

**PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CANTONMENT BOARD ORDINARY MEETING
SCHEDULED TO BE HELD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
SECTION 39(2) OF THE CANTONMENTS ACT, 2006 ON 02ND
JUNE, 2017 AT 1100 HRS AT THE OFFICE OF THE WELLINGTON
CANTONMENT BOARD:**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. | BRIG. S.K.SANGWAN, VSM | : | PRESIDENT |
| 2. | SHRI. M. BHARATHIAR | : | VICE PRESIDENT |
| 3. | BRIG. PANKAJ P RAO, SEMO | : | HEALTH OFFICER |
| 4. | COL. P.SATHYANATH | : | NOMINATEDMEMBER |
| 5. | LT. COL. ANKUR GARG, SC | : | EXECUTIVE ENGINEER |
| 6. | SHRI. S. DURAIRAJ | : | ELECTED MEMBER |
| 7. | SHRI. R.SIVAKUMAR | : | ELECTED MEMBER |
| 8. | SHRI. D. SEBASTAIN | : | ELECTED MEMBER |
| 9. | SHRI. K. SRINIVASAN | : | ELECTED MEMBER |
| 10. | SMT. MARY SHEEBA | : | ELECTED MEMBER |
| 11. | SMT. J.LATHA | : | ELECTED MEMBER |
| | SHRI. HARISH VARMAA.P, CEO | : | MEMBER-SECRETARY |

MEMBERS ABSENT

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| 1. | COL. SC TRIPATHI | : | NOMINATED MEMBER |
| 2. | SHRI.D.BASKARAPANDIAN, DRO | : | NOMINATED MEMBER |

- ❖ At the outset of the Meeting, Brig. Pankaj.P.Rao, SEMO, MH, Wellington who is to become the Health Officer of the cantonment Board took Oath/Allegiance to the Constitution of India as required under Section 17 of the Cantonments Act, 2006.

AGENDA POINT NO:1 **MONTHLY STATEMENT**

To note the monthly statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the month of April, 2017.

RECEIPTS :

Opening balance as on 01.04.2017	:	Rs. 16170335.73
Total Income for the month of April, 2017	:	Rs. 16352952.00
Total		<u>Rs. 32523287.73</u>

EXPENDITURE :

Total expenditure during the month of April, 2017	:	Rs. 15384972.00
Closing balance as per General Cash Book	:	Rs. 17138315.73
Total		<u>Rs. 32523287.73</u>

Detailed statement of Receipts & Expenditure is placed on table.

RESOLUTION No.1 : Considered and approved.

AGENDA POINT NO.2: TAX COLLECTION STATEMENT :

To consider and approve the statement of collection of Taxes and Revenue for the month of April, 2017.

Relevant Statement is placed on the table.

Note : Summary of the statement is given below :

April, 2017 :

- (i) Demand for the financial year 2017-2018 - Rs. 12,00,86,173/-
- (ii) Amount recovered during the April, 2017 - Rs. 1,55,17,342/-
- (iii) Recovered up to April, 2017 - Rs. 1,55,17,342/-
- (iv) Balance as on 30.04.2017 - Rs. 10,45,68,831/-

RESOLUTION NO.2 : Considered and approved.

AGENDA POINT NO.3: BUILDING APPLICATION:

To consider and approve the building application dated 21.11.2016 received from Smt. Sabeera and Shri Johny, D.No.II/42, Anna Nagar, Wellington Bazaar for the proposed addition to the existing building and retaining wall in GLRS No.458 Part. The land in question is classified as B-2 patta and falls outside civil area. As per section 238 of the Cantonments Act, 2006, the Board is competent to sanction or refuse the building plan.

Relevant paper is placed on the table.

Cantonment Engineer's Report : The above building application is in conformity with the requirements of the building bye-laws, It also fulfils the FSI restriction imposed by the GOC-in-Chief, HQ SC Pune. There is no unauthorized construction or encroachment involved in the adjoining defence land, in the above case.

RESOLUTION No.3: Considered and approved.

AGENDA POINT NO.4: REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORISED CONSTRUCTION :

To note the action taken by this office for removal of the unauthorized construction mentioned below. The unauthorized construction has been removed after following due process of law.

Relevant papers along with photographs are placed on the table.

Sl. No.	Name and address of the individuals	Extent of unauthorized construction	GLRS No.	Dwelling	Notice No. and Date
1.	Shri M. Joseph Thomas D.No.II/361 CTC Colony Wellington.	212.56 sq.ft	456 Part	Dwelling	This office letter No.MJ/TOP/x/Revenue dated 27.01.2017

RESOLUTION No.4 : Considered and approved.

AGENDA POINT NO.5:

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRED/EXPIRING
CANTONMENT CODE LEASES OF 1899 & 1912 AND
CLAR 1925/1937 LEASES – NOTING OF :**

To note the Directorate of Defence Estates, Southern Command, Pune letter No.3044/DE/SC/L/GEN/LEASES/2017 dated 22.03.2017 and letter No.3044-DE-SC-L-GEN-LEASES-2017 dated 24.03.2017 regarding grant of extension to expired/expiring cantonment code leases of 1899 & 1912 and CLAR 1925/1937 and also renewal of Cantonment Code Leases and CLAR leases whose full term has not expired.

Relevant letters are placed on table. The Public Notice No.Lease/x/Revenue dated 27.03.2017 published by this office for information of the public along with Government of India, Ministry of Defence letter No.11013/2/2016/D(Lands), dated 10.03.2017 addressed to the DGDE New Delhi on the subject, is also placed on table.

Note: The Government of India, Ministry of Defence have formulated a new policy for dealing with all leases given under the Cantonment Codes 1899 & 1912 and CLAR 1925/1937 whose full term has expired or is expiring shortly. The Government of India has decided that all such leases be extended till 31.12.2018 subject to the terms and conditions specified in the letter. Hence, the matter is placed before the Cantonment Board for information.

RESOLUTION No.5: The CEO explained to the Board that as most of the leases granted under CLAR 1925/1937 etc. had expired/were expiring, the Government had extended a scheme to the lessees to renew the leases upto 31.12.2018 with certain conditions. Accordingly, the office published a public notice and also sent letters to the lessees informing them about the decision of the Government. Interested lessees have approached this office for renewing the leases.

Ms. Mary Sheeba, Elected Member of Ward VI enquired whether the lessees whose leases are expiring after 31.12.2018 also need to apply for renewal. The CEO explained to her that this offer/scheme was only for lessees whose leases had already expired or were expiring on or before 31.12.2018.

Shri M.Bharathiar, Vice President informed that his Ward comprised of 90% of lease holds and there were many cases in which some legal heirs were interested in renewing the leases but some were not. He enquired whether the office could renew the leases in respect of such of the legal heirs who were interested in renewing the same. The CEO said that this was not possible and would lead to legal issues. The CEO informed the VP that NOC from all legal heirs was absolutely necessary for renewal of lease or else the same would be resumed by the Government.

AGENDA No.6: GRANT OF ENHANCED RATE OF DEARNESS ALLOWANCE @ 136% OF BASIC PAY PLUS GRADE PAY TO CANTONMENT BOARD EMPLOYEES W.E.F. 01.01.2017:

To consider and approve the grant of enhanced rate of Dearness Allowance at 136% of Basic Pay w.e.f. 01.01.2017 admissible to Cantonment Board employees under the same terms and conditions stipulated vide Government of Tamilnadu Finance (Allowance) Department G.O No.105 dated 26.04.2017 as per the applicable terms of Memorandum of Settlement between the Cantonment Board and the employees.

Note: Sanction of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, Pune under Rule 19(b) of the Cantonments Account Code, 1924 is required to be obtained to incur the approximate additional expenditure of Rs.1,07,000/- per month on payment of enhanced rate of Dearness Allowance payable to the Cantonment employees w.e.f. 01.01.2017 for which Budget provision has been made in the Revised Budget Estimates for the year 2017-2018. A proposal will be forwarded to the GOC-in-Chief for obtaining formal sanction.

Break-up of the budgetary headwise average likely increase in expenditure to be incurred per month, due the above enhancement of DA is presented below :

<u>Budget Head</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. A(2)	Rs. 7,000/-
2. B(2)(a)	Rs. 1,400/-
3. D(3)	Rs. 5,500/-
4. E(2)(a)	Rs. 1,500/-
5. E(6)(a)	Rs. 600/-
6. F(1)(a)	Rs. 15,000/-
7. F(4)(a)	Rs. 8,000/-
8. F(5)(a)	Rs. 8,000/-
9. F(9)(a)	Rs. 48,000/-
10. G(1)(a)	<u>Rs. 12,000/-</u>
Total	<u>Rs.1,07,000/- per month</u>

Relevant papers are placed on table.

RESOLUTION No.6: Considered and approved.

AGENDA No.7: WELLINGTON CANTONMENT BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2017- 2018 (REVISED) & 2018-2019 (ORIGINAL) INCLUDING STORES ESTIMATES:

To consider and approve/pass the Budget Estimates for the financial years 2017-2018 (Revised) & 2018-2019 (Original) including stores estimates as required under Rule 16 & 17 of the Cantonments Account Code, 1924.

RESOLUTION No.4: Considered. The CEO informed the Board that for 2017-2018 (Revised), the Board has proposed an expenditure of Rs.167,60,53,752/- and Receipts of Rs.18,26,61,394/-. Hence, the Grant-in-aid requested was Rs.149,33,92,358/- (Ordinary G-in-Aid Rs.72,87,89,124/- + Special G-in-Aid Rs.76,46,03,234/-).

The CEO informed the Board that the amount of Ordinary Grant-in-aid required to bridge the budgetary gap had considerably reduced. This was due to rationalization of the Budget Estimates and projection of only statutory and obligatory expenditure. The CEO also explained to the Board, that during the last financial year, no special grant was sanctioned for execution of original works to Wellington Cantonment. Hence, the proposal for Special grant-in-aid of Rs.76.46 crores sought during the previous year was repeated this year too.

The CEO also stated that approximate figures were projected for the budget estimates of 2018-2019 (Original).

The Vice President wanted to know whether any development works were deleted and not projected in order to reduce the demand of Grant. The CEO informed that all the development works requested by the Elected Members for their respective Wards had been included.

The PCB told the CEO to give a detailed presentation on the projected Budget Estimates before forwarding the same to the Command HQ.

AGENDA No.8: APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS ON CONTRACT BASIS :

To consider and approve the appointment of teachers on contract basis for the Cantonment Board Schools.

Relevant papers are placed on table.

Note : The HMs of three schools run by the Cantonment Board had put up a requisition for teachers in various subjects. According to their requirement, 3 teachers have been appointed for English, one for Yoga, one for Maths, one for computer, one for Montessori and one for Physical Training , on contract basis.

RESOLUTION No.8: Considered and approved. The CEO explained to the Board the procedure followed for appointment of teachers. Firstly, advertisement was published for a walk in interview. On the date of interview, first process was scrutiny of certificates, then demo classes had to be presented by each candidate, followed by interview. Based on the aggregate marks obtained in the above three tests, the candidates were shortlisted & selected.

AGENDA No.9: TRIENNIAL REVISION OF ASSESSMENT FOR 2017-2020 :

To note the action taken to initiate Triennial Revision of Assessments for the block year 2017-2020.

Note : The Cantonment has formulated a new method of calculation of taxes based on the zone in which the property is situated, type of building, age of building (depreciation table) etc. This system is expected to bring uniformity of taxes and do away with various anomalies connected with fixation of taxes.

RESOLUTION No.9: The process of Triennial Revision of Assessment was presented in detail to the Board, by the CEO. The CEO stated that earlier, the Property tax fixed was based on the value of the property. In this system, lots of complaints of anomalies were received. Hence, in order to remove the anomalies in fixation of taxes, the Cantonment administration had evolved a novel method of fixation of taxes. For this the Cantonment was divided into zones based on the location, then the type of construction, age of building (depreciation table) etc. were taken into account and tax was fixed.

Col.Sathyanath, Admn.Commandant enquired whether all the cantonments followed a uniform system of taxation.

The PCB enquired from the CEO as to why taxes were again being revised this year when last year only the Assessment List had been authenticated by the PCB. The CEO explained that the triennial revision of assessments for the block year 2014-2017 was commenced and finalized late i.e. only last year. However, to avoid such delays in future, the process of Triennial revision for the block period 2017-2020 was commenced in 2017 itself. The CEO also informed the Board that after calculation of taxes, Public notice regarding revision of taxes would be issued to public. And after hearing of objections, the tax would be finalized.

The VP asked whether there would be steep increase in taxes. The CEO said that a uniformity would be achieved in fixing of taxes by the new system.

Ms.Mary Sheeba, Elected Member, Ward VI wanted to know whether assessments with unauthorized constructions would also be assessed. The CEO informed that demurrage charges would be collected from such assessments.

AGENDA No.10: MUTATION OF PROPERTY/VACANT LAND:

To consider and approve the applications received from the following property owners for mutation of properties standing on B-2 Patta /B-3 lands as per list given below.

List of applications for Transfer of property.

Sl. No	Name of the transferor / Location Shri/Smt	Name of the transferee / Location Shri/Smt	GLRS No./ Survey No./ Asst.No.	Classification of land	Purpose/Date of application	Remarks
1.	Shri. T. Vengatesan, Kamatchi nagar, Coimbatore.	Shri. P. Ranganathan, Jayanthi Nagar, Wellington.	Transfer of property (Vacant land) measuring an area of 0.05 acres bearing S.No. 25/7A1A1A1 A1A, R.S.No. 471/3A , situated at CTC Colony, Wellington.	B-2 patta	Transfer of property vide application dated 28.09.2012 and 01.11.2016.	No unauthorized construction on the site or encroachment on the adjoining Govt. land as per the report of the Cantonment Engineer.

2.	Shri. Chinnasamy, S/o. Rangasamy, Lourdupuram, Wellington.	Smt. A. Punitha Stella Mary, W/o. Arun prasath, Lourdupuram, Wellington	Transfer of property (Agricultural land) bearing old S.No.5/2, R.S.No.431/4 part,431/9B part, measuring an area of 10.00 Cents, situated at Lourdupuram, Wellington.	B-2 patta	Transfer of property vide application dated 12.08.2015.	No unauthorized construction on the site or encroachment on the adjoining Govt. land as per the report of the Cantonment Engineer.
3.	Smt. Pushpam & others, Anna Nagar, Wellington.	Smt. Thavamani & others, Anna Nagar, Wellington.	Transfer of property bearing Asst.no: II/15, old. S.No. 534/1, R.S.No.754/2, measuring an area of 0.03 acres along with building situated at Anna Nagar, Wellington.	B-2 patta	Transfer of property vide application dated 04.07.2012 & 01.12.2016.	No unauthorized construction on the site or encroachment on the adjoining Govt. land as per the report of the Cantonment Engineer.

RESOLUTION No.10: Considered and approved.

AGENDA No.11: GLRS No.552/14 – RECTIFICATION OF ERRORS :

To consider and approve the action taken by the office to rectify the mistake in erroneously mentioning the classification of GLRS No.552/14 as B-2 Patta instead of Old Grant and sanction of building application thereon.

Hence, the defects were rectified in the TOP order and sanctioned plans. The matter is placed before the Board for noting the same.

Relevant file is placed on table.

RESOLUTION No.11: Considered and approved.

AGENDA No.12: BUILDING APPLICATION

To consider and approve the building application received through mobile application No.BAP00026 dated 04.04.2017 from the Dharmakartha, Arulmigu Kannabiran Thirukovil, Jayanthi Nagar, Wellington, for the proposed construction of RCC retaining wall using Pile foundation in GLRS No.455 part. The land in question is classified as B-2 Patta and falls outside civil area. As per Section 238 of the

Cantonments Act, 2006, the Board is the competent authority to sanction or refuse the building plan.

Relevant paper is placed on the table.

Cantonment Engineer's Report : The above building application is in conformity with the requirements of the building bye laws except building bye law No.8 namely that 10 feet shall be left all round the building. It also fulfils the FSI restrictions imposed by the GOC-in-Chief, HQ, SC, Pune. There is no unauthorized construction and encroachment involved in the adjoining defence land, in the above case.

RESOLUTION No.12: Considered and approved. Shri.Sivakumar, Elected Member sought clarification whether the retaining was being constructed by the Cantonment Board. The CEO informed that the retaining wall was being constructed by the Dharmakartha of the Temple and only building application was being sanctioned by the Cantonment Board.

The Board resolved to sanction the building applications without prejudice to civil rights and subject to Rules, Regulations and building bye-laws of the Board and also the FSI restrictions imposed by the General Officer Commanding –in-Chief, Southern Command, Pune.

The sanction is available for two years from the date of sanction and the construction should be commenced with this period and should be completed within one year from the date of commencement. The sanction plan should be adhered to in every respect/particular and no deviation without prior sanction be made appropriate penalty will be imposed in case any deviation from sanctioned plan.

The Board decided to waive the condition imposed by building bye-laws No.8 owing to paucity of lands available in the hill Cantonment. The power to waive the said condition under such circumstances rests with the board as per provisions of building bye law No.8.

AGENDA No.13: **TENDER FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING BUILDING INTO ANGANWADI BUILDING AT JAYANTHI NAGAR INCLUDING RCC RETAINING WALL**

Reference CBR No.21 dated 10.08.2016.

To consider and approve the tenders received for reconstruction of existing building into Anganwadi building at Jayanthi Nagar including RCC retaining wall.

Relevant papers and comparative statement are placed on the table.

Note: As per the request received from the President and the Secretary of the Gramiya Welfare Association, Jayanthi Nagar, this office had invited tenders twice vide advertisement dated 09.02.2017 and 06.01.2017 through newspaper publicity (E-Tenders). Since no response was received, the CEO decided to go for Box tender for which this office has invited tenders by advertising in one Tamil News paper 'Dina Thanthi' and one English Newspaper 'The Indian Express' on 03.05.2017 for reconstruction of existing building into Anganwadi building at Jayanthi Nagar including RCC retaining wall. In response to the above advertisement, three tenders were

received, out of which M/s.Aravind Associates, Salem have quoted the lowest rate of Rs.45,81,787/-. The rates are inclusive of 14.5% service tax, 2.244% IT, 2% VAT, 1% LWF and 0.9% + service tax towards third party supervision.

In this regard, the Board has already noted the gift deed from Smt.Ponnuthai W/o CK Arumugham, D.No.1/13A, Anna Street, Coimbatore donating the premises in favour of the Chief Executive Officer, Cantonment Board, Wellington. If approved, the matter will be taken up with Dr.T.S.Ganesh, NRI who is willing to donate the entire cost of the work as deposit, in order to renovate the existing Anganwadi building into temple (as a part of re-construction of existing Bajana Mandapam of Lord Krishna Temple). On receipt of the same the work will be executed.

The comparative statement is placed on the table.

RESOLUTION No.13: The CEO informed the Board that an existing temple forum or Citizens Society of Jayanthi Nagar wanted to construct an Anganwadi. The society has donated the land to Cantonment Board and were requesting the Cantt. To construct an Anganwadi on the same. The CEO informed that the whole project was also being sponsored by the Society.

The PCB enquired that when the land & funds belonged to the Society, why they did not construct the anganwadi by themselves. The CEO explained to the PCB that Anganwadis are generally run by State Government in lands owned by some Government body and cannot be administered by private parties. Hence, the land had been donated to the Cantonment Board for execution of the project on behalf of the Citizens Society of Jayanthi Nagar. The CEO informed that the funds for the project would be deposited with the Cantonment Board. Shri Sivakumar, Elected Member, Ward II wanted to know in how many months the project would be completed, what was the cost of the construction and how much donation was being provided.. The CEO informed that it would take about 6 months, the cost of the construction was Rs. 45,81,787/- and the donation deposited was Rs 0/-.

The PCB wanted to know if the land had been taken over by the DEO. The CEO clarified the Cantt.Engg. to carry out the project meticulously and without complaints.

AGENDA No.14: BUILDING APPLICATION :

To consider and approve the building application received through mobile application No.BAP00032 dated 18.04.2017 received from Shri L.Christopher Melchior S/o (late) Lourduswamy, D.No.729/2, Type 1 Qtrs, CFA Estate, Cattle Pound, Aruvankadu for the proposed revised plan for construction of dwelling house in GLRS No.298 part. The land in question is classified as B-2 patta and falls outside civil area. As per section 238 of the Cantonments Act, 2006, the Board is the competent authority to sanction or refuse the building plan.

Relevant paper is placed on the table.

Cantonment Engineer's Report : The above building application is in conformity with the requirements of the building bye laws except building bye law No.8 namely that 10 feet shall be left all round the building. It also fulfils the FSI restrictions imposed by the GOC-in-Chief, HQ, SC, Pune. There is no unauthorized construction and encroachment involved in the adjoining defence land, in the above case.

RESOLUTION No.14: Considered and approved. The Board resolved to sanction the building applications without prejudice to civil rights and subject to Rules, Regulations and building bye-laws of the Board and also the FSI restrictions imposed by the General Officer Commanding –in-Chief, Southern Command, Pune.

The sanction is available for two years from the date of sanction and the construction should be commenced with this period and should be completed within one year from the date of commencement. The sanction plan should be adhered to in every respect/particular and no deviation without prior sanction be made appropriate penalty will be imposed in case any deviation from sanctioned plan.

The Board decided to waive the condition imposed by building bye-laws No.8 owing to paucity of lands available in the hill Cantonment. The power to waive the said condition under such circumstances rests with the board as per provisions of building bye law No.8.

AGENDA No.15: TENDER FOR ERECTION OF GALVANISED ROOFING SHELTER FOR EXISTING GALLERY NEAR WAR MEMORIAL :

To note the action taken by this office under section 26 of the Cantonments Act, 2006 in order to carry out work of erection of galvanized roofing shelter for existing gallery near War Memorial as a part of development work.

Relevant papers are placed on the table.

Note : The Existing War Memorial gallery constructed by Wellington Cantonment Board is without overhead. The gallery is extensively used by general public to rest and also waiting shed, on public demand. This office has prepared estimates for Erection of Galvanised roofing shelter for existing gallery near War Memorial to be carried out Section 26 of Cantonments Act, 2006 .Tenders were invited after giving wide publicity through one Tamil News paper ‘Dina Thanthi’ and one English Newspaper ‘The Indian Express’ on 03.05.2017 through box tenders. In response to the above, three tenders were received out of which Shri K.Shanmugham, Gudalore has quoted the lowest rate of Rs.14,55,529.59 and the sanction of the President, Cantonment Board, has been obtained under Section 26 of the Cantonments Act, 2006 for execution . The same is placed before the Board for its noting as per the directions issued by the DG DE New Delhi vide letter No.76/38/Cantt.Act/C/DE/07 Vol.VI, dated 05.11.2014.

RESOLUTION No.15: Considered and approved.

AGENDA No.16: PLYING OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR CANTONMENT BOARD SCHOOLS :

Reference (1) Tender dated 04.07.2016.

(2) Agreement No.11 of 2016-2017 dated 15.11.2016

(3) Agreement No.10 of 2016-2017 dated 15.11.2016

To note the action taken by this office to withdraw provision of bus services for school children as per the direction of the DG,DE, New Delhi and PDDE, SC ,Pune during the CEO’s and DEO’s Conference.

Note : This office had floated tender for school buses and the same was approved by the Board vide CBR No.11 dated 26.09.2016. Accordingly, the tender for Cantonment Board English Medium Secondary School at Chinna Vandishola was awarded to Shri Gokulakrishnan, Chennai and Cantonment Board Primary & High School, Wellington to Shri Suresh, Srinivasa Travels, Boys Company. During the recent DEO's & CEO's Conference held at Pune, the DGDE New Delhi and PDDE, SC, Pune have directed to cancel the provision of bus services, since the same is not mandatory as per the RTE Act and also as the Wellington Cantonment Board, depending on Grant-in-Aid is incurring an expenditure of 1.10 crore as additional burden to the Board. Hence this office has issued letters to both the contractors vide this office letter No.Misc School/297/Engg dated 26.05.2017 and No.Misc school/298/Engg dated 26.05.2017. The parents were also intimated about the same along with the progress report issued by the school authorities.

Hence, the matter is placed before the Board for its noting.

RESOLUTION No.16: The CEO explained to the Board that during the DEO's/CEO's conference held at Pune, the DGDE/PDDE had instructed the CEO to immediately stop the provision of free transport to school students, as Wellington Cantonment is heavily aided and as the RTE does not provide for free bus services to school students. Further, a large portion of grant was being utilized for providing free transport. The CEO informed the Board that many parents had met him and objected to stoppage of free transport. The CEO stated that he had clearly explained to the parents that the instruction of the Command HQ had to be implemented.

Point raised by the Vice President: The Vice President handed over a pamphlet issued by the Cantonment Administration in the year 2011 wherein the Cantonment Administration had promised free admissions, free transport, free computer education, free uniforms, shoes, note books and quality education through experienced and qualified teachers. The Vice President stated that the then CEO had issued the notice door to door and due to this, the strength of the schools had multiplied manifold, perhaps from 38 and odd to more than 800. He said that stoppage of transport will lead to many drop outs thereby decreasing the strength of the schools. The Vice President also informed the Board that during the visit of the then PDDE to the school, he had recommended for conversion of the Tamil Medium Primary School at Chinna Vandishola to English Medium school to improve the strength of the school and also to impart English education for the benefit of children of inhabitants who were of BPL status. He said that at that time, the school had teacher strength of 22 catering to a student strength of 30. From such a poor standard, the teacher-student ratio had increased to about 1:40 at present. He said that the dream of many students and parents would be shattered by the decision of the Cantonment Board. The Vice President stated that sudden closure of bus facility will put the students and parents to great difficulty and requested the administration to continue the same till a final decision is taken.

The CEO informed the PCB that public notice had been issued at that time regarding free transport and sudden stoppage of bus services would definitely put the students and parents to difficulty. But the instruction of the Higher Authorities had to be complied with. The CEO also stated that many parents had offered to pay some amount as bus fees but there was a possibility that they would pay for a month or two

and later stop payment. This would again lead to chaos. Hence the bus services were stopped from the beginning of the current academic year itself. However the CEO assured that he would liaise with the State Government Transport Corporation to obtain free bus passes for the students.

Ms.Mary Sheeba, Elected Member of Ward VI stated that there are many students who are coming from remote villages where there is no proper bus facility provided by the State Government and such students would not benefit from bus passes and hence the school bus facility should be provided till a final decision is arrived at. The CEO explained to Ms.Mary Sheeba that the administration understood her request but if the service is continued and the Board does not get funds to pay for the same, it could lead to complications.

At this juncture, Shri G.Durairaj, Elected Member of Ward I, suggested that the Administration should inform the Elected Members before announcing any freebies to residents/students.

The PCB explained to the Board the necessity of implementing the instructions of the Command HQ. However, the PCB suggested that the issue could be pursued by the Elected Members. The PCB stated that the Elected Members should correspond with the PDDE , SC Pune/DGDE New Delhi regarding this issue and coerce them to review the decision.

At this juncture, Col.P.Sathyanath, Admn.Commandant suggested that funds earmarked for some other less important items could perhaps be channelized to the school for meeting the cost of transport. However, the PCB said that this was definitely not possible.

However, the PCB promised the Elected Members that he would take up the issue with the GOC-in-Chief, SC Pune and the PDDE during his visit to the Command HQ during the Budget Presentation.

At the end of the Meeting, the VP raised the issue of the building application of Shri S.Karthikeyan. The PCB informed the VP had he had convinced Shri Karthikeyan about the necessity of the LMA to stop the construction till further orders were received from MoD. He informed that it is mandatory to obtain the NOC before constructed to commence. He also informed that all relevant regulations have been explained to Shri Mr.Karthikeyan. Also he approached that Mr. Karthikeyan should have followed the procedure and should have taken clearance from Station HQ before commencing construction. He has to wait till construction from the Wellington HQ.

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