The 5th special meeting of COSHA 2015-16 was held on Saturday, March 12. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm.

1. Confirmation of minutes:

* The minutes of the 4th special meeting were presented in the COSHA. The same were accepted by the members.

2. Announcements and Remarks:

* Mr. Amit Ranjan enquired about the centralised purchasing of water filters. Mr. Ashutosh Ranka, Acting President was directed to inform about the same in the next meeting.

3. To consider the final proposal on Electricity Issue:

* The representatives of all the hostels presented the opinion of their general body on the electricity issue, on the basis of open meetings conducted in each hostel.
  + The representatives of Hall 1, Hall 2, Hall 3, Hall 5 and Hall 10 preferred the present model and demanded for change in the value of θ. The calculated value of θ was in the range of 25 -40% for all these halls. A suggestion was made by Mr. J P Menaria, President Hall 9 that the value of θ should not be a percentage of the bill but a fixed amount in terms of units of electricity. Upon discussion, some hostels agreed to consider this method.
  + The representatives of Hall 4, Hall 6, Hall 7, Hall 8, Hall 9, Hall 11 and GH-1 preferred a fixed amount per semester model for payment of electricity bills.
* The report of the Sub-Committee formed to look into this issue was presented before COSHA by Mr. Amit Ranjan, a member of the sub-committee. The entire report, consisting of all the relevant links and details is available on the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lpPSWf8Wvcp49a4koDchw8rPFVdHe2gL1XBiBrakduI/edit?usp=sharing>

* + Ms. Garima Bawa asked if a hall can opt not to pay the protective load charges.

Mr. Amit Ranjan clarified that this would mean switching from the current HV1 to LMV4 line which would not be able to sustain the messes in the halls.

* + Mr. Amit Ranjan reported that the IWD had calibrated all the meters in all hostels during December 2015. Some complaints had been made thereafter regarding faulty meters, which the IWD had promptly addressed. The Acting President, Mr. Ashutosh Ranka, also informed the members that the IWD could be requested to check all the meters again in the presence of the hall representatives and attend to any other issues they face regarding meter installation or calibration.
* A report from the hall representatives of Hall 4 regarding the electricity situation in their hostel was discussed.
  + Regarding the HRA, Mr. Amit Ranjan clarified that the electricity and HRA are independent issues. Even for the students getting HRA, they had to pay their Electricity bills. Mr. Akhil Singh, President Hall 11 asked for the complete details regarding the HRA. Mr. Ashutosh Ranka, was instructed to collect the relevant details.
  + Mr. G Balamurugan, President Hall informed the House that they had filed the letter for individual meters two months ago on which no action had been taken. The house instructed Mr. Ashutosh Ranka to look into the issue.
* The members raised concerns regarding what all was included in the amount to be paid by the students as part of the common area contribution. The members were asked to bring an estimate of the contribution of wing corridors to the hostel bill in the next meeting.
* The issue of the pending bills of January and February was discussed. The members agreed to pay an interim fixed amount till the meters could be checked for any possible errors. After that, the remaining amount as calculated on the monthly basis will have to be paid by the students.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 pm.