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Sajad Hottiana Pamir Times Pamir Times ran a story on deploreable condition of municipal machinery in Gilgit...Immediate action was taken both stock checking and remedial measures put in place...Below is DC Gilgits report, PT deserves full credit for investigative journalism.. My administration sees it as a partner in bringing about betterment in our life conditions

Worthy & Respected Chief Secretary, Gilgit Baltistan, Gilgit.

Subject: Report Regarding Assets of Municipal Committee Gilgit

Sir,

It is submitted that as per your directives, the undersigned visited the Municipal Committee Gilgit and verified the assets/machines of the Municipal Committee Gilgit. A detailed critical report as regards the machines of Municipal Committee Gilgit is as follows:-

The Municipal Committee (MC) Gilgit was established after the "Local Government Ordinance of 1979". The main functions of MC Gilgit are provision of civic facilities in Gilgit town area. The civic facilities also include waste collection and its disposal. In this regard, a critical report as regards the machinery available with MC Gilgit for garbage collection and its disposal is as follows;

Mechanical Sweeper # 1: Sir the Mechanical Sweeper # 1 is in running condition. However, as per the stock register, POL has been issued to this mechanical sweeper upto 21-08-2011. After that the Municipal Administration has not used this machine apart from the visit of Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan. The machine was started in my presence, it starts and the brushes of the mechanical sweeper are also in running condition. However, there is some issue of alignment of brushes, which I directed the Administrator/AC and the Chief Officer of the Municipal Committee to ensure the alignment of brushes. Sir as per the MC Gilgit, fuel consumption of one Mechanical sweeper is 10 liters/hour and the brushes wear out very quickly, due to which they seldom use this mechanical sweeper. However, the Administrator and Chief Officer has assured that they shall ensure working of this mechanical sweeper from tomorrow onwards. In this regard, I shall also issue necessary written directives to both of them as well.

Mechanical Sweeper # 2: Sir the mechanical sweeper # 2 has some problems. The brushes of the sweeper are worn out and are not functional. Apart from that, a plate of the tractor was stolen some time ago. The tractor starts but it do not move owing to the lack of plate. As per the stock register, POL was last issued to it on 21-08-2011. The Municipal Administration has been directed to purchase new brushes and make it functional at the earliest.

Tractor # 1162: Sir the tractor trolley is out of order. The tyres of the trolley need to be changed, while the tyres of the tractor are also not in a good condition. The engine requires major repair. The driver tried to start the tractor in my presence but it could not be started. As per the stock register, POL was last issued to it on 31-12-2012.

Tractor # 6163: Sir the tractor is in fine condition and the tractor has a blade with it. The tractor is used for loading the garbage. Fuel is regularly issued to the tractor as per the stock register. However, the trolley of this tractor is out of order as the tyres are not in working condition. The Municipal Administration has been directed to change the tyres of the trolley and make it functional within 05 days.

Tractor # Applied For: Sir the tractor trolley is in working condition and fuel is issued regularly as per the stock register. However, the trolley of the tractor is not hydraulic. However it is working properly.

Tractor # 2337: Sir the tractor trolley is in running condition and the fuel is also issued regularly as per the stock register. The trolley is hydraulic and it is in working condition.

Tractor # 5967: Sir the tractor trolley is in running condition and the fuel is also issued regularly as per the stock register. The trolley is hydraulic and it is in working condition.

Dumper Trolley: Sir the dumper trolley is used for carrying the garbage. The garbage is loaded in it with the help of two coolies and sometimes with the help of some tractor. Sir the trolley of the dumper is hydraulic. Although the dumper trolley is in working condition and it works but the engine of the dumper is weak and needs repair. As per the stock register, fuel is issued regularly to this dumper trolley.

Water Tanker # 6165: Sir this water tanker of the MC Gilgit is with Hunza Administration since 2010. The MC Gilgit has taken up a case with Secretary Local Government to bring it back. If they get it back, the MC Gilgit plans to re-build as Hydraulic Dumper Truck.

2 Hydraulic Trollies: Sir there are two hydraulic trollies with the MC Gilgit, they use it along with different tractors for garbage collection and disposal.

Report submitted for perusal of your good self.

Yours Obediently;

Arqam Tariq, DC Gilgit.