions of cancellation of licence are same as earlier. There is no mention of issuance of free parking passes to the media persons and passes for the Councillors has been left for the Commissioner to decide. Earlier there were 61+1 parking lots whereas now there are 89+1 parking and a total area has increased more than 25% as estimated by the XEN. The F&CC and House had earlier resolved to roll back the increased parking rates and when the parkings were taken over by MCC the rate of Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- were being charged from the public and with this rate the Corporation collected about 6.50 Lac per day. If the total area increases by 50% then the total collection may rise up to Rs.12.00 Lac per day which comes to Rs.43.00 Crore approximately per year and there is a provision of 20% increase on 4th and 5th year as a result it will increase further. Therefore, the Corporation can collect sufficient fund without increasing the rates. It is therefore, strongly recommended that the rates of parking should be fixed as Rs.5/- and Rs.10/-. He further said that India is a welfare state and policies are to be decided by the General House and the House had earlier increased the rates of truck parking, but again reduced them in the interest of the public. Therefore, there is no reason of audit objection if it is decided in public interest by the General House and moreover the MCC will not incur any financial loss as the collected revenue from the parkings will double than earlier. He further said that the Corporation should try to get the recommendations of 4th Finance Commission implemented. Keeping in view the welfare of city residents, the Member of Parliament had announced before election that the parking rates of Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- will continue even after election and therefore he is in favour of continuing the present system of rates of parking.

Sh. Gurpreet Singh was of the view that first 10 minutes should be free for drop and pick up of visitors. He suggested that the rate of parkings should be Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- for scooter and car, respectively and there is no need to increase the rates in slab system. However, to avoid long hour parking of vehicles the rate may be increased after four hours. He further said that he supports the views of Sh. Davesh Moudgil. He further suggested that there should be provision of city pass so that the residents could park their vehicles at any parking of the city and the validity of that pass should be for one month.

Sh. Davinder Singh Babla said that the rates of parking should be fixed as Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- as the employees of the MCC are managing the parkings efficiently and no complaint of overcharging and misbehaviour has been reported against them. He suggested that the employees of MCC should also be allowed free parking and Councillors should also be provided 2-3 free parking passes. He further said that there was nothing smart at the time of M/S Arya Toll Infra Ltd. and suggested that a new Wing of parking be created and parkings be operated at MCC level to generate more funds. His party will oppose if the rates are increased more than the present rates.

Sh. Kanwarjit Singh Rana also supported the view of Sh. Davesh Moudgil to fix the parking rates as Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- and to create a separate Parking Cell which will operate and manage the parking at its own level.

Sh. Anil Dubey also supported the view of Sh. Davesh Moudgil and said that rates of parking should be Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- and a separate cell should be created to operate and manage the parkings efficiently.

Smt. Farmila also supported the views of Sh. Davesh Moudgil and said that the Committee under the leadership of Smt. Raj Bala Malik had checked all parkings and nothing smart was found there and therefore, the rates should be Rs.5/- and Rs.10/-.

Sh. Ravi Kant Sharma said that most of the parkings are situated in Sector-17 and 22 and most of the parkings are situated on V-4 markets. Though, in some sectors the markets are on V-3 roads and therefore, the MCC can include more parkings near markets to generate the revenue. He pointed out that the reason to exclude the parking in front of Shastri market is not justified as mentioned at page 7 clause (17). It was observed during M/S Arya Toll Infra Ltd. that about four workers per parking were engaged and they were being paid minimum wages and even EPF was not deposited in their account. He suggested that the workers should be paid DC rates. He further said that it was informed by an employee of M/S Arya Toll Infra that about 70,000/- cars are parked daily in the parkings and after calculating the total income @ Rs.10/- it comes to Rs.25.00 Crore per year, whereas the number of vehicles are increasing daily. If we imagine that one lac cars are parked daily in parking then the total income per day comes to Rs.10.00 Lac and as such an amount of Rs.36.00 Crore can be earned per annum whereas the expenditure on the salary of 500 employees comes to only Rs.9.00 Crore per annum. As such if the Corporation operate and manage the parkings at its own level it can earn good amount with the parking rates of Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- and employment to the youth of residents will be provided.

The Commissioner said that a new proposal has been forwarded by the members to create a robust parking cell and operate and manage the parkings at our own level. The MCC had started managing the parkings at its own level and then given to the private contractors and then there was an experiment of introducing smart features for which big companies were invited and the contract was given to single company. The first experiment of the MCC was not successful and now it is being proposed to manage the parking at our own level which will create dual responsibility for the MCC. He requested the members to take a decision about the rates of parking, keeping in view that Sector 17

is a commercial zone and the collector rates are very high and moreover the residents are already paying higher rates in the parkings near Malls. He further said that the proposal to keep the parking free for first 10 minutes is good proposal, but the MCC should curb unnecessary long hour parking of vehicles and the charges of parking should increase for such long hour parking. Flat rates for whole day are not justified as it will provide monopoly to the people to park their vehicle for long hour which should be discouraged by higher rates. He further suggested that people are already paying higher rates for parking at Malls as they are capable for it and similarly, a middle step of rates can be fixed keeping in view the area and business quality of the market and third step parkings can be kept with the parking fee of Rs.5/- and Rs.10/-. He further said that if the Corporation operate and manage the parkings at its own level then there will be many problems in management and lots of issues will be faced. He, therefore, suggested that the House should not go in this direction. He further suggested that it should be responsibility of the contractor to install and maintain the smart features in the parkings.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that the Corporation should do an experiment for two years by running the parkings at the present rates and after two years the rates may be revised in the House. Revenue generation should not be the only purpose of the Corporation and moreover already there are two steps in the parking rates at present.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the Committee deliberated on every issue of the tender document of M/S Arya Toll and another tender prepared by the officers and after meticulous consideration the heavy penalties have been proposed and every point has been kept in view. As such amendments in 66 points of the tender documents have been considered keeping in view the financial liability and viability, welfare of employees, smart features etc. If more information about the parking is required, then sensors are to be installed in every parking which will cost more financial implications. He suggested that

office should study the expenditure to be incurred on developing the "Application" and other smart features. The Corporation has already imposed cow cess, sewer cess and also increase the rates of truck parking and in some other similar proposals 10% increase every year has also been approved. He suggested that the House may increase the parking rates @ 20% each year and in such a way at the end of 5 years the rates will be automatically doubled. People of the city are ready to pay for the facility available to them. He was of the view that the tender should be financially viable for the contractor and rates should also be reasonable for the public so that Corporation should also collect some revenue.

Smt. Asha Jaswal said that the Committee has minutely examined each point of the tender document and submitted three proposals before the House for taking appropriate decision. Sh. Shakti Parkash Devshali has submitted some good suggestions and requested all the members to submit their suggestion to make the tender document more attractive. She requested the members to take decision on the issue at the earliest, so that the officials of various wings working in parking should be sent back to their respective wings.

Smt. Heera Negi said that the flat rate of Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- should be finalized as suggested by Sh. Davesh Moudgil.

Sh. Kanwarjeet Singh said that majority of the members are in favour of Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- as rates of paid parkings, therefore, resolution be treated as such.

The Mayor requested the members that decision should not be taken in hurry and the financial position of the MCC should also be kept in view.

Sh. Ravi Kant Sharma suggested that the 3rd proposal mentioned at page No.25 should be approved with the amendment that the slab of 4 hours be increased upto 6 hours and there should also be provision of city pass for both type of vehicles. He

further suggested that slab system of 4 hours should also be mentioned for the parkings adjoining multiplexes. The rates for Piccadily Multiplex should also be reconsidered as it is occupied only for three days.

The Commissioner said that revenue is a major concern for the MCC and therefore, the House may keep the parkings free for 1st ten minutes and the rates of Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- may be charged for the next two or four hours, but after that period the rates should be doubled to make the parkings viable for the contractor and revenue earning for the MCC. If the House does not want to increase the rates, then there is no need to spend money on smart features like e-ticketing etc. and the parkings will be operated like simple organized parking.

Sh. Charanjiv Singh suggested that second proposal given at page 23 should be adopted which suggests Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- for first four hours and after that the rates will double. Major Gen. M.S. Kandal and Smt. Sunita Dhawan also seconded the proposal of Sh. Charanjiv Singh.

Sh. Arun Sood suggested that parking be kept free for 10 minutes for pick and drop and Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- may be charged for first two hours and after that Rs.10/- and Rs. 20/- may be charged so that it may be financially viable for the contractors as well as for MCC. He further said that if the flat rates of Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- for whole day is approved by the House, then we will be going back to the days when manual slips were issued and number of complaints pertaining to overcharging were received. He requested that his dissent note on this rate may be acknowledged.

Sh. Davinder Babla said that the M.P. had assured the public at the time of election that the rates of parking shall remain as Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- and now it has been proposed to increase the parking rates in slabs which is cheating with the public of Chandigarh. He alongwith Smt. Ravinder Kaur walked out of the House.

Major Gen. M.S. Kandal said that financial viability of the contractor must be understood before finalizing a tender document.

Sh. Anil Dubey suggested that the agenda should be deferred for next meeting of the House so that it could be discussed in the presence of Hon'ble M.P.

The House considered and deferred the agenda for the next meeting.

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

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