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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI RAKESH MEHTA, CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI, ON 29.08.2008 AT 1730 HRS IN HIS CONFERENCE HALL AT DELHI SACHIVALAYA

The following attended the meeting:

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| 1 | Shri P.K.Tripathi, Pr. Secretary (Finance & Planning), GNCTD | -Member |
| 2 | Shri. J.K.Dadoo, Secretary (Environment & Forests), GNCTD | -Member |
| 3 | Shri Ravi Aggarwal, Srishti | -Member |
| 4 | Shri Prabhat Tyagi, DCF(West) | -Spl. Invitee |
| 5 | Smt Kamal Preet, DCF(HQ) | -Spl. Invitee |
| 6 | Smt. Chayya Sharma, Addl. DCP (South) | -Spl. Invitee |
| 7 | Shri. Devesh Singh, Director (Land), DDA | -Spl. Invitee |
| 8 | Shri. P.S.Uttawar, Director (Planning), DDA | -Spl. Invitee |
| 9 | Shri Bhagat Singh, Superintending Engineer, CPWD | -Spl. Invitee |
| 10 | Shri Santosh Kumar, Executive Engineer, CPWD | -Spl. Invitee |
| 11 | Shri Rakesh Pawaria, ACP, Delhi Police | -Spl. Invitee |
| 12 | Shri. Rakesh Sharma, Dy. Director (Hort), DDA | -Spl. Invitee |
| 13 | Shri. Chandu Bhutia, Dy. Director (Planning), DDA | -Spl. Invitee |
| 14 | Shri D.M.Shukla, Conservator of Forests | -Member-Secretary |

The Vice Chairman, DDA and Shri Ajay Mahajan, Member, 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 the RMB has been called to consider the proposals in view of the forthcoming Commonwealth Games and requested Secretary (E&F) and Member, RMB to initiate the discussions. After detailed deliberations, the decisions taken agenda-wise were as under :

Agenda Item No. 1: Diversion of 3.1916 Ha. of Ridge land for upgradation and reconstruction of Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, Tughlakabad for the CWG - 2010.

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Secretary (E&F) & Member, RMB, informed that the Executive Engineer (MIS), CWG Project, Central Public Works Department, Major Dhayan Chand National Stadium New Delhi vide letter No.23(1)/KSSR/08-09/11 dated 16.07.2008 addressed to the Dy Conservator of Forests (South) had sought permission for diversion of 31916 sqm. (3.1916

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Ha) of notified forest land falling under Southern Ridge at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, Tughlakabad for upgradation/reconstruction of the existing facilities for the Commonwealth Games, 2010. He further added that the proposed site of construction/ renovation of the sports facilities affecting 345 trees was falling within the Proposed Reserve Forests notified under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 vide No.F.10(42)-I/PA/DCF/93/2012-17(I) dated 24th May, 1994.

The Officers of CPWD informed the Members and Special Invitees of the Board present in the meeting that the Ministry of Environment and Forests has already accorded Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the project vide MoEF's letter dated 11.07.2007 with the condition at Para-v of Part-A stipulating that the open spaces inside the plot be suitably landscaped and covered with vegetation of indigenous tree species and proposal to this effect be submitted by them through the State Forest Department to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for seeking the required permission under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use of forest land for above non-forestry purpose after obtaining clearance of RMB and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India through CEC.

The Superintending Engineer, CPWD, apprised the members and special invitees about the need for additional land which has arisen for providing space for increased no. of shooters to make it par with the international standards. He further submitted that in view of venue to be utilized by Commonwealth Shooting Championship well before CWG 2010, the facilities are required to be in place which would take one year.

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Sh. Ravi Aggarwal was of the view that during the construction phase CPWD alongwith the Forest Deptt. may explore the possibility of reducing the no. of trees required to be felled so as to retain maximum no. of the trees at the project site.

The Member Secretary, RMB informed that CPWD vide application no. 23(1)/KSSR/08-09/15 dated 22.07.2008, has already moved Central Empowered Committee (CEC) constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court for seeking permission of Hon'ble Supreme

Court for use of Ridge land for the above purpose which had come up for hearing on 20th of August, 2008. CEC in the hearing took a view that proposed site of reconstruction shall be inspected by its Members after the meeting of the Ridge Management Board slated for 29.08.2008 alongwith the Conservator of Forests and the representative of the User Agency before making its recommendation to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

The Members of RMB, after careful consideration, decided that they may submit CPWD's proposal for seeking permission for diversion of 3.1916 Ha. of ridge land, notified as forest under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 for upgradation/ re-construction of Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, Tughlakabad for Commonwealth Games for the kind consideration of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, through the Central Empowered Committee. If the Hon'ble Supreme Court approves, the Ministry of Environment & Forests under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, will be approached by CPWD for their clearance, under the said Act.

Agenda Item No. 2: Diversion of 4694.76 sqm. (0.469 Ha.) of notified forest land in the Southern Ridge for construction of Police Station at Sangam Vihar:

The Member Secretary, RMB informed that the DCP (South), Delhi Police vide letter dated 21.12.2007 addressed to the Member Secretary, CEC has sought permission for use of 4694.76 sqm. (0.469 Ha.) of Southern Ridge at Sangam Vihar for construction of buildings of Police Station. The Members and Special Invitees were apprised about the functioning of Sangam Vihar Police Station from temporary structures constructed over the land after taking its possession of said land on allotment by DDA vide letter no. F.25(3)/98-1L/7220 by 09.11.2001 on perpetual lease basis on 13/4/2006 by Delhi Police. It was further informed that the proposed site of construction was falling within the Proposed Reserved Forest in the Southern Ridge, notified under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 vide No.F.10(42)-I/PA/DCF/93/2012-17(I) dated 24th May, 1994.

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The representative from DDA informed that since the proposed site was part of the Regional Park as per its Master Plan, the construction of Police Station would require clearance of DDA as well, as the said piece of land was leased out to Delhi Police for establishment of Police Post. The Additional DCP impressed upon the need to have a Police Station at Sangam Vihar for its operationalisation in full strength and powers. She also informed that the Delhi Police has already approached CEC vide its letter dated 21.012.2007 and the matter was yet to be listed for hearing.

The Members of RMB, after careful consideration, decided that they may submit the proposal of Delhi Police for seeking permission for diversion of 0.469 Ha. of ridge land, notified as forest under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 for establishment of Police Station at Sangam Vihar for the kind consideration of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, through the Central Empowered Committee subject to the condition that Delhi Police files an additional application to CEC for the above purpose. If the Hon'ble Supreme Court approves, the Ministry of Environment & Forests under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, will be approached by CPWD for their clearance, under the said Act.

The meeting ended with the thanks to the Chair.

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- 4. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, South near Shooting Range, Tughlakabad, Delhi.

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 (D.M. Shukla) 9/10

Conservator of Forests &
 Member-Secretary, RMB

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