

**MINUTES OF THE RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON 04.08.2010 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY FOR CONSIDERATION OF NHAI'S PROPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD AND SLIP ROAD JOINING ANDHERIA MORE- MAHIPALPUR ROAD AND MEHRAULI - GURGAON ROAD INVOLVING LAND IN THE SOUTH - CENTRAL RIDGE (REGIONAL PARK)**

The following attended the meeting:-

1	Shri. Dharmendra, Secretary (Environment & Forests), GNCTD	Member
2	Shri B.L. Sharma, Addl. Secretary, Finance	Member
3	Shri Ravi Aggarwal, Toxic Links	Member
4.	Shri O.P. Singh, Chief Project Manager, DMRC	Spl. Invitee
5.	Shri Arun Jagga, Project Director, Corridor Management Unit, NHAI	Spl. Invitee
6.	Shri Prabhat Tyagi, DCF (South)	Spl. Invitee
7.	Shri A.K. Chopra, Dy. L&DO, Ministry of Urban Development	Spl. Invitee
8.	Shri Anil Barai, Addl. Commissioner (Plg.), DDA	Spl. Invitee
9.	Shri Chandu Bhutia, Dy. Director (Plg.), DDA	Spl. Invitee
10.	Shri Pramod Behera, Jt. Director (UTTIPEC)	Spl. Invitee
11.	Mohd. Safi, Project Director, Corridor Management Unit, NHAI	Spl. Invitee
12.	Shri D.M.Shukla, Chief Conservator of Forests	Member-Secretary

The Vice Chairman, DDA and Shri Ajay Mahajan, Members, RMB could not attend the meeting due to their pressing prior commitments.

The Chief Secretary & Chairman, Ridge Management Board (RMB) welcoming the Members and Special Invitees, informed that the Special Meeting of RMB had been called to consider the proposal of the National Highways Authority of India for construction of link road and slip road joining Andheria More- Mahipalpur Road and Mehrauli - Gurgaon Road and requested Secretary (E&F) & Member, RMB to initiate the discussions.

Secretary (E&F) explaining the details of the proposal added that the alignment of the proposed roads was passing through the Regional Park of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) near Andheria More and entailed 3502 sq. mtr. of Private land, 1748 sq. mtr of DMRC and 18876 sq. mtr. of DDA land making a total of 24126 sq. mtr. (2.4126 Ha.). In regard to DDA land, he informed that the allotment/ transfer of land to NHAI in the order dated 17.06.2010 of the Institutional Land Branch of DDA was without khasra-wise details of the land proposed to be transferred and subject to the condition that before starting the construction/ expansion works, NHAI shall obtain requisite approval/ statutory clearance from the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Central Empowered Committee, Ridge Management Board, Department of Forests & Wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi and UTTIPEC etc. He further informed that 512 trees (Link Road - 481 trees and Slip Road - 31 Trees) were getting affected in the proposed construction and NHAI was yet to furnish the ownership-wise details of the trees to be removed.

The Chief Conservator of Forests informed that the land in question was situated outside the boundaries of the Notified Reserved Forest in the South-Central Ridge as described in the notification dated 24.05.1994 but was part of the Regional Park. He also pointed out that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, while according approval for use of said piece of DDA land falling in the Regional Park for construction of Chattarpur MRTS Station and the Traction Station, had considered it to be a forest land and, therefore, would require the approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in addition to the approval of the Hon'ble Supreme Court for removal of trees and utilisation of the land for construction of roads.

Expressing his strong reservation in agreeing to the proposed construction of slip and link roads, Shri Ravi Agarwal was of the view that the diversion proposals of the Ministry of Defence

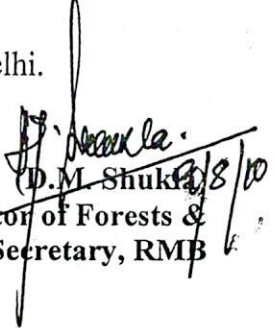
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