

#### GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS & WILDLIFE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, A-BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-02

F.No.11(34)/RMB/Cont. Case 846-2018/2019-20/6341-61

Date: 3\ July 2019

# MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD HELD ON 30.07.2019 AT 12 NOON UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI & CHAIRMAN, RMB

A special meeting of the Ridge Management was convened in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court passed in Cont. CAS (C) 846/2018 vide its order dated 17.07.2019 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary cum Chairman, RMB on 30.07.2019 at 12 Noon. The list of members and officers attending the meeting is placed at Annexure I.

At the outset, while welcoming the Chairman and members of the RMB, the PCCF and Member-Secretary, RMB, briefed the members about various orders passed by Hon'ble Court in the matter since 11.03.2019 and subsequently, directions passed on 17.07.2019 as reproduced below:

"9. As stated, the aforesaid tree plantation figures do not correlate with the assurance of the RMB given on 17.06.2019, that its endeavor would be to augment and assist, in implementation of this Court's order to green and afforest the entire ridge area, which happens to be under its administrative supervision. The Site Inspection Report falls short of a serious and concerted effort in this regard. Therefore, as a first step towards assistance of this Court, it would be appropriate that the RMB initiate a plan to and actually ensure plantation of at least 50,000 trees in the over 2,000 acres of the Central Ridge, by the next date. It shall file an affidavit with better particulars, along with aerial photographs of the aforesaid area. To achieve this interim objective, the RMB shall call a meeting on 30.07.2019 for plantation of the 50,000 trees on its own initiative as well as for the implementation of this Court's order dated 11.03.2019, wherein 1,40,000 trees had been directed to be planted in the Central Ridge. The meeting shall be attended by Senior Officers of the constituents of the Board. A compliance report of the decisions taken and/or the actual plantation of trees in respective areas of the land owning agencies shall be filed before the next date. Decisions apropos the RMB's plantation of

50,000 trees are expected to be complied with by the various agencies. It will be open to the parties to approach this Court in case of any difficulty.

10. Additionally, after seeking information from the DDA, the Principal Secretary of the RMB shall file an affidavit apropos the areas under O-zone and/ or in the Yamuna Flood Plains which can be used for Afforestation.'

After detailed discussions the Chairman, Ridge Management Board, directed that the Hon'ble High Court's directions may be complied strictly and following decisions were taken:

- i. The Forest Department will ensure the implementation of orders of Hon'ble High Court dated 11.03.2019 regarding plantation of 1,40,000 trees in Central Ridge subject to all Forestry Regulations and Environmental Norms within this planting season and also report compliance of planting in 90,000 pits already dug up in Southern Ridge by 31.08.2019.
- ii. In compliance of directions related to plantation of 50,000 saplings in Central Ridge, the distribution among the various Land Owning Agencies is to be done as per pro-rata basis and plantation be completed by 31.08.2019.

The details of land under possession of various agencies in Central Ridge area and the number of trees to be planted by them as decided by the RMB on pro-rata basis is as under:

S.No.	Land Owning Agency	Area of Central	No. of trees to be
		Ridge (Ha.)	planted
1.	Department of Forests and	423	24538
	Wildlife		
2.	Army Signal Regiment	202	11716
3.	Delhi Development Authority	85	4930
4.	Areas allotted by L&DO	70	4060
5.	Central Public Works Department	37	2146
6.	New Delhi Municipal Corporation	25	1450

7.	Railways		11	638
8.	Ministry of Home Affairs		6	348
9.	North Delhi Corporation	Municipal	3	174
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- iii. As per Hon'ble High Court's order, aerial photograph of the planted area by every land owning agency be submitted to the RMB for filing the same in the Court.
- iv. After getting information from DDA in respect of scope of afforestation along Yamuna Banks, the same will be submitted to the Hon'ble High Court by Member Secretary, RMB.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

(Ishwar Singh)
PCCF & HoD
Member Secretary
Ridge Management Board

#### Distribution:

- 1. The Vice-Chairman, DDA & Member, RMB, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi
- 2. The Pr. Secretary (Finance) & Member, RMB, Department of Finance, Govt. of NCT Of Delhi, 4th Level, A-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, IP Estate, New Delhi-110002
- 3. The Pr. Secretary (E&F), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 6th Level, C-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, IP Estate, New Delhi-110002
- 4. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forests & Wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
- 5. Ms. Sunita Narain, Director, Centre for Science and Environment & Member, RMB, 41, Tughlakabad Institutional area, New Delhi-110062 (Special Invitee)
- 6. Mr. Vimlendhu Jha, Executive Director, Swechha, R 84, Khirkee Extension, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi. (Special Invitee)
- 7. DG, CPWD, Room No. 101, 'A'Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011
- 8. Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, Dr. S.P.M. Civic Centre, Minto Road, New Delhi-02
- 9. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi-110001

- 10. Land and Development Officer, Ministry of Urban Development, Gate 4, 'A' Wing, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Maulana Azad Road, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011
- 11. Chairman, NDMC, Palika Kendra, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001
- 12. Defense Estate Officer, Delhi Cantonment Board, New Delhi-110001
- 13. Senior DEN/C, DRM officer, Northern Railways, New Delhi-110001
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- 16. Chief Conservator of Forests (Admn.), Dept. of Forests and Wildlife, Vikas Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002
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- 18. Dy. Conservator of Forests (HQ), Dept. of Forests and Wildlife, Vikas Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002
- 19. Dy. Conservator of Forests (West), Mandir Marg, Mandir Lane
- 20. Dy. Conservator of Forests (South), Near Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, Tughlakabad

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(Ishwar Singh)
PCCF & HoD
Member Secretary
Ridge Management Board

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Venue: Conference Room of the Chief Secretary, Delhi Secretariat

**Date**: 30.07.2019 **Time**: 12 Noon

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