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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD HELD AT 1415 HRS. ON 26.08.2010 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF LINK / SLIP ROAD JOINING ANDHERIA MORE- MAHIPALPUR ROAD AND MEHRAULI - GURGAON ROAD BY NHAI THROUGH SOUTH - CENTRAL RIDGE**

The following attended the meeting:-

	Shri. Dharmendra, Secretary (Environment & Forests), GNCTD	Member
	Shri B.L. Sharma, Addl. Secretary, Finance Rep. of Pr. Secretary (Finance), GNCTD	Member
3	Shri I.H. Khan, Addl. PCCF, GNCTD	Member
4.	Shri Ravi Aggarwal, Toxic Links	Member
5.	Shri R.S. Sinha, Conservator of Forests, GNCTD	Member
6.	Shri O.P. Singh, Chief Project Manager, DMRC	Spl. Invitee
7.	Shri Dinesh Kumar, Chief Engineer, PWD, M1, GNCTD	Spl. Invitee
8.	Shri Arun Jagga, Project Director, Corridor Management Unit, NHAI	Spl. Invitee
9.	Shri H.O. Chauhan, SE, CC-I, DDA	Spl. Invitee
10.	Shri A. Bhattacharya, Director (UTTIPEC).	Spl. Invitee
11.	Shri Pramod Behera, Jt. Director (UTTIPEC)	Spl. Invitee
12.	Shri M.M. Islam, JGM, RITES for NHAI	Spl. Invitee
13.	Shri A.K. Chopra, Dy. L&DO, Ministry of Urban Development	Spl. Invitee
14.	Shri Arjun Pal Singh, PAT, DH(SIE)	Spl. Invitee
✓ 15.	Shri D.M. Shukla, Chief Conservator of Forests, GNCTD.	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, apprised them of the inspection of the proposed diversion road from Mehrauli- Gurgaon Road to Vasant Kunj Road undertaken by him along with senior officers of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi, DDA and NHAI on 17.08.2010 and 22.08.2010. He informed that the Project Director, NHAI during the inspection on 22.08.2010, had shown the alignment of the link/ slip road which was having 300 mtr. approach road made of brick tiles leading to the Regional Park of DDA, flanked by huge trees and 4-5 years old plantation of Sheesham and other species. He also stated that DDA had cleared the proposal and so has the UTTIPEC and impressed the need for having its slip road constructed to ease out the long term traffic congestion in the area. He thereafter, requested the other Members and Special Invitees to offer their comments/ suggestions in matter.

Shri Ravi Agarwal, Member, RMB expressing his strong reservation in agreeing to the proposed construction of slip and link roads through the Regional Park, pointed out that in absence of having undertaken any detailed study of the Traffic Plan through an accredited agency/ body, the short term measures proposed by NHAI for having the slip road, would not justify NHAI's claim of easing out of the traffic congestion, more so in view of the operationalisation of Metro Rail and widening of Andheria More- Mahipalpur Road having 90 mtr. right of way, on its anvil. He, however, reiterated that the NHAI's proposal, in its present form, does not merit consideration by the Board and impressed upon the Members that the land in the Regional Park should not be sacrificed for such purpose.

The Chief Engineer, PWD, M1, informed that NHAI's plan of widening of the Mehrauli- Gurgaon Road and its integration with the existing road from Andheria Mor to Mahipalpur

2. Shri Arun Jagga, Project Director, Corridor Management Unit, National Highways Authority of India, 764, Sector – 29, Faridabad, Haryana (Telefax: 0129-4140962).
3. Shri O.P. Singh, Chief Project Manager, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Metro Bhawan, 13, Fire Brigade Lane, New Delhi –01.
4. Shri Dinesh Kumar, Chief Engineer, PWD, M1, GNCTD, MSO Bldg., IP Estate, New Delhi.
5. Shri Prabhat Tyagi, Conservator of Forests i/c South Forests Division, Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, Tughlakabad, New Delhi.
6. Shri A. Bhattacharya, Director (UTTIPEC), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vikas Minar, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. Shri A.K. Chopra, Dy. L&DO, Ministry of Urban Development, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-01.
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