

MINUTES OF THE 211th MEETING OF GENERAL HOUSE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH HELD ON 31.10.2014 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE CORPORATION.

The following were present:

Sarv/Sh./Smt:-

1.	Harphool Chander Kalyan	Mayor
2.	V.P. Singh, IAS	Commissioner
3.	Heera Negi	Sr. Deputy Mayor
4.	Davesh Moudgil	Deputy Mayor
5.	Anoop Sunny Gill	Councillor
6.	Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.)	Councillor
7.	Prof. Aruna Goel	Councillor
8.	Dr. Amrit Tewari	Councillor
9.	M.P. Kohli	Councillor
10.	Sat Paul Bansal	Councillor
11.	Dr. Shagufta Parveen	Councillor
12.	Raj Bala Malik	Councillor
13.	Satish Kumar	Councillor
14.	Sat Parkash Aggarwal	Councillor
15.	Darshan Kumar	Councillor
16.	Sheela Devi	Councillor
17.	Saurabh Joshi	Councillor
18.	Pardeep Chhabra	Councillor
19.	Subhash Chawla	Councillor
20.	Gurbax Rawat	Councillor
21.	Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
22.	Gurcharan Dass Kala	Councillor
23.	Asha Kumari Jaswal	Councillor
24.	Rajinder Kaur	Councillor
25.	Arun Sood	Councillor

26.	Mukesh Bassi	Councillor
27.	Satinder Singh	Councillor
28.	Des Raj Gupta	Councillor
29.	Rajiv Gupta, PCS	Secretary

**The following Officers also attended the meeting: -
Sarv/Sh./Smt.:-**

1.	Dr. Sarita Malik, HCS	Additional Commissioner-II
2.	N.P. Sharma	S.E. (B&R)
3.	R.C. Diwan	S.E.(PH)
4.	P.S.Bhatti	M.O.H.
5.	Desh Raj	C.A.O.
6.	Inderjit Gulati	XEN (Roads-I)
7.	Jai Pal Singh	XEN (Roads-II)
8.	Arjeet Singh	XEN (Roads-III)
9.	Sham Lal	XEN (P.H. Div No-I)
10.	Rajesh Bansal	XEN (P.H. Div No-II)
11.	B.K.Dhawan	XEN (P.H. Div No-III)
12.	Gurpreet Singh	XEN (P.H. Div No-IV)
13.	Surinder Pal Singh	XEN (Electrical)
14.	Krishan Pal Singh	XEN (Horticulture)

At the outset, the Mayor welcomed the officers, members & media persons. He further apprised the House that today is the birthday of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel & on this day late Smt. Indira Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India was assassinated, we should pay tribute to them. He further said that the members of the House should talk on relevant subject and should not go out of context.

AGENDA ITEM NO.211.1

Confirmation of the minutes of 210th meeting & Special meeting of the General House held on 25.09.2014 at 11.00 a.m. & 09.10.2014 at 11.30 a.m. respectively in the Assembly Hall of the M.C., Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.1 for confirmation.

Major D.S.Sandhu said that at page No.6 of the 210th meeting's minutes, he spoke that **he did not make any reference towards Chief Auditor and Law Officer and the same may be deleted.** He further invited the attention of the House towards page No.16 of the minutes and wanted **to add in the minutes that the shops are being installed beyond the area of apni mandi, Sector-43 and the parking was also occupied by the shopkeepers and officials should go at the spot to regulate the mandi and he stressed that the shopkeepers should be confined to the area allotted.**

Smt. Gurbax Rawat said that at page No.15 of the minutes, she spoke that 90 safaikaramcharies should be kept regularly for improving the sanitation condition of the city and further she said that the condition of toilets & basement of the building should be improved and the Bharat Swachha Campaign should be started from the Corporation.

Sh. Arun Sood said that at page No.15 & 16 of the minutes of 210th meeting, he never opposed the outsourcing of 90 safaikaramcharies & purchase of sanitation material. **He was in favour of the hiring of 90 safaikaramcharies and purchase of sanitation material, besides the awareness among the residents of the city.** He further said that at page No.26 of the minutes, he never opposed the suggestions of Smt. Gurbax Rawat & Sh. Davesh Moudgil, **these lines may be treated as deleted.**

Sh. Arun Sood said that his version had not been recorded in the minutes of 210th meeting of the House regarding agenda item No.2 which is as under :-

“He said that Smt. Kirron Kher M.P. did not bring this agenda, it had been brought by the Mayor and this should be rejected out-rightly. He further said that the water was being supplied free of cost in Calcutta. He further said an amount of Rs.7.00 crore was outstanding from the defaulters and majority of them are Government departments and demanded that this amount should be recovered first. He further said that the water tariff could not reduce the consumption of water. All the members of BJP & SAD insisted on rejecting this agenda. He asked whether any letter had been received from the Administration in this regard? He further said that the public of Chandigarh had been deceived by imposing the House tax.

Sh. Arun Sood further invited the attention towards the minutes of 210th meeting at page No.32 regarding taking over the EWS houses in Sector 38 West. He said that all the legal formalities had been completed as five years had completed in April, 2014, therefore, these houses should be taken over as, it is, by the Corporation from Chandigarh Housing Board. He further invited the attention towards page No.11 of the minutes of special meeting held on 9.10.2014. He said that four proposals had been approved by the House, but the 5th proposal/suggestion given by Sh. Surinder Bahga had not been resolved, which covered under Section 44 Sub Section (o) of the Municipal Corporation Act, there are some obligatory functions of the Corporation, therefore, the suggestions of Sh. Surinder Bahga should also be resolved as under :-

Sh. Anoop Sunny Gill said that at the bottom of page No.10 of the minutes of special meeting held on 9.10.2014, that **he was appointed as Chairman**

of Diwali Mela instead of late Sh. Malkiat Singh, therefore, the name of Sh. Malkiat Singh should be deleted.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that at page No.6 of the minutes of special meeting held on 9.10.2014, his full version had not been recorded. He further said that Sh. Subhash Chawla told the House that sub standard food was provided to the Councillors during the tour and due to that some Councillors fell ill. He demanded the inquiry in this respect.

The Additional Commissioner-I pointed out that in the minutes of agenda item No.210.6 at Page No.22 rate of security amount be read as 2% instead of 3% and resolution be amended accordingly i.e. security amount be reduced 3% to 2%.

“The House approved the above modification.”

“The House confirmed the minutes of 210th meeting & Special meeting of the General House held on 25.09.2014 at 11.00 a.m. & 09.10.2014 at 11.30 a.m. respectively in the Assembly Hall of the M.C., Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 211.2

Election of the one member Finance and Contract Committee for the year – 2014.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.2 for consideration and approval.

The Mayor declared Smt. Rajinder Kaur Rattu as unopposed elected member of F&CC against the vacancy occurred due to sudden demise of Sh. Malkiat.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 211.3

By Sh. Satinder Singh, Councillor, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh regarding recent Study Tour for the year 2014.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.3 for consideration and approval.

Sh. Satinder Singh read out the point No (a) of the question along with the reply and said that although the reply of the question had been brought, but the reply was prime facie vague. He then read out point b) of question alongwith reply placed at Annexure ‘A’ at page No.6. He further invited the attention of the House

towards minutes of the 107th meeting of the House held on 29.9.2006 vide which the eight guidelines of tour programmes were approved. He read out the observations of Sh. P.C. Sanghi, the then Councillor. He further said that the proposal was sent to the Administration on 20.7.2014 and approval was received from there on 10.8.2014 and the Councillors & Officers proceeded on tour 31.8.2014. All the formalities were completed within the span of 30 days. He further said that the team visited two such places where neither the Municipal Council nor Municipal Corporation exists to study any kind of project. He further said that the report of the study tour was to be submitted within 10 days after return, the same had not been submitted so far. The tour was not performed by the shortest route and the Liaison Officer had not submitted the expenditure incurred on the tour, which was to be submitted within fortnight. He further said that he asked whether any guidelines had been issued by the Administration for the study tour, but no reply was given in this respect, whereas the guidelines had been issued by the Administration vide letter No.6/1/170-FII(8)/2006/24 dated 3.1.2007. he further read out the contents of that letter. He further said according to the guidelines, the panel of the tour was to be approved by the House, but the same was not followed. He further said that according to the guidelines, the tour proceedings would have been transparent and justified for the selection and would be shared with the House. The unnecessary secrecy has been there and there were subsequent allegations for the panel of tour. He further said when his option was sought in the year 2012; he asked the reason & purpose of the tour. He further read out Point No.B) a) of the question along with the reply placed at Annexure 'B'. He further said according to the contents of Annexure 'b', he was also included in the list of willing Councillors, whereas he always objected it and preferred small group of Councillor for study of any project. He further read out the reply of Point 'C' placed at Annexure 'C' vide which the permission was given by the Administration for the tour. He further read out the Point No. 'E' along with the reply

placed at Annexure 'D' vide which 26 persons went on tour. He further said that the family members of the Councillors also went on tour. Although the expenditure had been incurred from their own pockets, yet the names of the participants should have to be mentioned in the list. He further said that the mode of engaging the travel agency had not been told. He further apprised the House that tour had already visited to Calcutta in the year, 2010 and Chennai in the year, 2011 and an amount of Rs.16.00 lac & Rs.13.00 had already been incurred for these spots and an amount of Rs.28.00 lac had been incurred for the visit of same spot. He further said that the tour for Trupati and Havlock was decided later on. He insisted for the reply of this question. He further said that no Government travel agency was consulted/engaged. He further said that the 40 persons went on tour and the expenditure incurred on them was divided into 26 persons. He further said that one of our colleague had expired who suffered illness during the tour due to contaminated water & sub standard food. He apprised the House regarding a letter written by Sh. Subhash Chawla, it reveals from the contents of that letter the sub standard food was served to the Councillors by the travel agency, which was very unfortunate for us. He further said that in spite of repeated reminders, no press conference was called. He demanded for white paper in this regard. He demanded either the inquiry in this episode, so that the facts might come into light.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that his name had been added inadvertently in the list of Councillors who went on tour and said that the corrigendum would have been issued or it would have been told before starting the proceedings of the House that the name had been mentioned inadvertently. He further demanded the inquiry what kind of food was served there which led to the death of our colleague and some councillors fell ill during the tour.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that he was not aware whether any guidelines or policy had been framed by the House regarding the tour programme in the year, 2006. He wanted to share the documents which Sh. Satinder Singh read during the proceedings of the House. He further said that the 7-8 tours were performed after the year, 2006, but these guidelines were not followed. This tour has been controversial from the beginning. He further said that nothing was done wrong either by the Mayor or the officers. He further said that some procedural lapses might have occurred but no one could be held responsible for any lapse, because the modalities of the tour & engaging of travel agency was finalized with the consent of Councillors. He further said the tour programme was initiated during his tenure, but due to code of conduct, it could not be performed and now it had been reviewed only and no material had been concealed. He further apprised that since 2006, the practice had been prevailing to take the family members on tour. He further said that as per demand of Sh. Satinder Singh, the names of family members should be given. He further said that the inquiry should be got done in this regard and nothing should be concealed therein. He further said that the guidelines would be followed in future. The inquiry is being conducted against the agency and facts would come in the light and payment of the agency had been withheld.

The Commissioner joined the House at 12.30 p.m.

The House was adjourned for tea break at 12.35 p.m. and re-assembled at 1.10 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 211.4

Introduction of Property Tax on residential buildings.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.4 for consideration and approval.

The Commissioner apprised the House that directions had been received from the Administration that a proposal should be submitted by the

Corporation for imposing property tax on the residential lands & buildings in the city in conformity with the provisions under Section 90(1) (2)(3)(4) and 5, 91(1), 93, 96, 97 (1) of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1976, as extendable to U.T. Chandigarh.

Dr. Amrit Tewari said that if anything could not be imposed without the consent of the House, how the Tax could be increased without the consent of the House. She further said that without the consent of the House, the Administration could not temper with the property tax. She further apprised the House that the Governor assured the Councillors that the minimum tax could be levelled but would not be increased in future without the consent of Corporation.

The Commissioner said that it was not legally correct. The Administration can impose tax itself as per law. The Administration is the taxation authority, but it reveals from the contents of this letter the Administration wants proposal for property tax from the Corporation, which is democratic. We need to debate on this letter.

Sh. Satinder Singh read out last four lines of 2nd para of the letter received from the Administration and asked what was the agreement? The agreement was done on 26th October, 2006 under the JNNURM, vide which the more rights were given to the Corporation. He gave the example of Metropolitan Council etc. He further read out para No.3 of the letter. He further read out Section 90, sub section 4 of the Municipal Act. He further apprised that under Section 44 & 45 of the Act, obligatory functions & discretionary functions of the Corporation had been defined. He further said that we had to impose the tax as per requirement of the Corporation. He further said that according to the recommendation of the Delhi Finance Commission, the share of the Corporation was to be increased from 17% to 22%. He further said that the MOU was signed among the Government of India, through Ministry of Urban Development, Chandigarh Administration & Municipal

Corporation, Chandigarh. He read out the operative part of the MOU. He further read out the check list vide which the revenue earning departments were to be transferred to the Corporation. He further said that Metropolitan Planning Committee was to be constituted within three years, but the same had not been constituted so far. According to 74th Amendment, 18 works were to be transferred to the Corporation, but the same had not been transferred so far for generating the revenue. He further said that the Corporation was not consulted even for the master plan. He further apprised the House the Corporation had been functioning smoothly, why the Administration had been pressing for increasing the tax. He insisted that the Administration should give our rights so that the revenue could be generated. He further said that it is to be ascertained by the Corporation whether the tax is to be levied on the residential buildings or not. He further read out the contents of MOU at page 45 vide which the desired objective was fulfilled. The objective of that MOU was voluntarily compliance of the tax and we had complied voluntarily as Rs.1/- had been levied as property tax. He further said that therefore, no need of increasing the property tax. He opposed the enhancement of property tax and suggested that the Metropolitan Committee be formed immediately.

The Commissioner apprised that the copy of the recommendations of Finance Commission had been got printed, which would be provided today. He further apprised that the share had been increased more than 22%, but the sharing pattern is for individual taxes rather than aggregate collection.

Sh. M.P. Kohli said that as per desire of Administrator, the tax @ Rs.1/- per sq. yard had been imposed already and as per commitment no enhancement in the property tax requires. The then Mayor announced at that time that no property tax would be levied in Chandigarh, in spite of that we had imposed the tax at the minimum rate. It is moral duty of the Elected as well as Nominated Councillors to watch the

interest of public. He further said that the proposal would have to come first in the Tax Committee then F&CC and finally in the House. He opposed the increase in the property tax.

Sh. Arun Sood said that he had come to know from reliable sources that when the proposal for property tax was not passed by the House, the Administrator/Governor sought the co-operation of the Nominated Councillors. Moreover, the table agenda for property tax was also brought by the Nominated Councillors in the House. He further said that he had apprised the House at that time, the Administration is enticing the Corporation later on the Administration would impose/increase the property tax as per their own sweet will and the public would have to face the consequences. He further said that the Nominated Councillors apprised the House at that time that the property tax would be levied @ Rs.1/- per sq. yard and would not be increased later on. He further said that it was also told in the House that grants of crores of rupees would be released by the Administration and according to the MOU signed in the year 2006 many more things were to be implemented. He further repeated that the then Mayor announced in the House that no property tax would be levied in Chandigarh and without taking the opposition in confidence the property tax was imposed and now we have to face the problems. He further said that he apprised the House at that time also that no grant would be released by the Administration under JNNURM. He further said that even the single provisions of MOU signed in the year 2006 had not been implemented so far. He further said that according to the MOU one thing was to be implemented by the Corporation i.e. property tax which had been complied with by the Corporation, but nothing had been done by the Administration whether it relates to Metropolitan Council, Planning Department or the revenue share of the Corporation and it reveals from the remarks of the 4th Pay Commission that the bureaucracy had harmed the

democratic setup of Chandigarh and the Corporation had been deprived of the due revenue share. He invited the attention of the House towards sub-section 4 and 5 of Section 90 of Punjab Municipal Act, 1976 and said that no Councillor of any party or Nominated Councillor were not in favour of the increase in property tax. The public of the city has been crying. He further said that when the tax was imposed we pacified the public that it was the minimum rate of tax i.e. Rs.1/- per sq. yard and would not be revised/increased. He further read the contents of the letter dated 22.09.2014 received from the Administration. He further said that the Administration had breached the various Clauses of Memorandum signed in the year 2006 and we had implemented clauses which were related to the Corporation. He insisted that when the reply of this letter would be given it may also be asked why the remaining conditions of MOU of the year 2006 had not been implemented so far? He further said that two references had been given in this letter, we had implemented the recommendations of the Delhi Finance Commission by imposing the tax. So far as the Section 90 of the Municipal Act is concerned, we have exempted some categories of the public for tax. He further read Section 91 of the Act in which the exemption had been prescribed and told that the provision of exemption had been done in the Act and nothing had been done beyond the Act. He further read Section 94 of the Act and told that the Administration could give any kind of direction and the Administration could impose the tax suo motu. He further read the contents of Section 91 of the Act vide which the Administration could issue the direction regarding the taxes which had not already been imposed, but the house tax had already been imposed. He further said that it was the cheating with the Corporation and we oppose the imposition of property tax on residential buildings.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur read some contents of the report of the Delhi Finance Commission. She further said that the water supply, carpeting of roads,

maintenance of green belts etc. assignment had been given to the Corporation and all the revenue had been going to the Administration. She further said that when the Corporation came into existence, the funds were not available even for the salary of the employees. There was flooding in the city. The Corporation brought the city out of the flooding and made it green with hard labour. She further said that the Chandigarh is a surplus State and the Administration has been misusing its power. She further said that the MOU of the year 2006 was signed without taking into the confidence of House and the responsibility should be fixed who signed the MOU.

The Commissioner said that the Councillors should go through the booklet pertaining to the Report of Delhi Finance Commission and should discuss the matter in the next meeting. He further said that the Administration had sought the proposal and did not give the direction for imposing the tax and he is not against the sentiments of the Councillors. He further said that the final decision would be taken by the House regarding the quantum of tax.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi read the contents of report placed at page No.104. He further said that last time when the agenda was brought in the House the chance was not given to him to express his views. He further said that if the agenda for property tax was to be brought in the House, the copy of the report should have been provided first.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that a letter had been received from the Administration regarding the revision of tax which was being discussed as agenda. He apprised the House that the financial management of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh is appreciable and no occasion came when any project had to stop since last 10 years. He further apprised the House in the year 2006 a letter was received from the Govt. of India vide which the option was obtained to become the part of the JNNURM, therefore, the MOU was not the pressure on the Corporation. Four reforms

were included in the MOU, however, formation of Metropolitan Council was not one of them and the letter was issued by the Govt. of India to all the Municipal Corporations of India. He further said that many of the Corporations did not sign the MOU. After detailed discussion among Administration, Municipal Corporation and Finance Department, it was decided that we should become the part of JNNURM and the MOU was signed, which was beneficial for the Corporation. He apprised that the water supply had been assigned by the Administration to the Corporation which was the part of JNNURM. He further said that imposing of property tax was one of the clause of MOU. He admitted that he announced in the House that no property tax would be imposed during his tenure. He was fully confident at that time that we can run the functioning of the Corporation without imposing the property tax. He further apprised the House that the agenda was not brought by the Mayor, it was brought by the nine Nominated Councillors.

There was din in the House on this issue.

He further apprised the House that according to the provisions of Act, if 5 or more Councillors bring the agenda, the Mayor could not reject the same. The agenda was brought by the 9 Nominated Councillors and he was also in the favour on that day. He further apprised that he saved the public of Chandigarh as only Rs.1/- per sq. yard had been imposed, otherwise the Administration could impose any amount per sq. yard under sub-Section 4 of Section 90 and now they cannot increase the rate. He thanked the Nominated Councillors. He further said that the recommendation of the Delhi Finance Commission was not obligatory. Therefore, the M.C. and Administration are free, whether to accept or not. He further said that when the Delhi Finance Commission came to Chandigarh, he had suggested that we should submit our case that this was the share of the Corporation, not the grant issued by the Administration. He further suggested that when this report would be discussed the old

report should also be discussed in the House. He further apprised that in the year 2001 our share was recommended 17% then we demanded 22% and now recommendation is for 30%. He further said that in view of the financial position of the Municipal Corporation, we should reject this agenda out rightly. He further said that our sentiments should be sent to the Governor that if the Administration accept the recommendations of Delhi Finance Commission in toto then the Corporation would think over the matter.

Sh. Arun Sood apprised the House that the members of BJP, SAD and independent Councillor Gurcharan Dass Kala and members of BSP opposed the agenda of imposition of House Tax and noted their dissent, Nominated Councillors and members of Congress were in favour of the agenda. That is evident from the minutes of that agenda. He further said that all the members of BJP and SAD reject this agenda today also. He further said that the House should have to be taken in the confidence before signing the MOU.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that for availing the grant of JNNURM, the imposition of tax was necessary. He further apprised that when this city was established, it was not like the other cities. He further said that the Delhi Finance Commission should aware about the facts that how this city had developed. He thanked the Nominated Councillor and the then Mayor but opposed this agenda. He rejected the agenda out rightly on behalf of all the Councillors of Congress.

The House was adjourned for lunch at 2.15 p.m. and resumed at 3.00 p.m.

Sh. M.P. Kohli said that he collected the figure that how many tax from Excise and VAT was collected by the Administration and the Corporation had its share in said taxes. He further told that the VAT was being charged in Chandigarh from 5%

to 20%, Service Tax 12.36%, Entertainment Tax and Excise Duty which was charged on liquor, Road Tax, Central Excise Duty and according to the recommendation of Delhi Finance Commission, the Corporation had 30% share in all these taxes. He further said that the land and property of the Corporation had been laying vacant from which the funds could be generated.

“The House noted that it had already been recommended for the imposition of property tax on residential buildings at the rate of Rs. 1/- per sq.yd. per year.

The House considered and resolved to reiterate the same proposal again. ”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 211.5

Fixing of rent in respect of newly constructed 04 nos. office space at over bridge, Sector 17, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.5 for consideration and approval.

The Commissioner apprised the House that the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh has constructed 04 numbers of office spaces at 2nd and 3rd Floor at over bridge, Sector 17, Chandigarh. He further said that the Corporation had not invited the application for renting out this space, however, 3-4 applications had been received from the Government offices to take on rent these office spaces. He further said that a Committee headed by Additional Commissioner-I was constituted to fix the rent of this office space. According to the recommendations of the Committee rent has been proposed Rs.75/- per sq. feet per month plus all kind of taxes.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta suggested that to avoid the litigation, this property should be sold instead of renting out, so that we could earn handsome amount.

Smt. Rajinder Kaur Rattu said that shopping centre had been constructed in Mouli Jagran, but no policy had been framed and had not been allotted

to anyone. She suggested that the said shopping centre should be given to the public till the policy was framed, so that the funds could be generated.

Sh. Arun Sood apprised the House that the shops of under bridge, Sector 17-22 had been laying vacant which were rented out, the rent of lacs had not be paid by the tenants. Therefore, the experience of rent had not been fruitful. He further said that the fate of fish market also had not been decided so far and the decision regarding booths in Mouli Jagran had not been taken. He suggested that this property should be disposed off rather than renting out to avoid the litigations.

Dr. Amrit Tewari suggested that a clear cut and transparent policy should be framed regarding renting out/disposed off the property and the same should be brought in the House. Otherwise renting of this property would lead to litigations. She was also in favour of the disposing this property.

The Commissioner apprised the House that the policy for disposing the property was very clear, commercial property is sold by auction, residential property is allotted if in bulk and individual also by auction. He further said that the reserve price is fixed by House, then the property is auctioned, but now the situation is different because this property is office space, no doubt this property can be sold through auction, but the benefit of rent, is the capital appreciation of property. He told that recently the Chandigarh Housing Board auctioned the property, but only one booth was sold. Therefore, the timing for the sale of property is an important factor, whether there is depression/slump in the property or not. He further said that agenda regarding the other properties also would be brought in the next meeting of the House. He further said that this agenda is only for the office space available at 2nd and 3rd Floor and applications had been received from the Government offices i.e. NIELIT, Income Tax Department requires full space, Oriental Insurance Company wants to purchase it. The rate has been fixed by the Engineering Wing of the

Municipal Corporation. He informed the House that rate has been fixed by the Chandigarh Administration for allotment of institutional lands and there is also a collector rate for the area fixed by the Deputy Commissioner. If the collector rate is taken into consideration, the rent comes out as Rs. 148/- per sq. ft. per month, if the rates fixed by the Chandigarh Administration are considered, it comes out Rs. 42/- per sq.ft. per month. The Committee constituted for this purpose has in its collective wisdom, recommended a rate of Rs. 75/- per sq.ft. per month+ all taxes.

Executive Engineer (Road-I) apprised the House that the rate had been fixed according to the PWD Manual. He further explained method of calculating the rate. He repeated the version of the Commissioner as mentioned above.

Sh. Subash Chawla suggested that besides renting out these spaces to the Govt. offices, the applications should also be invited from other offices/banks also, so that the more value could be earned.

Sh. Des Raj Gupta suggested that first of all we should try to sale this property, otherwise it would be rented out later on.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that the shops of subway had been lying vacant and the tenants had run away with the huge amount of rent. He further said that still there is slump in property, therefore, it should not sold at present and suggested it should be rented out either to the Govt. Offices or Banks.

The Commissioner said that the bids would be invited from the Govt. offices and Govt. undertaking offices and the space would be rented out to the highest bidder. He further apprised the House that the building had not been furnished, it is structure so far and rest of the work would be done by the tenant. Therefore, the less rent has been kept. Now we are to decide the period of tenancy.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil suggested that the percentage of enhancement per year should be decided. The House was of the view that the office space should be rented out for five years and after that 25% enhancement per year in the rent.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the property in question was at the prime location and most of the members of the House were in view to rent out the space instead of sale because there is slump in the property. He further suggested that the bids be invited for rent from nationalized/private banks also. The percentage of enhancement along with the period should be decided. He further said that the credentials of the private banks are also better.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra suggested that this property should be sold on lease hold basis and apprised that the lease money would be almost equal to the rent. He was also of the view that the bids should be called for renting out this space. We should not confine it to the Govt. offices, we should invite the bids even from the private banks. He further said that the decision regarding the shops constructed under the bridge should also be taken simultaneously. He apprised that the condition of the underpass Sector 17 and 22 was very deteriorated and to avoid the similar fate of these shops, decision regarding sale or rent should also be taken about these shops constructed under the bridge of Sector 17. He further suggested to rent out this space to the multinational franchises, they also could pay a good rent. He further said that the tenure of tenancy should also be decided along with the percentage of enhancement.

Dr. Amrit Tewari explained the experience of renting out the property to the Govt. offices i.e. All India Radio and Income Tax Department and she preferred the private party for giving a rent. The Govt. offices would act heavy on the Corporation.

Sh. Subash Chawla told that the Corporation had no proper record of the property. He further apprised that the records of 5 villages which had been transferred recently had not been handed over officially to the Corporation, it had been published in the newspaper. He further apprised that the property of crores in villages was not on the record of Municipal Corporation like janj ghar, schools, tank and dharmshala etc. He further said that the 'talaab' measuring about ½ acre in village Maloya was filled and levelled by the Corporation, but nobody knows the fate of that land. He further said it was under consideration that the videography of the villages which were under the Corporation, would be done including Manimajra. He further apprised that when the NOC was required by the public in Manimajra due to non-availability of Patwari engaged by Municipal Corporation, the required documents were stamped by the 20 years ago retired Patwari, which was the dangerous practice because 20 years ago retired Patwari might had vested interest. . He further said that the land of Manimajra was more costlier than Chandigarh, but nobody knows the fate of total land under the Corporation in Manimajra. He further said that there was a police station established on a big chunk of land, the police station had been abolished, but the land is not under the possession of the Corporation. These are not the petty issues. Similarly, the office of NAC was established in Manimajra, but the fate of that land was not known. He further apprised that the land adjoining to the railway line was being encroached day per day. He further apprised that the booths were constructed in Mauli Jagran in the year 1998, but the status of these booths is also not known, whether these had been auctioned or rented out. Now these are the shelters of pigs. The public has encroached these booths. He further gave the example of Village Palsora and apprised that few days before the merger of said village in M.C., a shopkeeper sublet the shop to another person and run away. He further suggested that instead of imposing the tax on public, we should collect the revenue/funds from these properties/resources, which may be in crores. He further

suggested for the appointment of Revenue Officers for up-keeping the property record of villages. He further apprised that the record of five villages was available in the office, but the same had not been received officially and nobody wants to take the responsibility. Due to such lapses on the part of Municipal Corporation, anybody can encroach the property with the connivance of the then Gram Panchayat. He further suggested that the record of these five villages should be opened and no officer or official should be held responsible for any lapse. He suggested that the post of Patwari & Tehsildar should be created, so that the present property could be saved.

Sh. Des Raj apprised the House that in Bank Colony & Pipli wala Town many houses had not been allotted the numbers, although the said houses had been registered by the Authority. He asked the reasons not to allot the house numbers.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi apprised the House that the M.C. land was encroached by the private party and the same was sold further in Maloya. He suggested that Revenue Officer should be appointed alongwith the Patwari & Kanoongo.

The Commissioner said that either the retired Tehsildar or on deputation would be engaged from the Chandigarh Administration and two posts of Patwari would be created temporarily.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal suggested that this property/office space on the bridge of Sector-17, should be sold and the said amount should be fixed deposit in the bank that would also fetch a handsome amount in the shape of interest.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that the 18 shops of market in Village Maloya were transferred to the M.C. but their rent had not been received. So far my knowledge is concerned, rent of these shops was not being received. He further apprised that a market had been constructed in Sector-48, Chandigarh, just like the

fish market which was surrounded by the bushes and encroachment had started there and nobody knows either this market belongs to Municipal Corporation or Administration. He suggested that this property should be got checked.

Sh. Arun Sood apprised the House that there had been a Harijan Dharamshala in Hallomajra, the Corporation constructed the road in the parking of said dharamshala and the road had been encroached by the public. He further apprised that the seven reminders received in the Municipal Corporation from the office of BDPO to take over the possession of said dharamshala. He further apprised that after the submission of his representation, the incomplete possession of said dharamshala was taken over. Why the action was not taken on the reminders, moreover, this dharamshala had been encroached upon by someone. He further suggested that a committee of the officers should be constituted to ascertain the property of the Corporation.

“The House considered & resolved that this property be rented out to the Government offices, Government Undertakings or banks.

It was decided to keep the reserve price Rs. 75/- per sq. ft. per month.

It was further resolved that sealed applications be invited from all above mentioned agencies, desirous of taking this property on rent. The applicant should also mention the rent per sq.ft. per month that the applicant is willing to pay for the usages of the property.

All the taxes be the responsibility of the lessee.

It was decided that the preference be given to the applicant who take the entire area.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 211.6

Hiring of 20 nos. Tractor Trolleys.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.6 for consideration and approval.

The Commissioner apprised the House that this agenda had been brought in the House to decide whether 20 Nos. of tractor trolleys were to be purchased or hired. Comparative statement for taking appropriate decision as to Hire or purchase new one has been prepared and is annexed at Annexure 'A'.

Sh. Satish Kainth apprised the House the expenditure on five persons on trolley had been shown, but the facts were not on the ground. He further told not more than two or three persons were deployed on trolley.

Sh. Sat Parkash Aggarwal said that late Sh. Malkiat Singh had studied on this issue and he was in favour of the purchase of tractor trolleys. He was of the view that the tractor trolleys should be purchased instead of hiring.

The Commissioner suggested that the matter be again referred to the Sanitation Committee to study the comparative statement and then take the decision.

Sh. Satinder Singh suggested that the tractor trolleys should be hired.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra also suggested for hiring the tractor trolleys.

Sh. Arun Sood read out the comparative statement and expressed his views that the purchase of tractor trolleys would be better as the assets would remain with the Corporation with the extra cost of Rs. 1,04,61,600/- only. He further said that all the tractor trolleys which had been provided by the contractor were more than 15 years old. He was not satisfied with the calculation pertaining to the labour and allied material. He suggested for the purchase of covered vehicles for lifting & carrying the garbage to avoid the foul smell & littering of garbage on the roads.

The Commissioner suggested that in view of the status of city, the other vehicles should be purchased for carrying the garbage instead of tractor trolleys.

Sh. M.P.Kohli said that the same agencies had been hiring since three years for providing tractor trolleys for lifting the garbage. The monopoly of these agencies should be broken. He opposed the calculation as the salary of labour had been shown more than Driver.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that in view of the modernization, tractor trolleys were outdated transportation and suggested to follow the neighbouring Corporations.

“The House considered & allowed extension of three months for hiring 20 No. tractor trolleys from M/s Malwa Engineering Works & Capital Security Services, on the previous terms & conditions.

Further, it was also decided that the suitable vehicles be purchased for lifting garbage according to the recommendations of Sanitation Committee.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 211.7

Regarding purchase of Road Sweeping Machines.

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that the proposal was not for purchasing the new machines, however, we should purchase more machines as the trend of manual sweeping is going out. Moreover, recently a sweeper namely Sh. Amrik Singh met with an accident while carrying out sweeping in Sector-31 and severely injured. He further said that the Mayor should constitute a committee to decide what kind of sweeping machines should be purchased.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that the sweeping of back service lanes should also be taken into consideration. He further explained the expression of interest which was introduced in Ludhiana Municipal Corporation and suggested that the same should be introduced in Chandigarh also. He further suggested that a stretch

should be allotted to a single agency to do all kind of sanitation work and a proposal in this regard should be brought in the House.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur told that the already purchased sweeping machines had proved as white elephant. She suggested that such machines should be purchased which could lift the garbage along with the road sweeping together. She further suggested that maximum utility factor should also be taken into consideration while purchasing these machines. She insisted that the decision should be taken today and such machines should be purchased on minimum cost and maximum utility.

Sh. Satinder Singh said that the grass grew on the paver blocks which is removed manually by the Road wing. He suggested that the bush cutter type machine should be provided to them to cut the grass from the paver blocks.

The House authorized the Mayor to constitute the Committee to decide on purchasing of road sweeping machines.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 211.8

Continuation of Swachcha Bharat Abhiyan.

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that the House had approved some machinery and manpower for Swachcha Bharat Abhiyan from 25.9.2014 to 25.10.2014 along with the tentative expenditure of Rs. 12.86 lac. He further said that the demands had been received that this programme should be extended further for some time.

Sh. Arun Sood said that it was decided that a committee would be constituted for Swachcha Bharat Abhiyan. He has come to know that the committee has been constituted, but no letter has been received in this respect and no meeting of said committee has been held. He further said that very few councillors

participated in the oath taking ceremony and stressed that Swachcha Bharat Campaign should be taken seriously. He said that the Swachcha Bharat Abhiyan had been initiated recently, therefore, we should awakened the public instead of penalize them. He suggested that a committee should be constituted in this regard and all the members should be participated to make this campaign successful. He was in favour of continuation of this Swachcha Bharat Abhiyan. He suggested that a committee should be constituted by the Mayor consisting of Sr. Dy. Mayor, Dy. Mayor and members from all the parties and time to time meetings of that Committee should be held for reviewing the progress. He repeated the issue of 150 gm. gur to be provided to the sweepers. He further said that the number of sweepers was less according to norms of Sanitation and demanded the sweepers should be recruited. He said that the dustbins should be provided in all the markets & parks and agenda in this regard be brought in the House. He further said that the toilets should be constructed in the markets where there required and all facilities be provided to the sweepers.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil said that according to the schedule RWA & other social organizations were to be involved in this mission with the area councillor. He further stressed that no mission is successful without the public participation. He further stressed for minimum machinery and maximum masses. He supported this agenda for extension of machinery & manpower for further one month and demanded for the status report for the previous month in respect of Swachcha Bharat Abhiyan. He further told that this campaign had been started by the Prime Minister of India and not by any individual. He gave the example of Prime Minister of Singapore and due to the said campaign, Singapore is the model for the world. He further said that there was no law binding for the cleanliness but there was need to awaken the public to keep the surroundings clean through this campaign. He further said that as per decision of the House a nodal officer was to be appointed by the Corporation to

coordinate all the agencies to strengthen this campaign. He expressed his resentment when the campaign was going to be on, machinery and manpower was ready to start the campaign, but the municipal authority call the machinery and manpower back at the eleventh hour, it was not appreciable on the part of the officer who called the machinery back. He condemned the act of said officer. He further told that the malba had not been lifting from the V-5 & V-6 roads.

Smt. Heera Negi said that the condition of SSKs was worst and the garbage collected from the houses littered on the roads as the rehris are overflowed. She further said that the sanitary condition of colonies was very bad and sweepers had not been provided there. She suggested that the colonies should be cleaned and the colony dwellers should be awakened to keep the surrounding clean. The rehris should be provided in adequate numbers.

The Commissioner apprised that the manpower would not be withdrawn from any sector, however, these 90 persons would be deployed at a time in a particular area as per schedule. He further said that the area councillor should be present at the time of campaign. He apprised that 100 rehris had already been purchased and 160 more rehris would be purchased as per approval of the F&CC. He told that already purchased rehris had been found good, therefore, he suggested that 160 rehris should also be purchased from the same firm of the same specification.

Sh. M.P.Kohli supported the suggestion of worthy Commissioner.

“The House considered & approved the purchase of 160 rehris and resolved that e-tender should be done in this regard.”

Sh. Subhash Chawla supported the agenda of Swachha Bharat Abhiyan. He further said that all the Councillors should join hands for a good work.

He did not take the oath because he could not act upon as per the schedule. He said that before launching the campaign the survey should have to be conducted. He further apprised the House that there were so many places in the city from where the garbage could not be lifted even in months. He suggested that a joint campaign should be started in a sector. He further suggested that a comprehensive team should be constituted to lift the every kind of garbage. He further said that the Corporation had no concrete measurement how much machinery and labour was required. He further said that the public would not lift the heavy garbage, but once the Corporation would clean the area and hand over the same to the public to keep that area clean in future and not to litter the garbage. He further apprised that million tonne garbage had been lying in the vacant corners under the bushes, which could not be seen. He suggested that the strict rules for challans & penalty should be framed, otherwise the city could not be kept clean and we should take it seriously.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that two resolutions regarding Malba Bye-laws & Horticulture bye-laws had already been approved, but the said bye-laws had not been notified so far and the same should be notified at the earliest. He further apprised that a provision of Rs.5000/- fine had been proposed in the said bye-laws.

Sh. Satinder Singh appreciated the works done during this campaign. He further said that the vacant plots and reserved land have become dumping ground. He suggested that such type areas should be cordoned with barbed wire, it would strengthen our campaign.

Sh. Arun Sood suggested that we should write to the Administration to make rules regarding the vacant land and said area should be cordoned with barbed wire by Administration and cut the grass from time to time from that spot.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that the roster of these 90 persons should be prepared and circulated. He further suggested that number of manpower & machinery should also be enhanced, if required. He further suggested for joint campaign of all wings.

“The House considered & approved the expenditure amounting to Rs. 12.86 lac and granted extension for one month to hire 90 safaikaramcharies and hiring of 04 No. of tractor trolleys from M/s Malwa Engineering Works & M/s Capital Security Services (02 from each) for Swachcha Bharat Abhiyan.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 211.9

Policy/Scheme regarding regularization of daily wage/work charged employees working in various departments of Chandigarh Administration.

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that this matter pertains to the regularization of services of Group ‘D’ those had been working as daily wage/work charged. These posts are non-technical in nature and it is the proposal of the Corporation to regularize the Group ‘D’ employees against any vacant regular Group ‘D’ posts in the Corporation irrespective of their actual cadre/post & qualification.

“The House considered & approved the Policy/Scheme framed by the Chandigarh Administration, regarding regularization of daily wage/work charged employees.”

It was resolved to adopt the same policy/scheme for regularization of daily wage/work charged employees working in various wings of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, with the modification that relaxation in educational & other qualification be given even when such daily wage/work charged employee is regularized against any other Group ‘D’ posts in the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM NO.10

Framing a policy for Car Bazaar in order to comply with the judgment dated 11.08.2014 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana Chandigarh in LPA No. 966 of 2014.

The Secretary placed supplementary agenda item No.10 for consideration and approval.

The Councillors felt that they had no sufficient time to go through the agenda note in detail and sought that discussion on this agenda be deferred till the next meeting.

The Commissioner informed the House that this policy is being framed as per the orders of the Hon'ble High Court wherein the High Court has directed to frame this policy within a period of three months. The orders were received in this office on dated 26.8.2014 and therefore, the three months period will expire on dated 25.11.2014.

After consideration, the House resolved to defer this agenda for consideration in the next meeting.

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO.11

To consider and to approve amendment in regulation 3 of the notification of Chandigarh Municipal Corporation (Employees Pension and GPF Regulations, 2000 for releasing of pension/retirement benefits to the erstwhile employees of the Market Committee, U.T., Chandigarh.

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that when the Corporation came into existence, the employees of Fire & Emergency Services came from three

departments i.e. Administration, Market Committee & NAC, Manimajra. Due to lack of proper notification from the Administration, the pension of the retired employees of Market Committee was not being granted.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil demanded for appointment of Chief Fire Officer, which should technically qualified.

The Commissioner said that for the appointment of CFO, we are going to write to the Administration for asking the panel.

Sh. Arun Sood suggested that the recently issued transferred orders of the firemen should be reviewed with logic.

The Commissioner said that the individual and genuine cases could be considered, if anyone submits his representation.

The House considered & deferred the agenda for next meeting.

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO.12

Extension and renovation of existing community centre Sector 33, Chandigarh.

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that the agenda was brought in the House in its 165th meeting held on 31.7.2013 and it was decided that the Community Centre, Sector-33, be constructed new instead of renovation. Now this agenda has again come in the House for extension & renovation.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the area councillor had been pursuing the matter since four years, either it should be renovated or construct a new after demolition. Similarly, he is also pursuing the case of community centre, Sector-37,

but no decision had been taken so far. He further said that the community centre, Sector-37, should be visited and decision should be taken on merit according to the population of area.

The S.E.(B&R) said that the building of community centre, Sector-33, had not completed the time span. It has completed only 30 years. He further said that existing building is in good condition and work of renovation & extension should be carried out as per drawings issued by the Chief Architect, U.T. Chandigarh.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that he was in favour of the new construction and today also in view of the demand & life style of the public. He asked why the agenda was not brought in the House for a new construction of the community centre. The same agenda and same version were brought in the House in its 195th meeting, but the House unanimously resolved that the community centre of Sector-33 be constructed new instead of renovation. He said that it would be the policy for future that no building of community centre would be demolished before the completion of tenure of the building.

Smt. Harjinder Kaur said that we should incur the expenses on community centres as per requirement, therefore, she was in favour of renovation. She stressed that this agenda should be passed as per recommendation of area councillor.

“The House considered & resolved unanimously that the estimate amounting to Rs.261.50 lac for extension and renovation of existing community centre Sector 33, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO.13

Rough cost estimate for the work of “Sewage Disposal works for Colony No.4, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.13 for consideration and approval.

The Commissioner apprised that there was no sewerage system in Colony No.4, U.T. Chandigarh and we could not provide the sewerage facility in that illegal colony. Therefore, the sewerage water of this colony flows into Sukhna Choe. The Chief Minister of Punjab wrote to the Governor of Chandigarh to make any alternative of this dirty water. Therefore, this agenda has been brought in the House to pump out this water in main sewerage and the estimate had been prepared accordingly.

“The House considered & resolved unanimously that the estimate amounting to Rs.44.96 lac for rough cost estimate for the work of Sewage Disposal works for Colony No.4, Chandigarh, be and is hereby approved.”

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO.14

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

The Secretary placed table agenda item No.14 for consideration and approval.

Sh. Saurabh Joshi said that this material had been lying unused in the stores since 20 years and demanded that this agenda should be deferred.

The agenda was deferred.

TABLE AGENDA ITEM NO.15

Permission to incur expenditure over and above the approved estimate of Roads Committee, Finance & Contract Committee and General House of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

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

The Commissioner apprised the House that this agenda was approved by the House, but the audit department had raised the query that if the change had been done in B&R Code, it would require the approval of the Chandigarh Administration.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that some people had met him that such agendas were being passed by the House and asked what were the reasons behind it. As per version of the public, when the estimates are prepared the rates of bituminous are quoted less knowingly. The genuine hike should be approved, but not abnormal. He further said that the present estimates were also being prepared on the pattern of old rates. He further said that this would be the ex-post-facto approval of the previous estimates not for future.

“The House accorded ex-post-facto approval for empowering Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, for according enhancement beyond 10% of the Administrative approval in case of bituminous only as one time measure in the following previous works/estimates:-

- 1 Providing and Laying 40 mm thick bituminous concrete on Himalayan marg from Jn.20 to Jn.27 Sector 17 & 18 to Jn.27 to Jn.34 Sector 21 & 22, Chandigarh.***
- 2 Recarpetting with 25mm thick SDBC on V-6 roads in Sector 21-D, Chandigarh.***
- 3 Recarpeting with 25mm thick SDBC on V-6 roads in Sector 21 A&B, Chandigarh.***
- 4 Widening and recarpeting with 25mm thick SDBC on V-6 road in Sector 21 C, Chandigarh.***
- 5 P/L 25mm thick SDBC on V-6 road in Sector 19B, Chandigarh.***
- 6 P/L 40mm thick bituminous concrete on Sarovar path from Jn.28 to Jn.35 Sector 20 & 21 and Jn.28 to 21 between Sector 18 & 19, Chandigarh.***
- 7 Improvement of junction 27 near Bus Stand Sector 17, Chandigarh.***
- 8 Widening and carpeting with 40 mm thick bituminous concrete on V-5 road in Sector 18 A,B,C & D, Chandigarh.***

- 9 ***Widening and carpeting of Parking in shopping Centre along Dakshin Marg, Sector 20 C&D, Chandigarh.***
- 10 ***Widening and carpeting of V-6 roads in Sector 18 A,B,C & D, Chandigarh.***
- 11 ***Construction/widening of parking and providing and laying 25 mm thick SDBC on existing parking in Sector 33 D, Chandigarh.***
- 12 ***P/I 25mm thick SDBC on parking shopping centre in Sector 32B&C, Chandigarh.***
- 13 ***P/I 25mm thick SDBC on parking shopping centre in Sector 46-C, Chandigarh.***
- 14 ***Widening and carpeting of internal roads of cheap houses Sector 15-A, Chandigarh (P/L tack coat 50mm thick B.M. and 25 mm thick SDBC)***

Sh. Subhash Chawla apprised the House that Maj. D.S. Sandhu (Retd.) had brought the agenda for the exemption to the Ex-Servicemen and Defence Personnel from house tax and the same was approved by the House. He further said that the Punjab Govt. also had exempted the Defence Personnel from House Tax. Therefore, the defence personnel should be exempted from house tax.

The Commissioner assured that the Corporation would write to the Administration for exemption to the defence personnel from house tax in Chandigarh. He further said that the minutes were sent to the Chandigarh Administration in toto, however, the financial implication in the matter was mentioned and now the minutes approved by the House would be sent to the Administration in toto without any comments.

The House noted that the matter regarding the exemption to Defence Personnel from House/Property Tax on Residential Lands and Buildings be again sent to the Chandigarh Administration for approval.

The House resolved as under :-

“The House considered & resolved that the matter be recommended to the Chandigarh Administration for exemption of House/Property Tax on Residential Lands & Buildings to Serving/Retired Defence Personnel.

It was further resolved to recommend the same for gallantry award winners and the persons who have died in action of the Central Paramilitary forces, State Police Forces and the Fire Department of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

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

**Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**

**Mayor,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**