

PROCEEDINGS OF CANTT. BOARD ADJOURNED ORDINARY MEETING DATED 13-06-2018 HELD ON 14-06-2018 AT 1200PM IN THE OFFICE OF CANTONMENT BOARD, AHMEDABAD 380 004.

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 Rekhabeen 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 NOT PRESENT

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| 1. Hon'ble Shri Paresh Rawal (M.P.) | - Special Invitee |
| 2. Hon'ble Shri Balram Thawani (MLA) | - Special Invitee |

Agenda no.5

Closure of Roads in Cantonments

Reference DGDE, Delhi Cantt. Letter no.76/72/C/DE/2015/Vol-II dated 29th 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

CEO briefed the Board regarding dissent note given by EMs regarding re-opening of the TCP gates.

PCB asked that do the EMs mean to say that the gates are closed at present ? PCB further stated that Board should note that all the gates are open as per the instructions / directions of the hon'ble Raksha Mantri. The entry was allowed for public through TCP-IV on 22-05-2018 from 06:00 hrs. onwards and the first individual to make entry through the gate was Shri Sunil Sonvane, EM. PCB further stated that only ID proof is checked as the public is entering the Military area from TCP I to IV. No ID cards are checked on all the other roads of Cantt. where the entry / exit is not into the Military units. The original letter of the elected members alongwith the case will be taken up with the Ministry of Defence through General Officer Commanding, Southern Command with note of dissent from elected members for making false allegations by the EMs as all four TCPs are open. Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM stated that all the gates are monitored and controlled by Armed forces till date.

PCB directed that because of these reasons given by EMs herein after the Vice-President and EMs will take responsibility of security and traffic management at all TCPs. Ahmedabad Cantonment Board will employ security personnels for traffic management at all the TCPs because the area under TCPs I to IV is an entire military area where there is only Cantonment Board office, one Army public school, one private school, two banks inside TCPs. Further all the roads i.e. road from Airport circle to Dafnala, 16, Old Grant bungalows, one Hanuman Temple and out of 16 OGBs nine HORs are not alive and not living in their bungalows and the bungalows are in dilapidated condition. The roads which are passing through Sadar Bazar area or which is passing through airport Circle to Dafnala, no check no restrictions is being put, nobody is being stopped, no documentation is being done and no Driving licence's are being checked. It is being done on TCP-I to TCP-IV gates because they lead into the unit areas and family quarters and this area is a pure military area so the ID proofs will be checked. The Vice President and Elected members of Ahmedabad Cantonment Board take the responsibility of security inside the military area. Also roads from the TCPs i.e. TCP I to IV to be widened, construction of new foot paths with storm water drains to be done, maintenance / renovation of gate structures of TCP I to IV will have to be taken. Moreover, CCTV camers will have to be installed at various locations. All this would have to be met out of Cantt. Boards own funds.

Thereafter Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM stated that the statements are being made by the PCB with a prejudiced mind from the view point of Army Commander and are made in a way as if the Army authorities are trying to dictate the elected body of Ahmedabad Cantonment Board. He further stated that if the elected members are responsible for security lapse the PCB as well as nominated members are also equally responsible for the security aspect however, the security of the same shall be the responsibility of the local police authorities and SRPs under the jurisdiction of the State Govt.

He also stated that barriers and obstacles are being put to monitor and control the public entry on the order of Army officers, as army deems fit as per orders of the Station Commandar on the base of security reasons. He further said that previously SRPs were checking the driving licences of vehicle drivers. By way of responsibility to be fixed on the elected Board members of Ahmedabad Cantt. Board, it is an attempt to give a threat to the elected members and if the elected members have to take the responsibility of the security aspect then the CEO should be asked to issue a letter in writing to the elected members in this regard. He reiterated that the PCB is prejudiced because he looks at this issue from the Army commander's point of view however the issue needs to be addressed not only in the interest of Army or civilians but in the sole interest of harmony of the Nation.

Shri Girish Ganesh, EM stated that Armed forces can put gates in restricted area. Other area should have access otherwise public will make representations on the issue of gate opening. VP and EMs were of the view that for addressing the security concerns provision of CCTV camera, vigilance unit can be taken. And police authorities should be entrusted with responsibility. Shri Mahmudsalim Pathan, EM stated that the issue should be resolved peacefully without conflict.

PCB clarified that he is not only President, Cantt. Board but he is also a Station Commander in SHQ and Dy.GOC in HQ Inf.Div for the Ahmedabad Cantt. area and he has to maintain balance between all the three responsibilities because ultimately the security of entire Army Cantt. lies on his shoulders and he shall be held responsible for any security lapse or untoward incident within the Ahmedabad Cantt. such as any blast at any public place which is a soft target and prone to terrorist attack. PCB also emphasized that the road widening issue also needs to be addressed to manage the present traffic.

PCB also mentioned that during his tenure so many works were being carried out in public interest whereby Shri Ayubkhan S.Pathan expressed little contradiction with his statement mentioning that the crematorium project, constructions of two additional rooms in Health Centre, development / construction / renovation / repair of Over Head tank is still pending and most of the budget is being spend after the work of the military area and not after the works Sadar Bazar area whereby the PCB objected to his statement and mentioned that check the records and see that many works have been carried out in Sadar Bazar also like repairing of group latrines in Civil area which lacked illumination, plumbing work and repairing / replacement water supply and drainage lines etc. Shri Ayubkhan S.Pathan, VP stated that mobile towers are yet to be installed. PCB replied that is pending at the higher authority level and not at the Board level. Shri Ayubkhan S.Pathan, VP also stated that the road from Ram-colony to Smashan bhoomi is also pending. CEO stated due to shortage of funds some works could not be initiated however they shall be given priority as soon as the situation of scarcity of funds will be overcome in due course of time. At this juncture, Smt.Rekhaben N.Pareek, EM stated that she can arrange a sponsorship for the subject work in public interest.

Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM desired that a committee should be constituted for furnishing its report on ground reality as to whether all the public roads have been opened for the civilian public or not. PCB also reiterated that the issue is still undecided as who shall take up the responsibility from security aspect. Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM replied that he accepts the responsibility in public interest but gates should be opened for convenience of civilian public which deserves to get relief as they too are citizens of India who have every right for free movement on public roads within Ahmedabad Cantt.

Shri Girish Ganesh, EM stated that local police is there for giving security cover to civilian population and local army is there to give security to the army population. GE, MES stated that there are two parts in the policy letter circulated by the MOD wherein the first part says about opening the public roads whereas the second part also reveals regarding closing the roads by following laid down procedure. Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM desired to know the definition of closure by stating that there are restrictions in the form of barricades and manpower deployed for restricting the entry and he also mentioned that local police should be allowed to do their job of providing security to the civilians within Ahmedabad Cantt. area. Further he mentioned that this security issue is being implanted as it is individual thinking of PCB and has nothing to do with the directions / orders contained in the MOD letter at agenda side.

Mrs.Sirinbanu, EM stated that security should be managed for public convenience but it should not become an hazard / harassment to civilians population residing within the Canotment area. Shri Sumersingh Rajput, Elected member stated that if the civilian population is being deprived right to free movement restricting them from availing other civic amenities then tomorrow who shall be responsible if they turn to other unfair means / methods, naxalism as they are being devoid of such rights. Shri Girish Ganesh, EM stated that due to this restriction in free movement the patients are facing inconvenience in getting timely medical attention / aid and Shri Sunil Sonvane, EM also stated that the relatives of the Cantt. civil residents are facing alot of inconvenience when they happen to attend any social visit related to marriage, sickness or death occurring in any civilian family residing within the TCPs and it also affects the visit of guests visiting during festival days to their families residing within the Ahmedabad Cantt. area.

Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM stated that if the local army authorities desire to know the inconvenience caused to the civilian residents of Ahmedabad Cantt. then he can initiate a signature campaign in this regard for the knowledge of the local army authorities regarding the plight of the civilians residing inside the Cantt. area and especially inside the restricted area covered inside TCPs and so he stated that closure of roads is not going to resolve the grievances of the local civilians residents. PCB again reiterated that all the TCP gates are open for public and as it is public has been moving in and out through the gates for years now and his concern is the security aspect. Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM stated that local police is meant for providing security to the civilians of Ahmedabad Cantt. At this juncture, the VP and all EMs stated that the security of the Cantt. area after the opening of public roads shall be looked / managed by the local police authorities and SRPs under the State govt. And even CCTV cameras can be installed at various points from security point of view. Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM stated that the committee constituted should take the photographs of the current situation at the various TCPs within Ahmedabad. PCB stated that apart from the security concern even roads should be widened alongwith provision for storm water drains so as to make all public roads viable for better traffic movement within the Ahmedabad Cantt. area and Cantt. Board shall have to make provision for the same out of its own funds. The VP and EMs stated that the Board shall consider the widening of all public roads once it has enough funds to manage the expenditure towards the same.

PCB stated that if the Board is not having additional / surplus funds as of now then Board should consider that no funds should be expended by the Board except salary, conservancy, water supply, electricity and sewerage etc. Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM stated that there is no survey for enhanced traffic within Ahmedabad Cantt. which can compel the Cantt. Board, Ahmedabad for initiating the process for widening of roads for better traffic management.

However, Shri Sumersingh Rajput, EM, stated that if the engg. Branch has carried out any survey or received any report from any competent authority then the same should be put up before the Board for information / knowledge otherwise there is no requirement / compulsion of going for immediate widening of all public roads. Shri Girish Ganesh, EM also stated that if the traffic increases then the roads shall be widened by the Board with the passage of time in future.

Matter ended with no decision on subject.

Agenda No.6

Expenditure towards 4th International Yoga Day 2018

Reference Dte. DE SC, Pune letter no.8073/ESTT/YOGA/II/DE/2018 dated 20-04-2018.

To consider and approve the expenditure to be incurred by Ahmedabad Cantt. Board for celebration of 4th International Yoga day, 2018 to be held on 21-06-2018 in Ahmedabad Cantt. area.

All relevant papers alongwith file placed on table for consideration and approval by the Board.

Res. No.6 : Expenditure towards 4th International Yoga Day 2018

Considered and unanimously approved. Further unanimously resolved to authorise the CEO for incurring all the necessary expenditure in this regard.

Agenda No.7

Purchases / procurements made by Stores branch of Ahmedabad Cantonment Board through GeM or other procurement channels in accordance to G.F.R. 2017 and other govt. guidelines

To consider and approve the following purchases as under :-

Sr. No.	Description of item	Approx. expenditure
1	School furniture	Rs.15,00,000/-
2	File compactor	Rs.10,00,000/-
3	Dustbins(silver type 1100 ltrs. Capacity	Rs.7,50,000/-
4	Raincoat for eligible staff	Rs.70,000/-
5	Air-conditioners	Rs.2,30,000/-
6	Office furniture	Rs.3,50,000/-

Matter placed before the Board for consideration and approval by the Board.

Res.no.7 : Purchases / procurements made by Stores branch of Ahmedabad Cantonment Board through GeM or other procurement channels in accordance to G.F.R. 2017 and other govt. guidelines

Considered and unanimously approved the requirement placed at the agenda side and further unanimously resolved to authorised the CEO for making all necessary procuments as per Sr.no.1 to 6 and further unanimously resolved to authorise the CEO for incurring all the necessary expenditure in this regard.

PCB reminded Shri Sunil Sonvane, EM regarding his commitment made before Board for donation of an amount of Rs.60,000/- towards Donation account of Ahmedabad Cantonment Board for noble cause. Shri Sunil Sonvane, EM also agreed and shown willingness towards the same and admitted that he shall donate the amount as committed before the Board.

Agenda no.8

Maintenance works

It is brought to the notice of the Board that there is a requirement for maintenance of certain buildings and minor public works projected by the some elected members of Ahmedabad Cantt. Board in public interest. The details are as under :-

Sr. No.	Description of item	Approx. Estimated Amount (in Rs.)
1	Minor repairing, painting and annual maintenance in part portion of Cantt. office complex.	70,000/-
2	Minor repairing and painting work of staff rooms of Smt.GGI Cantt. Board school building	50,000/-
3	Re-Installation of mobile toilet blocks in Ward no.IV	45,000/-
4	Laying of drainage line in open plot nr.Dafnala for residents of Ward no.IV for avoiding unhygienic conditions	48,000/-
5	Re-installation of water ATM on Airport road as per suggestion of Elected members alongwith provision for electrical energy connection from Torrent Power Ltd.	35,000/- plus electricity energy connection charges
6	Laying and installation of security lights in Muslim Graveyard(Sy.no.05, B-3 land) including providing electrical energy connection from Torrent Power Ltd.	80,000/- plus electricity energy connection charges
7	Laying of storm water drainage line nr. Navrang chowk area	50,000/-
8	Minor repairing of tiling work nr.wall area of Harijanvas community chowk	40,000/-

All relevant papers alongwith file placed before Board for decision and approval by the Board.

Res.no.8 : Maintenance works

Board considered and unanimously approved the works mentioned at Sr.no.1 to 8 as mentioned at agenda side. On the aforesaid points also considered and resolved as under :-

For Point no.4

Board discussed the issue regarding the removal of encroachment on both sides of Dafnala at the entrance of Cant. Area which falls under the Ward no.IV. PCB ruled that encroachment should be removed from the Ward no.IV both sides towards riverside and LAO office and Cantt. Board should constitute and sent an encroachment removal team in this regard and civil police should be informed accordingly for accompanying the team for security and maintaining law and order during the subject encroachment removal drive in Ward no.IV. during the discussion on point no.5

For point no.5

EMs favoured for relocation of Water ATM. PCB asked to Engg. Branch of ACB to study the viability charges for the same. After discussion it was resolved to shift the water ATM to locations where the maximum local residents in a pure residential area could access the use for optimum utilization of the said civil amenity initiated by Ahmedabad Cantt. Board. Two locations were finalized one Water ATM to be relocated from current location to be placed nr.Jumma Masjid(Ward no.VII) and second to be relocated to Yadunath lines(Ward no.I) of Ahmedabad Cantt. area. CEO also assured the members that Cantt. Board shall ensure provision of 150 refilling bottles for utility of the users and the expedituer shall be borne by Cantt. Board towards purchase of the empty bottles for refilling and selling the water filled bottles to the general public on no profit no loss basis for their domestic use especially to those families who can't afford to install RO plant or water purifier for their daily family use.

For point no.6

At the discussion of this point Shri Ayubkhan S.Pathan, VP, Shri Mahmudsalim S. Pathan, Shri Sunil R.Sonvane, EM & Mrs.Sirin M.Pathan,EM stated that the work is essential in the interest of general public that illumination of the area be done in order to facilitate the community public who performs the burial ceremony of their deceased and some times during night time there is risk of snakes and other poisonous insects due to darkness and also facility of energy connection payment for which shall be borne by the Ahmedabad Cantt. Board towards installation and energy consumption respectively.

Agenda no.9

Introduction of school management automation software system in Smt.GGI Cantt. Board school

It is brought to the notice of the Board that at present there is no direct communication system between the school authorities and parents of pupils of Smt.GGI Cantt. Board school due to which the progress of the students and problems such as leave of students etc. could not be communicated due to which there is a requirement for a pool between the parents of pupils and school management and it can be achieved by subject software. This shall help reduce the communication gap.

Matter is placed before the Board for discussion and decision by the Board.

Resolution no.9 : Introduction of school management automation software system in Smt.GGI Cantt. Board school

Considered and unanimously approved. School will charge @ Rs.40/- per pupil in the interest of improving quality of learning in school.

Finally the PCB revealed the Board that it is his last meeting as a President, Ahmedabad Cantt. Board and he wishes to thank the entire Board members for lending their co-operation in all the works taken up during his tenure as P.C.B. Board members also thanked the PCB for his relentless contribution and valuable guidance benefitting the Board to speed / boost up the pace of public utility / welfare works during his tenure.

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(Dhiraj Sonaje)
Chief Executive officer
A'bad. Cantt. Board.
Dt. : 14-06-2018.

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(Brig.H K Pokhariyal)
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