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Minutes of the meeting held in the Chamber of Chief Secretary Shri P.S. Bhatnagar on 26.7.2001 at 4.00 P.M. to discuss the infrastructure related issues relating to Jaunapur Project.

1. The list of participants is annexed.

The Chief Secretary asked the Pr. Secretary (UD) to initiate the discussions, and the latter informed that earlier a meeting had been held in the office of the Chief Secretary on 20.4.2001 to consider issues such as change of land use and other infrastructure related issues relating to the Jaunapur Project. Thereafter another meeting had been held in the office of the Pr. Secretary (UD) to review action taken on Chief Secretary's decisions on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2001. During the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 the DVB, DJB and Irrigation & Flood Departments were asked to comply with Chief Secretary's directions to submit estimates for providing electricity, water supply and putting up mini sewerage treatment plants, preparatory to the introduction of a regular sewer system. By way of recapitulation he mentioned that the Hon'ble Supreme Court had by their order dt. 9<sup>th</sup> July, 96 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4677/85 (I.A. No. 18) titled M.C. Mehta Vs UOI directed removal of encroachments (JJ clusters) from the Southern Ridge. These clusters are located at four villages viz. Sanjay Nagar, Balbir Nagar, Inder Nagar and Devli Pahari, and these were to be shifted to a site measuring 61 acres (of gaon sabha land) at Jaunapur village. The latest position on steps taken by the DVB, The I&F Deptt. and the DJB since the last meeting is as follows.

THE DELHI VIDYUT BOARD

2 (1) Delhi Vidyut Board had on receipt of layout plan sent an estimate of Rs. 9 crores to S&JJ Department indicating the tentative position of grid and switching sub-stations. These estimates envisage provision of two 11 KV cables from an existing 220 KV sub-station alongwith interconnection between switching station and LT network. This is only an interim arrangement to be amalgamated under the final scheme after the site for establishment for 66 KV grid is handed over to DVB.

THE DELHI JAL BOARD

(2) DJB has sent estimates of Rs.145 lakhs based on drawing of water through deep bore wells to the S&JJ Department. The matter regarding ground water had been discussed with CGWA and their advice had been received only on 26.7.2001 (just before this meeting). This advice is to the effect that according to their survey, there is low yield and poor aquifer conditions in the aforementioned area. According to them, it is therefore not advisable and feasible to construct additional wells as it may even affect the yield of existing wells.

IRRIGATION & FLOOD DEPARTMENT

(3) The I&FC Department has sent a scheme for construction of an outfall drain through Mandi Bandh in Slum & JJ resettlement at village Jaunapur in Mehraun Block amounting to Rs.215.29 lacs.

3. At the meeting held on 26.7.2001, the estimates submitted by the various agencies came up for discussion. It was noted that at the Jaunapur settlement site provision for virtually all the infrastructure facilities such as supply of electricity, approach road, water, drainage, sewer and other civic amenities would have to be made from scratch. Shri G.C.Nandwani, CE, DJB drew attention to the survey conducted by Central Ground Water Authority which indicated "low yield and poor aquifer conditions" in the aforementioned area, and concluded that "it is not advisable and possible to construct wells as it may even affect yield of existing wells". These comments, Shri Nandwani pointed out, had come from the Central Ground Water Authority in the context of a reference made to ascertain the extent of water available at the resettlement site at Jaunapur. It was also noted that ground water level in this area is gradually going down with adverse consequences for human settlements, if any, planned in the area. Structures to recharge ground water by water harvesting and water conservation may also not improve the situation because of low yield and poor aquifer conditions in this area.

The latest opinion of the Central Ground Water Authority on the availability of water resources in the area led to serious doubts on the advisability of developing the Jaunapur site for settlement of JJ clusters. While all other facilities and civic amenities could be provided to human settlements in Jaunapur, it was felt that with the receipt of an adverse report on availability of water from a national water authority like the CGWA the inadvisability of continuing with the



Jaunapur site had to be considered very seriously. Given these adverse circumstances the feasibility of locating another site instead of Jaunapur was discussed. It was noted that in Delhi a large number of JJ clusters are being considered for shift in due course, and for this purpose land is being acquired and allotted to the Slum & JJ Wing. JJ clusters are also being considered for resettlement on gaon sabha land allotted for the purpose to the Slum & JJ Wing by the Lt. Governor. So it was felt that land available for resettlement could also be considered for resettlement of jhuggi clusters to be removed from the Southern Ridge.

4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court would have to be apprised of these ground realities explaining adequately the reasons for delay in the settlement of JJ clusters at Jaunapur site, and seek permission for more time to settle these clusters. The Supreme Court would have to be specifically apprised of the fact that because of insufficient water availability in Jaunapur area it would be difficult to adhere to the Court's guidelines to settle uprooted clusters within a radius of 4-5 Kms of the sites they were removed from.

5. The following points were, therefore, identified for action :-

a) A structured meeting with Chairman, Central Ground Water Authority should be arranged immediately at the level of Chief Secretary to get a considered and final opinion about yield and aquifer conditions in Jaunapur area and regarding construction of additional wells to draw ground water. Also a final opinion should be obtained on whether charging of groundwater in the area is possible by any other means like water harvesting, water conservation, etc. This meeting should be arranged on priority within 10 days' time. The meeting may be convened in the Chief Secretary's office. Based on this opinion of the Central Ground Water Authority, the Government of Delhi then may seek more time for shifting of the JJ clusters from the Southern Ridge.

(Action : Urban Development Deptt. / CEO, DJB)

b) In anticipation of this, the identification of alternate sites should commence immediately and the resettlement of the JJ clusters at various sites, which are to be acquired or available, should be planned. Even alternate gaon sabha land be located to facilitate early shifting and resettlement of the jhuggi clusters.

(Action : Development Commissioner / Commr.(MCD) / Addl. Commr.(S&JJ)

c) In order to ensure that the resettlement process is not further delayed, acquisition of land should be expedited and whenever necessary the competent authority may be requested to accord permission to acquire the land by invoking the urgency clauses of the Land Acquisition Act. The Slum & JJ Wing of MCD should identify such pockets/land for relocation purposes which need acquisition on emergent basis.

(Action : Commissioner(MCD) / Addl. Commr.(S&JJ) / Land & Bldg. Deptt.)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
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3. Shri Jagdish Sagar, Chairman, DVB.
4. Smt. Pratibha Karan, Pr. Secretary (Land & Bldg).
5. Shri Rahul Khullar, Development Commissioner.
6. Shri P.K. Tripathi, CEO, DJB.
7. Smt. Sindhushree Khullar, Secretary (Env. & Forests).
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9. Shri Manjit Singh, Addl. Commissioner (S&JJ).
10. Shri S.S. Garbyal, Conservator of Forest.

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