

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. Brig.H K Pokhariyal                   | - President                |
| 2.Pathan Aiyubkhan Sariyakhan            | - Vice President           |
| 3. Shri Dhiraj Sonaje                    | - Member Secretary         |
| 4. Brig.N.S.Narain                       | - Health Officer(S.E.M.O.) |
| 5. Col. Harpreet Singh                   | - Nominated Member         |
| 6. Col. Shishir Thammaiah,SM             | - Nominated Member         |
| 7. Shri K Ramesh Babu, IDSE              | - Garrison Engineer(MES)   |
| 8. Pareek Rekhaben Nareshbhai            | - Elected Member           |
| 9. Sonvane Sunil Ramchandra              | - Elected Member           |
| 10.Rajput Sumersingh Devisingh           | - Elected Member           |
| 11.Pathan Mahmud Salim Sariyakhan        | - Elected Member           |
| 12.Pathan Sirinbanu Mahmud Salim         | - Elected Member           |
| 13.Shri Ganesh Girishbhai Ramchandrabhai | - Elected Member           |

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

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| 1. Dr.Vikrant Pandey, IAS | - District Magistrate |
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SPECIAL INVITEES PRESENT

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| 1. Hon'ble Shri Balram Thawani (MLA) | - Special Invitee |
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SPECIAL INVITEES NOT PRESENT

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| 1. Hon'ble Shri Paresh Rawal (M.P.) | - Special Invitee |
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Agenda no.1

Budget estimates 2018-19(Revised) & 2019-20(Original)

To consider and approve the budget estimates 2018-19(Revised) & 2019-20(Original) in respect of Ahmedabad Cantonment Board.

The draft budget and all relevant documents are placed on the table for consideration and approval by the Board.

Resolution no. 1 : Budget estimates 2018-19(Revised) & 2019-20(Original)

Considered and unanimously approved. Further unanimously resolved to forward the same to the competent authority.

Agenda no.2

Monthly account statement of the month of May 2018

To consider the report of Accounts branch reg. the receipts and expenditure incurred during the month of May 2018. In this connection the necessary documents are placed on the table for consideration and noting by the Board.

Resolution no.2 : Monthly account statement of the month of May 2018

Noted and unanimously approved.

Agenda No. 3

Annual Administration Report 2017-18

To note and approve Annual Administration Report 2017-18. All relevant papers in file placed on the table for consideration and approval by Board.

Resolution no.3 : Annual Administration Report 2017-18

Considered and unanimously approved. Further unanimously resolved to forward the same to the competent authority.

Agenda No. 4

Annual Consolidated Accounts 2017-18

To note and approve Annual Consolidated Accounts 2016-17. All relevant papers in file are placed on the table for consideration and approval by the Board.

Resolution no.4 : Annual Consolidated Accounts 2017-18

Considered and unanimously approved. Further unanimously resolved to forward the same to the competent authority.

Agenda no.5

Closure of Roads in Cantonments

Reference DGDE, Delhi Cantt. Letter no.76/72/C/DE/2015/Vol-II dated 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in this regard.

It is brought to the notice of the Board that the higher authority vide above referred letter have forwarded the procedure to be followed in respect of closure of Road within Cantonments which has already been published vide GOI, MOD letter no.14(9)/2018-D(Q&C) dated 28-05-2018 regarding closure of Roads in Cantonments. The same is placed before the Board for noting by the Board. The matter regarding management of traffic on these roads may also be discussed.

All relevant papers placed on table for consideration and noting by Board.

Resolution no.5 : Closure of Roads in Cantonments

At the start of the discussion of this point the CEO briefed the Board regarding the agenda point and also read out the contents of policy letter no.14(9)/2018-D(Q&C) dated 28-05-2018 circulated by the higher authorities in this regard, as mentioned at the agenda side. PCB asked the Vice President and elected members regarding their views for continuing discussion in this regard whereby Shri Girish Ganesh, EM stated that all the TCP gates should be opened for general public especially for Sadar Bazaar and as per order of hon'ble Minister of Defence, GOI in this regard. PCB stated that does he mean all the gates are closed, whereby Shri Girish Ganesh, EM replied that yes he means at all the gates checking is being done. PCB stated that firstly the gates are open. Secondly the four TCPs (I to IV) are on the roads leading into pure Military Area which is enclosed by Boundary wall and have sensitive Army units and Establishments and that is why military guards and security personnel are placed on all these TCPs to ensure that no unauthorised personnel or Anti-National element or Terrorist enter inside the Military Establishment. However, Shri Girish Ganesh, EM stated that the same procedure is being adopted / followed by the local army authorities at the TCPs as it was earlier and nothing has changed for giving relief to the public in this connection at TCP IV.

Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM stated that the matter could if not resolved amicably at this stage could result in high level conflict for the future as the civilians and Army could not live together in this situation and public should be allowed free movement otherwise it is not good in the interest of harmony of the country and this sort of environment shall shatter the fabric of the peace and harmony. Shri sumersingh Rajput, EM further stated that the residents of Ahmedabad Cantt. were once upon a time were resided inside the Cantt. area by the British troops only for rendering different kinds of services of daily necessity for their troops and their families however with the passage of time and rise in civic amenities in the adjoining / neighbouring areas, the utility of the services of the Cantt. residence is now limited and now the Army wants them to vacate the Cantonment area and go elsewhere. However this will give birth to serious conflicts and he is personally of the opinion that the matter should be resolved amicable and possibility of conflict should be ended forever. He further stated that Army applies its own logic from security point of view however the civil public also deserves free entry into the Ahmedabad Cantonment. Any Nation is represented by its civil population and not by natural resources or infrastructure only. He also suggested that the Cantt. residents should be either given free way for entry or should be rehabilitated by giving accommodation elsewhere in public interest. He further added that there is no developed hospital in the Ahmedabad Cantt. and even for availing medical facility at door step, gathering for death ceremony or marriage function within the Cantt. area, the general public and Cantt. residents living inside of TCPs are facing inconvenience due to lack of free movement through gates. He further asked how can any one intimate in advance in case of sudden death. Moreover, security is concern of respective State Govt. PCB asked Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM to keep low tone while speaking on any issue to maintain decorum of the Board. Sumersingh rajput, EM stated that he does not blame Army but public is facing hardship in free movement and this situation should be avoided.

Shri Sunil Sonvane, EM stated that the police should be asked to provide the security within the Ahmedabad Cantt. area. Smt.Rekhaben N.Pareek, EM also informed that the devotees visiting the Camp Hanuman Temple are also facing hardship in visiting the temple. Shri Ayubkhan S.Pathan, VP also stated that should not be restricted for free movement when on a social visit for attending marriage or death / funeral ceremony while passing through the gates within the Ahmedabad Cantt. area. Shri Mahmudsalim Pathan, EM stated business of small traders and shopkeepers etc. living in Sadar Bazar is mostly affected due to the restriction in public entry. At this PCB stated that public is being permitted free movement through all the four TCPs.

Shri Girish Ganesh, EM stated that local Army authorities are not allowing the vender / hawkers to trade within Cantt. area whereby PCB informed that when there is no licence with the hawkers / vendors then how can they be allowed so and trade licence is mandatory and validity of trade licence period and location of the hawkers should be known. Shri Mahmudsalim S.Pathan, EM stated that trade licence should be given / issued to the hawkers / vendors within Ahmedabad Cantt. area. PCB stated that in AMC governed areas the location alongwith the validity of the licence period is strictly adhered to by neighbouring municipal authorities. Shri Mahmudsalim Pathan, EM stated that the trade licence has not been issued by the Cantt. Board to the hawkers / vendors since last 10 years approximately. CEO assured that trade licence shall be issued to them this time. Shri Girish Ganesh, EM and Shri Mahmudsalim Pathan, EM stated that the QAT are harassing the hawkers and vendors. PCB reiterated that possession of trade licence is a must for a vendor / hawkers within Ahmedabad Cantonment area and due to the security and also to ensure that there is no encroachment on Defence land and the vendors / hawkers will only be permitted as per the location, timings and licence in the Cantt.

Shri Mahmudsalim Pathan, EM asked PCB that under which power / authority the QAT is harassing the hawkers and vendors whereby the PCB stated that as per rules the QAT is authorized / empowered to check the trade licence of hawkers and vendors moving within Ahmedabad Cantt. area specially near the Army units to ensure security and prevent encroachments. However, PCB reiterated the EMs to keep their tone and volume in control to maintain the decorum of the Board.

Shri Sumersingh stated that he is not blaming the Army but he has a right to speak in democracy and even the EMs stated that they are fighting for resolving the issue of public inconvenience whereby PCB stated that decorum should be maintained and if the voice is raised every now and then he shall have no option but to suspend the member who does so. At this juncture the elected members argued that they are being pressurised and not allowed to raise their voice in democracy and the Vice President and EMs walked out of the meeting. The members gave a dissent note for not opening all the TCPs gates for Cantt. residents and general public. The dissent note is attached as annexure 'A'.

Thereafter the PCB addressed to the Board and especially Shri Balram Thawani, hon'ble MLA, Special Invitee that there is no check point or restriction of public movement imposed by the local Army authorities on the stretch of road from Airport Circle to Dafnala. Then there are other 3 to 4 roads in Sadar Bazar where there are no check points imposed by local army authority. However, the area south of road Airport Circle to Dafnala has pure Army Units and the complete defence land area is enclosed by security wall with approximate eight entry / exit gates alongwith four TCPs. This area is having Army units and sensitive Military establishments and due to their security the guards placed at these gates check the ID cards etc. however it should be kept in mind that there are many installations within boundary walls of the Army area of Ahmedabad Cantt. such as Cantt. Board office, unit lines, Station headquarters, two schools, banks and then there is road on traffic on the road passing through the 511 ASC Batallion & Engineers Regiment then the unit is disturbed due to the public movement. So thats the reason that the point should be discussed and emphasis should be laid on security and traffic management. PCB further stated that now Cantt. Board must take responsibility of securing the TCPs and Cantt. Board shall have to make provision of widening of all these roads, maintenance of gate structure and security of the public and vehicular traffic movement. PCB mentioned that on Saturday's 35 to 36 thousand devotees on an average are visiting the temple premises whereby the parking for all the vehicular traffic will become unmanageable if free access is allowed to local public for this reason and it shall also be a security hazard and inside the boundary walls. There is Army Public school next to TCP-II and Amrut school after Hanuman Temple and family quarters and who will care for their security. PCB also mentioned that on Tuesdays six to ten thousand devotee public approximately visits the Cantonment and what about the security of the devotees itself who visit Camp Hanuman Temple, if someone implants bomb due to lack of security or improper security.

Shri Balram Thawani, MLA, Special invitee stated that the Cantt. area is a part of his constituency and he is also aware of the inconvenience faced by the public on various issues and he desired to know whether Cantt. Board can consider for allotment of spare land to those occupiers who are facing scarcity of space in their presently occupied premises. In response the PCB clarified that the FSI restrictions cannot be violated and above all the Cantt. residents living in most of the premises are on land which is under lease and PCB also stated that the local army authorities are in shortage of defence land by approx. 504 acres. Col.Harpeet Singh, NM also stated that most of the occupiers are dwelling in premises which are situated on lease hold and not free hold land.

Shri Balram Thawani, MLA, Special invitee desired to know whether the Board can allot spare defence land to civilian public however PCB replied Defence land cannot be allotted for residential purpose to civilians as per rules. Shri Balram Thawani, MLA, Special invitee stated that in AMC governed area the govt. is allotting land to the homeless living in slums and BPL houses are constructed and allotted and slums are cleared and so relief is feasible in areas outside Cantt. area.

Shri Balram Thawani, MLA, Special invitee mentioned that a few time back he came to know that some hawkers and vendors are not allowed to do trade on land opp. TCP IV. PCB stated that Cantt. Board office should be approached by them in this regard. CEO replied that a vending area is identified in every municipal area and the agenda for same shall be put up in the next Board meeting for discussion and decision by the Board alongwith timings for trade activity and validity of the licence period.

Shri Balram Thawani, MLA, Special invitee expressed his concern for opening of the Hansol road TP-67 in public interest for residents of Hansol area as the road is in a stretch of 15 mtr. And due to closure of the road public is facing inconvenience. Shri Balram Thawani, MLA, Special invitee urged the PCB and the Board to do needful in public interest for public relief. PCB stated that instructions from the higher authorities in this regard are being awaited and only after order / directions / guidelines from higher authorities he shall be able to take further course of action as the locals had lost the court case in the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat in 2011 and the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri has already informed Govt. of Gujarat that Defence land cannot be given for TP-67.

Finally, President, Cantt. Board adjourned the Cantt. Board ordinary meeting dated 13-06-2018 due to walkout by elected members and subsequently lack of quorum and further PCB directed to re-schedule the adjourned ordinary meeting on 14-06-2018 at 12.00 PM. Moreover, he stated that agenda shall remain the same as circulated earlier and the meeting shall commence with discussion on point no.5 onwards as point no. 1 to 4 as per circulated agenda had already been discussed and resolved.

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A'bad. Cantt. Board  
Dt. : 13-06-2018.

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(Brig.H K Pokhariyal)  
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