Annexures

Minutes of the MCD Meetings as recorded by the researcher.

Minutes of the Ordinary July Meeting of the MCD held on Monday, the 19th of July, 2010 at 2.00 p. m., in the Town Hall, Delhi. 229 members were present along with the Municipal Commissioner and the Municipal Secretary. The Mayor took the Chair.

After the confirmation and signing of the previous minutes, and the circulation of the ‘incidents report’ by the Commissioner, the meeting commenced with a scathing criticism by the Leader of the opposition Shri J K Sharma, about the slow pace of the projects under the purview of the MCD, in the preparation for the Commonwealth Games, 2010. He gave a detailed list of all the projects of the MCD, like multi level parking lots, mobile toilets, that were all running behind schedule. He also criticised the Mayor, for going on a supervision tour of the various projects, along with mediapersons, and wanted to know why the opposition members were not involved. he reminded the Chair that he had raised the issue also on the floor of the Standing Committee, on the 30th of June, about 15 days ago, where he had been informed that all projects were running on schedule and that the MCD had received Rs 939 crores from the Delhi Government.

Continuing on the same issue, he further informed the House that out of 17 R. O. B, commissioned, even one was not ready. Out of 24 multi level and 16 ordinary parking lots, only one, that of the Kamla Nagar parking, was nearing completion, and the work on that had commenced two years ago. He was disturbed at the slow pace of work especially because parking continues to be a major problem for the residents of Delhi. He also informed the House that out of the 1000 water free toilets to be constructed before the Games, only 206 such toilets had been completed, and according to him the most affected area was the Civil Lines Ward, where only the tenders had been called for and only 10% of the proposed work had begun.

Although he praised the work of the Commissioner, he expressed dissatisfaction with the work of officers coming on deputation to the MCD, and was of the opinion that those officers whose performance was not up to the mark, should be reverted back to the Delhi Government. On the other hand, those employees of the MCD, whose performance was good, should be promoted. He urged the Mayor to examine this issue and also fix responsibility of the officials.

The next councillor to speak was Shri Suraj Kumar, who raised the issue of wrongful sealing of a battery shop in his ward. Supporting him on this issue Shri Subhash Arya, also informed the members that even though a complete and detailed report on the matter was given to the Commissioner, no action was taken by him in this regard. Informing the House, he said that the matter was actually a dispute between the landlord and the tenant, and that the shop did not come under the negative list, and all the relevant papers had been submitted to the concerned office. When the Councillor opposed the sealing drive, he was told that it was the decision of the Monitoring Committee, and further a F.I. R was lodged against him for obstructing official work, and for which he had to apply for bail. Again violating procedures, the shop was de-sealed, without the presence of the councillor. The councillor reiterated the fact that the executive wing deliberately and persistently misbehaved with the elected representatives, and that it was the duty of the Mayor to make sure such incidents do
not happen in the future, and to make the officials realise that they have to respect the popularly elected representatives.

Speaking on the issue, Shri J. K. Sharma said that the work of the House could only continue if the two concerned officials were immediately suspended by the Commissioner. At the behest of the Mayor, the Commissioner replied that the full facts of the matter would come to light only after the inquiry committee gave its report, and then the necessary action would be taken. In reply to this Shri Sahiram said that when both the ruling party and the opposition were of the same mind in this matter, then the officials should be suspended with immediate effect.

All the BSP councillors rushed to the Mayor, and there was a lot of noise and confusion. The leader of the House urged the Mayor to order the Commissioner to produce the report within two days, to which the Mayor agreed and assured the House that the report would be placed on the floor of the House in two days.

However, the shouting by the councillors continued unabated and the Mayor adjourned the House for ten minutes.

When the House reconvened after ten minutes, the members again pressed for suspension, because as Shri Sharma pointed out this incident had two witnesses.... Shri S. Arya and Shri Chandolia, and also the D C should also be suspended. Supporting this, Shri Rajesh Gehlot, Smt. Meera Aggarwal and Smt. Sarita Chaudhury, also asked the Commissioner to immediately suspend the two erring officials, and then provide a inquiry report within three days.

The Mayor ordered the Commissioner to suspend the officials. The BSP councillors then complained that their party councillor from Shahdara North, who was a woman, had been disrespectfully treated by Corporation officials and strict action should be taken against them. But when their demand was not met, they raised slogans against the BJP, saying that they had one set of standards for their party councillors and another for other party councillors. Although Shri S Arya tried to pacify them by saying that a report would be tabled in three days, the Councillors were in no mood to oblige and the House took up the other listed matters.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the MCD, held on 6th September, 2010, at 2-00 p. m., Delhi. 207 members present along with the Commissioner, Municipal Secretary. The Mayor took the Chair.

After the confirmation and signing of the previous meeting’s minutes and the circulation of the ‘incidents report’, by the Commissioner, the meeting began with a condolence resolution on the recent demise of a councillor, who had served one term from 2002 to 2007. The House observed two minutes of silence and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

The next issue to be discussed was that of unauthorised colonies, and councillors, Ajit Chaudhuri, Ved Gupta, and Azaad Singh. All of them were of the opinion that the ongoing ceiling drive in Mundka was against the law and should be stopped immediately. According to them the MCD had already approved a proposal to build a stadium on a particular piece of land in village Nizampur, but the master plan still showed the area as a green area.
The next issue to be discussed was the controversy over the recruitment of category A officials. Smt Aarti Mehra wanted the entire facts to be laid before the House and in response the Commissioner assured the House that all the legal and factual facts would be brought out in a report which would be duly placed before the House.

Shri Tarun Kumar and Shri Satbir Sharma complained of water logging in their areas, which were damaging the roads in that area. Shri Rajesh Rajora said that connecting the sewer line of the Games Flats to his area also resulted in a lot of water logging and urged the Commissioner to take urgent steps.

The next issue to be discussed was that of rising numbers of Dengue cases in the city and all councillors expressed concern over that. Shri S. Arya informed the House that 464 fogging machines had been purchased for a sum of 15 crore rupees. Shri F. Suri wanted to know whether all the machines were in working condition. Shri Arya asked all the councillors to spread awareness about dengue and other diseases in their respective wards, and to ask the schools to insist on full sleeved shirts for the students.

Thereafter, the other listed matters were taken up for consideration

Minutes of the MCD Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd September, 2010, at 2.00pm in the Town Hall. 195 members were present. The Mayor took the Chair.

At the outset of the meeting, Shri Mahendra Nagpal informed the house that in the recently concluded World Championship, MCD school educated wrestler, Shri Sushil Kumar had won the gold medal and brought glory to the country. He suggested that the Education Committee of the MCD should felicitate him and also give him a cash prize of 10 lac rupees. Shri J. K. Sharma seconded the proposal, but said the felicitation should be from the MCD as a whole, and not from the Education Committee. Shri Rajbir Dabaas said that in spite of two famous men, who have been educated in MCD run schools in Najafgarh, as in Veerendra Sehwag and K. S. Mehra, the area has not been given any facilities. Smt, Lata Gupta also urged that Sushil Kumar should be honoured. The Leader of the House, Shri Subhash Arya, agreed that Sushil Kumar would be honoured by the MCD and be given a cash prize of 5lac rupees. This proposal was accepted by the Mayor.

Shri Arya then informed the House that the reason for convening the meeting was the issue of water logging in Delhi and its attendant problems. He said that Delhi had a total of 30923 kms of roads out of which the MCD had 27140kms. However, it got only 75 crores for the upkeep of these roads from the Delhi Government, as compared to the CPWD which got a grant of 206 crores for the maintenance of its 2743 kms. Shri Arya wanted the grant to increase and demanded an explanation from the Commissioner. On the issue of water logging in the city, Shri Arya blamed the Delhi Government for connecting the rain water drains into the sewage lines, which put a lot of pressure on the drainage system, which resulted in water logging in the Lothian Bridge area. He wanted a reply from the Commissioner, whether this had been done by the Delhi Government, after taking permission from the MCD.

On the issue of the repairing and maintenance of roads, he, along with Shri J.K. Sharma, passed a resolution that to facilitate speedy and timely repair of roads, the concerned official would, on the recommendation of the local councillor, be authorised to spend up to Rs. 10,000, at one time, and this could be done up to 5 times a year. The resolution was passed unanimously. Shri J.K. Sharma informed the House
that in the year 2009-2010, the MCD spent Rs.1203.51 lakhs on rural roads and Rs. 2273.23 lakhs on urban roads.

Smt. Malti Verma drew attention to the pathetic state of roads in her ward and urged immediate action. Similar requests for urgent repairs in their respective wards were made by Shri V.P Gupta, Pannalal Khairwal, Tejpal Singh and Surjeet Singh. Dr(Mrs)Anita Babbar and Manju Gupta suggested a separate fund for road repairs and more machines to be made available to them. Shri Mamgain said that the road connecting Daryaganj to LalQuila should be repaired. Councillors, M. Nagpal, Mahesh Awana, Rohtash Singh and Sahi Ram all complained about the state of roads in their areas.

In his reply, the Commissioner said that because of excessive rains, about 1131 mm so far, the problems of water logging, potholes, and road breakings had been compounded. The MCD had demanded a sum of 350 crores from the Delhi Government, out of which 100 crores had already been disbursed. He assured the House that the collection of debris and rubble would also be completed as soon as possible.

Minutes of the Ordinary October, 2010, Meeting, of the MCD, held on the 15th October, 2010, at 2-00 p.m., in the New Meeting Hall Delhi. 185 members were present, including the mayor, Shri P. R., Sawhney, Shri K. S. Mehra, Commissioner, and Shri Bhagwan Singh, Municipal Secretary, MCD, were also present. The Mayor took the chair.

After the Incident report by the commissioner was circulated among the members, and the minutes of the previous meetings were confirmed and signed, the meeting commenced with Ms Meera Aggarwal, criticising the executive wing for taking the incident report very casually. She was of the view that the executive should also present the ‘action taken’ report simultaneously, so that councillors would be aware of the steps taken by the Corporation to address the situation. Speaking on the same issue, Shri Suman Gupta urged the House to adopt a common policy on unsafe buildings and to make the citizens of Delhi aware of such a policy. Shri Ved Prakash Gupta also speaking on the issue said that the MCD officials only declare buildings as unsafe; they should also declare what steps have been taken. The leader of the House, Shri Subhash Arya, summed up the discussion by pointing out that under Section 59 C, only those matters which come under the purview of the MCD should be taken up and also reiterated the need for ‘action taken “reports Shri Kunwar Sain also requested the House to grant monetary compensation to one employee of the Fire Department and two from the MCD, who were injured during their duty, and the proposal was unanimously accepted.

Ms Aarti Mehra then raised the issue of the MCD, and its officials and councillors not being properly and justly appreciated for all the hard work done by them in preparation and management of the Commonwealth Games, 2010, by the Delhi Government. She proposed a resolution of criticism of the Delhi Government, which was vociferously supported by all her party councillors, and roundly criticised by the opposition councillors. The resolution was passed, with Congress councillors dissenting.

Shri Subhash Arya raised the matter, along with Ms Aarti Mehra, of the Mayor of the MCD not being mentioned in Shri S. Kalmadi’ speech, the councillors not being
given passes for the opening and closing ceremonies, and the large numbers of MCD employees, who worked day and night, in cleaning the Games Village and other Stadia, not being given proper credit. They also accused the state government of taking the entire praise for the success of the Games, whereas, other agencies, like the MCD, which worked equally hard, were not given their due recognition. They moved a proposal asking that all class IV employees who were part of the Games preparation be given their payments along with a bonus, as early as possible.

Ms Aarti Mehra then raised the issue of the new Civic Centre, which was inaugurated in April, 2010, still not being in a position to house the offices and meetings of the Corporation. She urged the Mayor to nominate a team which could make an inspection of the premises, and report back to the councillors, and give them the true picture about the arrangements in the Civic Centre.

The Leader of the Opposition, Shri J K Sharma then moved a resolution which praised the Delhi Government and its related agencies like the MCD, DDA, for the successful organisation of the Commonwealth Games, 2010. He also said that all medal winners from Delhi and Haryana should be given a felicitation by the MCD. He also appreciated the work done by MCD employees and said that they should be fairly compensated for that.

This resolution was criticised by the BJP councillors and rejected. The Congress members then started shouting slogans and the Mayor Appealed for peace. Shri Sharma then requested the MCD to pay an extra month’s salary to its employees, like the Delhi Government.

Shri S Arya agreed and said it would be done at the earliest.

The next issue to be discussed was the matter of certain engineers of the MCD, who had been suspended from duty on charges of corruption, but had won their appeal in the court. The Corporation was now duty bound to reinstate them. A number of councillors spoke on the matter, all wanting details of various aspects of the case. They were, Shri S Arya, Jagdish Mamgai, J K Sharma, Ved Prakash Gupta, Farhad Suri, Nirmal Jain, Krishan Jatav, Mukesh Goel, Kanwar Sain, and VK Manga. The women councillors who spoke on this issue were Ms Aarti Mehra, Meera Aggarwal and Shalu Mallik, and all of them demanded greater transparency and the crores of rupees spent on lawyer fees to be accounted for. They said that the Executive wing should be held responsible for this financial loss, and the responsibility of this should be fixed and communicated to the House.

Shri Jagdish Mamgain and Shri Ved Prakash Gupta criticised the promotion policy of the MCD. They said that honest and hardworking officers were victimised, whereas corrupt official got their promotions and perks. He also said that according to Article 487 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, the Commissioner was bound to obey the resolutions passed by the councillors in the general meetings.

Thereafter, the other listed matters were taken up for consideration.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Committee held on Wednesday, 4th January, 2011 at 2.00 pm, in the Meeting Hall, Civic Centre, New Delhi. Out of the 16 members of the Standing Committee, chaired by Shri Yogendra Chandolia, only one is a woman, Ms. Rekha Gupta.
The meeting commenced with the Leader of the Opposition, Shri J. K. Sharma, informing the committee members about the publication of a report in the newspaper, Dainik Jagran, about the orders of a Metropolitan Magistrate of the Saket District Courts, asking the Delhi Police to file a case against seven functionaries of the MCD at the Pul Prahladpur Police Station, in connection with the MCD functionaries not preventing unauthorised construction on DDA land, even after a written complaint was filed. A local resident, Shri Kishan Gopal Gupta had taken the matter to court, and as a result, the court had ordered a trial against one official of the DDA, seven from the MCD, along with forty-two other accused. Shri Sharma demanded that a detailed report should be placed before the committee, regarding the role of the MCD officials and the action taken by the Corporation against the accused officials.

The next issue to be raised by the Leader of the Opposition was the scam relating to MCD school uniforms. Shri Sharma brought the attention of the committee to the fact, since 2005, cloth for school uniforms worth Rs 4-5 crores had been lying in the Devnagar MCD school, as a result of negligence and wrong decisions by MCD officials. A dispute between the supplier and the MCD, over the quality of the cloth, had led to the matter going to an Arbitrator, who had ruled that the Corporation would have to pay 9% interest on the actual price of the cloth to the supplier. Another sum of Rs 1.6 crores were paid out as fees for lawyers hired by the Corporation. As a result, the total loss of the MCD amounted to Rs 6 crores. Shri Sharma urged for an out of court settlement with the supplier, to prevent further losses to the Corporation. Shri Vijay Pundit also endorsed this view and asked for a speedy closure of the case.

In his reply to the above issues raised, the Commissioner gave an assurance to the Committee that regarding the case of unauthorised construction, the matter was being studied and if found guilty, strict actions would be taken against the erring officials. On the question of the school uniforms, The Commissioner stated that as the matter was sub-judice, he could not comment on it, except to say that all the information would be provided to the committee, with a view to resolving the matter as fast as possible.

The next issue to be highlighted was that of unauthorised colonies, raised by Shri B. P. Pandey, who said that the Delhi State minister for Urban Development had made a statement, which questions the jurisdiction and powers of the MCD. In his statement, he had given an assurance of legalisation to 151 unauthorised colonies, completely bypassing the role of the MCD. He said that it is the function of the Standing Committee to approve the lay-out plans of unauthorised colonies, and that the Delhi Government has no powers to take this away from the Corporation He also questioned whether the provisional certificates granted to unauthorised colonies in 2008, had any constitutional validity. He informed the members that the cases of 125 colonies were being scrutinised by the Lokayukt, because, a large number of colonies which had been granted certificates only existed on paper. The councillor also wanted to know whether the Delhi Government had issued a gazette notification on the legalisation of these colonies, and if so, how was it possible without the lay-out plans being approved by the MCD? On the same issue, Shri Vijay Pundit also intervened to say that out of all the colonies granted legal, authorised status, only 500 colonies actually exist, the rest are all fictitious. Mhd. Imran Ismail supported the Shri Pundit and said that because the MCD was not following the dictates of the Delhi government, the Chief Minister had decided to trifurcate the Corporation, and the consequences of this would have to be suffered by the residents of Delhi. According to him, trifurcation
would result in immense confusion and chaos, with different wings following different rules.

Shri Jai Bhagwan Yadav wanted to know who had the powers of determining the boundaries of a colony and its lay-out? He also wanted information on when the the Delhi Government would make the balance payment of its dues to the MCD, as developmental work was being seriously affected. Shri Vijay Solanki, speaking on the above issue said that many colonies deserving to be legalised had been rejected on flimsy and false grounds. He suggested that there was urgent need for a re-survey of the 127 rejected colonies, with both the RWA’s and councillors being on the panel.

In his reply, the Commissioner stated that according to a notification issued on 24.03.2008, the task of approving the lay-out plans rests with the Building Regulatory Authority, while that of fixing boundaries lies with the Delhi Government. In his response the Chair criticised the Delhi Government, for encroaching upon the powers of the Corporation and criticised the statements of the Minister. Furthermore, he demanded a speedy disbursal of the payment due to the MCD.

Shri Tulsi Sabalaniya and Shri J K Sharma raised the issue of widow pensions and grant of sewing machines to poor women, and also the lack of uniforms and shoes for poor students. The Commissioner assured the members that the concerned officers would deal with these matters as expeditiously as possible.

Shri Suman Gupta wanted information about the limits of SPM Marg, in New Delhi and made a request for the construction of public utilities on that road. He also suggested that the Corporation could build small eating stalls there. Along with Shri M Zia, he also wanted to know about the procedure for gaining permission to repair dangerous buildings. In his reply the Commissioner stated that if the building could be repaired, the owners would have to inform the Corporation and carry out the repairs. If the building had already collapsed, a new plan would have to be approved, and if the building was on the verge of collapse, the owners should take steps to demolish it, or else the MCD would have to do it.

After this, the members took up the list of postponed and pending cases, and began the process of consideration on them.

Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee held on Monday, the 29th of August, 2011 at 2.30 pm in A-Block, Meeting Hall, Civic Centre, New Delhi. 16 councillors including the Chairman and the Commissioner and Secretary attended the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting Shri Vijay Pandit while drawing the attention of the committee towards the Delhi Government’s decision to increase the electricity tariff by 22%, stated that this would lead to rapid increase in expenditure burden of the consumers. While condemning this decision of the Delhi Govt., he recommended passage of a resolution to this effect.

Shri Mehak Singh stated that based on the figures given by the BJP’s state chief, electricity tariff should have been decreased by 33% but instead of decreasing the tariff, the Govt. has increased the same. Additionally, the electricity companies on their own are charging excessive fees from the consumers. He recommended passage of a resolution condemning this scam.
According to Shri V.P. Pande, with the reduction of transmission and distribution losses, the electricity companies are profiting. They should share these profits with the public. He said that the ex-chairman of DERC had recommended a reduction of fixed charges and tariff by 33%, but instead of implementing this recommendation, the matter was kept pending till his retirement. Thereafter, it was increased by 22%. Shri Pande while condemning this act of the Govt. demanded that the accounts of the relevant department should be examined by the CAG.

Shri Jai Bhagwan Yadav while supporting the aforesaid recommended an impartial investigation of the scams of the Delhi Govt. and passage of a condemnation resolution in this regard.

Shri Mahmood Zia stated that according to the Congress MLAs also, the tariff should not be increased but there was no justification in discussing the same in the Standing Committee.

The ruling side were displeased at this statement of Shri Mahmood Zia and said that can the BJP members not even raise their voice against the scams of the Delhi Government

Ms. Rekha Gupta stated that MCD installs pre-paid electricity meters in its offices and schools and payments of crores of Rupees to Delhi Govt. in the form of electricity charges but MCD provides many services to the Delhi Govt. without charging for the same.

During the course of the discussion on the above issue, Shri Suman Kumar Gupta said that the time of privatization of DESU it had been decided that all the electricity cables would be laid underground but no step has been taken in this direction. He also expressed his displeasure at the absence of power and water supply at 4 am in the mornings of the month of Ramzan.

In this regard, Shri Jai Kishan Sharma, Leader of the Opposition voiced his concern against the tariff hike and stated that this step was not in the interest of the people. He gave an assurance that he would discuss the same with the Chief Minister of Delhi.

At the end of the discussion of the above issue, Shir Vijay Pandit with the permission of the Chairman presented the following resolution:

Subject: Q.No.268 – Unbearable increase in electricity tariff in Delhi – One more blow on the people

It is resolved that the following resolution presented by Shri Vijay Pandit and seconded by Shri Mehak Singh be passed and forwarded to the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor for necessary action:

Since the present hike in the electricity tariff is on account of one-sided clauses in favour of the private electricity companies in the MOU entered by the Delhi Govt. with the private electricity companies at the time of privatization.

Since the private electricity companies on the basis of the said MOU incur excessive expenditure to show losses in their balance sheets so that they can demand tariff hike to meet the losses and such demands are invariably always accepted.
Since due to the acceptance of the 22% hike in tariff by the DERC, the people who are already reeling under the burden of price rise will be further burdened and poor people will have to sacrifice their daily needs like food to use electricity in their homes.

Therefore the Standing Committee resolves that the Govt. should prohibit the private electricity companies from increasing their tariff or the loss in this regard should borne by the Delhi Govt..

It is further resolved that the conditions included in the privatization contracts should be reviewed by a commission after obtaining the opinion of various stake-holders and be modified in public interest.

Shri Suman Kumar Gupta appreciated the hard work and dedication shown by the MCD officers and employees during the Janlokpal Bill agitation in the RamlilaMaidan and recommended grant of honorarium to the Regional Dy. Commission Shri Krishna Kumar and Dy. Health Officer Dr. Lallan for their (and their team’s) praiseworthy work which was supported by Shri B.P. Mandal.

In this context, the Chairman congratulated everyone on behalf of the Committee for improving the image of the Corporation on account of the dedication and hard work shown by the offices and staff of the Corporation during the Commonwealth games and RamlilaMaidan agitation.

Shri Vijay Pandit thanked the Commissioner and the Additional Commissioner for installing Avezdar in the Najafgarh region and demanded expeditious action by the officers of the DEMS departments so that the vacant posts can be quickly filled up. Mohd. Imran Ismail also appreciated the sanitation arrangement during the month of Ramzan in the urban and SadarPaharganj region brought about by the rounds taken by the Commissioner. He also requested that in future cleaning in evening shifts be continued.

Shri Jaibhagwan Yadav wanted to ascertain that how many maps were received after the issue of notification regarding construction of buildings in Punjabi Colony in Narela region (issued subsequent to the approval of maps in 1990) and whether such maps were approved within the stipulated time period. He also demanded to know as to why the special task force squads are still taking action in un-authorized colonies despite the Standing Committee members having met the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor in this regard. The Chair then informed the House that the file was with the Lt Governor for further orders. Shri Vijay Pandit raised the problem of not having lay-out plans in the rural areas, as a result of which plans were not being approved, and people were unable to build houses. Tulsiram Sablania complained of selective action being taken in Karol Bagh Area, and urged that it should be stopped.

Shri Mahmud Zia wanted the Education department to hire Urdu teachers, along with other language teachers. The Director replied to this by stating that no posts were vacant in the case of Urdu. Shri Suman Gupta then raised the issue of DJB breaking roads to carry out repairs and demanded that a directive should be passed which made it mandatory for the agency that cut roads to also repair it. Shri Mahmud Zia suggested that the local councillor could play an important role in this. The issue of regularizing colonies was then raised by councillors, Vijay Pandit, Indrapreet Singh, Vijay Pandey, B. P. Mandal and Ms. Rekha Gupta. They were all of the view that regularization should be done speedily and in a transparent manner. The
Commissioner then replied that as per the directive issued on 17-1-2011, all matters of sub division in U. R. colonies, and villages, prior to 2007, have been approved, and in the case of approved colonies, there is no permission for sub division.

Thereafter, the members took up the listed cases for discussion and consideration.

**Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee** held on Tuesday, the 24th January, 2012, at 2.00 pm at the Civic Centre, New Delhi. 14 members were present, chaired by Shri Y. Chandolia and the Deputy Chair was Smt. S. Chaudhury. The Commissioner and the municipal Secretary were also present.

Shri J. K. Sharma indignantly informed the Committee that 4000 sq feet of land in the Majlis Park area, which was earmarked as a green area or a park had been sold to a private builder, with the connivance of some MCD officials, (Shri Yogesh Chanana), to be sold as plots to individuals. Mr. Sharma claimed that the market value of the land was around 60 crores, and asked for a CBI inquiry into the matter and also wanted the MCD to lodge a FIR against the SHO and ACP of that area. At the Chair’s request, the Chief Town Planner said that the matter pertained to 2010, and a report had been filed in the Kamla Nagar police station. The chairperson ordered the Commissioner to conduct an inquiry into the matter, take action against the erring official and to place the report before the Committee in its next meeting.

Thereafter Shri M Ismail, drew the attention of the members to a newspaper report which said that the delhi government had decided to transfer the maintenance and upkeep of 100 foot and 60 foot roads from the MCD to itself. He raised the issue of the ongoing work on these roads which would be affected by this decision and urged the MCD to go to the courts against this decision of the Delhi government. The Commissioner confirmed that the Delhi government had passed an order three days ago according to which all 60 foot and above roads would fall under its control.

Shri Vijay Pundit suggested that those roads on which work (median and footpath), had begun should stay with the MCD. Shri V. P. Pande was of the opinion that once a work order had been given to a contractor, he could not be legally stopped, and that the members could meet the Lt. Governor, if necessary. The Chairman ordered the Commissioner to place the complete record of road works undertaken by the MCD, in the last five years before the members, to get an idea of how much had already been done and how much remained to be done.

Shri Jai Bhagwan Yadav decried the move as a cheap electoral gimmick. Thereafter, the chair took up the listed matters for discussion and consideration.

**Minutes of the MCD Meeting held on 27th February, 2012, at 2.00 pm, at the Civic Centre, New Delhi.** 240 councillors were present, along with the Municipal Commissioner, Shri K. S. Mehra and the Municipal Secretary, Smt. Kiran Dabral. The Mayor took the chair.

The session began with the circulation and confirmation of the minutes of the previously adjourned meetings of 27-1-2012, 31-1-2012, 1-2-2012, 2-2-2012, 3-2-2012 and 8-2-2012. As per the MCD Act, 1957, section, 59(c), with the permission of the Chair, the Commissioner circulated the’ incidents report’.

The meeting began with the Leader of the Opposition strongly criticising the ruling party’s, the BJP’s two faced policy on unauthorised colonies. He said the BJP was
hypocritical and meted out step motherly treatment to the Congress councillors. He said that ward 129 to 130 in the Dwarka Assembly Constituency, had 12 unauthorised colonies, and at the request of the MLA, from that area, Shri Mahabal Mishra, the urban development minister, had ordered that development work in this area would be carried out by the MCD, and not by the DSIIIDC. Thereafter the Commissioner, in his letter dated 18-11-2011, had put up the matter before the Standing Committee. Thereafter, on the 20-1-2012, the DSIIIDC had in a report clarified that developmental work in the above mentioned colonies were to be carried out by the MCD. But the BJP controlled house had said that either it would be in charge of all the colonies or none. But, on 14-02-2012, in the Works Committee, permission to carry out developmental work in two unauthorised colonies of Ravi Nagar and Vishnu garden was granted. This was criticised by the Congress councillors as evidence of the hypocrisy of the BJP. Shri Rajesh Gehlot clarified that the councillors of both the wards were in favour of the move to which the Leader of the Opposition responded that the Congress councillors were also in favour but they were not given the opportunity. After this the Opposition members started slogan shouting and the House had to be adjourned.