

CTAG-Monthly General Meeting, 22nd August 2009

CITY TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP RAIPUR

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

DATE: 22nd August 2009

TIME: 3:15pm to 6:00pm

VENUE: CTAG OFFICE, INDOOR STADIUM,

RAIPUR

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CTAG – Monthly General Meeting

Mr. Pravin Jain, Vice-Chairperson of the CTAG-Raipur, gave all the members of CTAG a warm welcome. He briefly explained the agenda of the meeting (Annxture-2) and circulated its hard copy among the members. **Ms. Kanak Tiwari (PRIA, Delhi)** was then invited to deliver her presentation, in which she began with a vote of thanks and an introduction about PRIA and at members present.

The focal points of presentation were:

- A recapitulation of the roles and responsibilities of the CTAG and CVTC.
- It consisted various forms and means of engagement that CTAG could establish with citizenry, Municipal Corporation of Raipur and the Civil Society
- Suggestions for interventions in which CTAG could play an immediate active role. Some of these suggestions were:
 - Formation of CVTC as per suggested working groups must be taken up by CTAG
 - CTAG could publish a newsletter (like the Madurai CTAG) regarding urban issues for the city of Raipur for larger circulation
 - CTAG must build strong interface with citizens, even if such opportunities are less like at the time of election.
 - CTAG members could work with Civil Society for e.g. participate in Area Sabhas etc organized by PRIA
 - CTAG could draft a Citizens' Charter for the Raipur Municipality. This could be jointly discussed and sent for approval to the DARPG (Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances) and then published. PRIA would provide all background and research support that the CTAG members would require.
 - CTAG could involve itself in an urban issue that is important for the city e.g. pollution of lakes during immersion of Ganesh idols etc. IEC material must be distributed by the CTAG, which would educate people and raise their awareness about such issues. The Municipal Corporation under different funds could support this.

The Presentation was followed by the following discussion:

Mr. C. S. Pilliwar, Chairperson, CTAG raised the issue of financial support to execute the activities of CTAG. He showed his concern over the fact that if in future CTAG does organize some activity/meeting at ward level then who would bear the expenses.

In response to this issue that was raised, **Mr. Sunil Soni, Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Raipur** gave a number of suggestions like:

- He told that a number of facilities exist in the ward like community centre and other infrastructure, which can be used for ward meetings.

- He insisted that CTAG members should streamline and fix their agenda / issues that need to be looked after.
- Mr. Soni further added that 'Single Window System' has been started to redress the grievances in regard to basic services, and so CTAG can incorporate these services in their field agenda and also can monitor these services.
- Local Self Governance (LSG) has been come into practice with an immediate effect of 74th Constitutional Amendment Act. LSG means not only the inclusion of elected representatives, but also the people who reside in that area. So citizens have a responsibility to contribute in the development of the city.
- At present, the revenue of the corporation is less than the expected, and therefore corporation is in 'no profit- no loss' situation. He insisted that the corporation is putting their effort to increase the revenue. Even though the corporation is bearing the expenses upto rupees 4-5 cores for solid waste management, but it has not given any fruitful result because of the lack of public participation. So, CTAG and RMC could jointly put their efforts to ensure the public participation for betterment of the city.

Mr. N.C. Begani, member of CTAG raised some issues in relation of CTAG identity and fund, these are as follows:

- Corporation should issue letter to each zone office, informing about the CTAG and its functions
- Identity card should be given to every CTAG members
- How it can be ensured that suggestions of CTAG would reach the commissioner and mayor of the corporation
- There should be some fund or monthly fixed grant in the corporation for the functioning of CTAG and its activities.

Ms. Shatabdi Pandey, member of CTAG suggested that we can have the reimbursement system for realization of bill amount of the expenses incurred by CTAG / Activities

Mr. Pravin Jain, Vice-Chairperson of the CTAG-Raipur recommended that there could be an allocated fund for CTAG which could be used for CTAG and its activities, released by Authorized Signatories within CTAG

Mr. Rajpal, Manager, PRIA-Raipur suggested that CTAG should prepare a proposal of their activities along with the timeline and give to the RMC. Then RMC can arrange funds as every corporation has delineated some funds for capacity building and awareness generation activities, which can be used.

Another suggestion put forward by **Ms. Tiwari** was that CTAG must focus on do-able activities to establish its advisory role and its interaction with citizens. Even if one task is accomplished by CTAG as a group, it could be documented and shared on the JNNURM website and other forums such as PEARL as a case study.

Soon after, **Mayor** gave following suggestions:

- CTAG should organize a ward meeting in coordination with ward councillors and zonal officials, and as per the requirement, the RMC would bear its expenses. He also had discussion regarding Funds for CTAG with Mr. **Alok Chandravanshi, Deputy Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Raipur.**
- Soon the corporation would provide identity cards to all CTAG members.
- He shared that RMC is going to give authority to registered architect to pass building plans up till 1500 Sq. feet, and there will be 12 mandatory term and conditions for the same. Raipur would be the first city in India to start this facility.
- He also shared that corporation is in process to develop a system that would provide water upto coming ten years.

Mr. Pravin Jain, Vice-Chairperson of the CTAG-Raipur then gave a power point presentation on the issues & proposals for Effective & Strategic Plan required for smooth functioning of the upcoming 100 City Buses under JNNURM plus already existing 40 city buses:

Plan for 100 City Buses: IMPORTANCE

1. First JNNURM completed project.
2. Part of Daily Life of ~5 lakh population, nervous system of CITY + URBAN GOVERNANCE
3. Every SECOND [00:00:01] is Important.
4. Acceptance = Reduction in Traffic & Parking Problems, Noise & Pollution.

Plan for 100 City Buses: REQUIREMENT

5. FREE the ROAD SPACE for BUSES.
6. Identify the PARKING Space.
7. Calculation & Display of PARKING SPACE in SQ.FT. (Prototype Displaid)
8. Prepare DATABASE in SQ.FT. of Total PARKING SPACE in Raipur.

Plan for 100 City Buses: THE SYSTEM

9. Follow the SPOKE & HUB method for route.
10. Adapt London pattern...700 routes, 8000 Buses, 6.4 million daily passengers.
11. Code of Conduct for Drivers-Conductors and Passengers in form of a BOOKLET.
12. Slogans & Motivational Lines on Road Safety in/out side the BUSES.

Plan for 100 City Buses: TRAINING

13. Traffic Rules & Regulation.
14. Time Management.
15. Behavior & Attitude.
16. Do's & Don'ts.

Plan for 100 City Buses: ASSESSMENT

17. Capacity Utilization.
18. Service Ranking.
19. Financial Analysis.
20. Maintenance & Up gradation.

Afterwards, a suggestive route plan of the city buses was shared by the **Mr. Alok Chandravanshi, Deputy Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Raipur**.

The Mayor shared that corporation has developed Global Positioning System (GPS) to track the bus routes. This system would provide the all information about the bus such as bus route, timing along with destination, etc. It is expected that route plan for the buses would be done by first week of September 2009.

After both the presentations, the following suggestions came up regarding traffic and transportation:

- Auto rickshaw is the better mode for transportation in the crowded area of the city like Malviya road, M.G. road, etc.
- The places of traffic jam should be identified by CTAG and the suggestions should be given in writing.
- Places should be identified as parking center in the city.
- Illegal parking should be removed forcefully by traffic police.
- CTAG can play important role for the coordination among the RMC, Traffic force and Public. So it is essential to organize city level seminar to take their view on these issue.
- An awareness drive on traffic issue must be conducted so that the unawareness of the people can be countered. Informative Posters and pamphlets with the name of RMC & CTAG should be published and pasted on important places of the city like every chowk, petrol pump, etc. "Sadak Mitra" can also play important role in the awareness drive on traffic issue
- Traffic police should be appointed for every area of city and people should learn to respect and abide by the traffic rules.

Mr. Sunil Soni, Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Raipur in detail addressed the Traffic problems around the 1 km radius of Jai Stambh Chowk and expected from Mr. Pravin Jain to prepare and submit a long term concept plan as solution to this sever problem of Raipur.

During the discussion, **Mr. Pilliwar** raised issue of the monitoring of ongoing work under the BSUP project. He asked that, is CTAG having a right to monitor the progress and quality of work especially in context to slum housing under the BSUP project? He also informed that, from last seven months CTAG couldn't get the information about the progress of traffic and transportation DPRs which is prepared by Rites.

In response of this question, **Mr. Alok Chandravanshi** answered that at present right to monitor the progress and quality of work is not in the purview of CTAG, but in future this right may be given to CTAG. Adding to this answer, **Mr. Rajpal** suggested that RMC could proactively inform the contractor about the CTAG. Finally, it was decided that more information on this would be collected and presented in the next meeting.

Mr. Alok added that RMC would soon conduct a meeting with CTAG to discuss on DPR of the traffic and transportation.

The discussion further headed towards the *issues related to the functions of CTAG*. The main points of the discussion and decision were as follows:

- CTAG link has been started on the Raipur Municipal Corporation Website and soon an email id would also be created for CTAG and its members.
- PRIA would provide support in documentation of any activity or work done by CTAG in Raipur and for the publishing it on JNNURM website and other such forums.
- PRIA will enquire from NTAG about the rights of monitoring of work and funds for CTAG.
- It was decided to start the process of CVTC formation after the urban elections are over, as its formation seemed difficult before the elections.
- At the time of CVTC formation, RMC would bear the expenses for zonal consultation and related activities.
- The agenda of monthly general meeting of CTAG will not be more than two to three subjects.
- The communication between RMC & CTAG would be in writing format.
- PRIA took the responsibility for preparing minutes for next two meetings of CTAG.
- If CTAG initiate to prepare a newsletter, then RMC would bear the expenses for publishing the same.

Afterwards, all the invitee members introduced themselves. The meeting was then concluded with the Vote of Thanks by *Mr. Pravin Jain, Vice-Chairperson, CTAG-Raipur*.

Annexure-

1. *List of Participants*
2. *Agenda of the Meeting*

Annexure-1

List of Participants

1. Mr. Sunil Soni, Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Raipur
2. Mr. C. S. Pilliwar, Chairperson, CTAG-Raipur
3. Mr. Pravin Jain, Vice-Chairperson, CTAG-Raipur
4. Mr. Alok Chandravanshi, Deputy Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Raipur
5. Ms. Shatabdi Pandey, Member of CTAG-Raipur
6. Mr. N.C. Begani , Member of CTAG-Raipur
7. Mr. Pritam Mishra, Coordinator, CTAG-Raipur
8. Mr. Dinesh Jain, IT officer, Municipal Corporation, Raipur
9. Ms. Kanak Tiwari, PRIA-Delhi
10. Mr. Rajpal, PRIA-Raipur
11. Mr. Mahesh Dhandole. PRIA-Raipur
12. Dr. Ashok Parekh, Economist, ...Invitee member
13. Mrs. Abha Joglekar, Educationist, ...Invitee member
14. Mr. Vijay Dhariwal, Social & Community Upliftment, ...Invitee member
15. Ms. Leena Wadher, Financial Analyst, ...Invitee member
16. Mr. A.K. Vaish, Retd. Chief Branch Manager, Banking, ...Invitee member
17. Mr. Manish Sharma, ASP Traffic , Raipur Police, ...Invitee member

Annexure-2

CITY-LEVEL TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

Date: Sat. 22.08.2009,

Time: 3:15pm to 6pm Sharp

Venue: CTAG, Indoor Stadium, Budhapara, Raipur

FINAL AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS BY

Ms. KANAK, PRIA Delhi (Anchor NGO from NTAG)

Mr. Rajpal & Mr. Mahesh, PRIA Raipur

3:15PM TO 4:00PM

1. Roles & Responsibilities of CTAG members.
2. Community Participation & Development Practices.

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

4:00PM TO 6:00PM

Shri C.S. Pilliwar
(Chairman)

1. Concern on Traffic - System presentation by Rites*.
2. Concern on BSUP - Slum housing.
3. Concern on Environment - Present and Future
4. Concern on Road Network in Totality

Shri Pravin Kumar
Jain (Vice-Chairman)

5. Concern on Route Plan for City Buses*.
6. Concern on Parking Kiosks.
7. Concern on Traffic Training to Bus Drivers & Conductors
8. Concern on Presentation by RITES*.

Shri Sameer Vajpeyi

9. Concern on City Sewage System
10. Concern on City Bus & Transport System*.
11. Concern on CTAG's Web Presence & Feedback

Shri N.C. Begani &
Shri Ashok Patwa

12. Concern on RMC Revenue System
13. Concern on Funds for the CTAG

Smt. Shatabdi Pandey

14. Concern on Drainage & Waste
Management in Private Colonies

Smt. Neeti Jain

15. Concern on Water Conservation & Traffic

Shri Arvind Ahirwar

16. Concern on Foot Over Bridge

Shri Sharad Deshmukh.... Out of Station.

References: 1. As per the decision in previous CTAG, MGM
2. Request SMS to all on 7.Aug.2009
3. Tele-Con & eMAIL on 12 / 16 / 17 Aug.2009

Prepared by: Mr. Pravin Kumar Jain

Pls.Note : 1. *It is just a list & does not represent any hierarchy.*
2. *Timming is 3:15pm to 6pm Sharp*