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OFFICE OF THE DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS  
KAMLA NETAJI RIDGE, DELHI-110007.

No. F11(26)/PA/DCF/95/

Dated:

To

1. Vice-Chairman,  
Delhi Development Authority,  
Vikas Sadan, New Delhi.
2. Finance Secretary,  
Govt. of NCT, Delhi,  
5, Chan Nath Marg, Delhi.
3. Prof. I.M.Khan,  
Indian Society of Environmental Management,  
B-II, Jamia Enclave, Jamia Nagar,  
New Delhi-25.
4. Prekarti  
Centre for Environmental Protection and  
Development,  
No. 9, Vichwa Apartments,  
No. 3, Shankracharya Marg,  
Delhi-54.
5. L&D  
Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment,  
Hirman Bhawan,  
New Delhi.
6. Director (Horticulture)  
C.P.M.D.,  
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Y-Shape Building, Near ITO,  
New Delhi.

Sub-Minutes of the meeting held on 22.12.95

Sir,

I enclose herewith minutes of the meeting of Ridge  
Management Board held on 22.12.95 for your kind information.

Yours faithfully,

(D.C. KHANJURI)  
DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS  
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MINUTES-OF-THE-MEETING-OF-RIDGE-MANAGEMENT-BOARD

The Third meeting of Ridge Management Board was held on 22.12.1995 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman of the Board. The following were present:-

1. Shri D.S. Negi, Dev. Commissioner,
2. Shri Dev Trivedi, Secretary ( Finance ),
3. Shri B.L. Nimesh, L & DO,
4. Shri L.D. Ganotra, Engineering Officer, L & DO
5. Prof. I.H. Khan, President, ISEM,
6. Shri P.C. Jain, Addl. Commissioner (-AP ), DDA,
7. Shri Chhotey Singh, Director (Hort.), CPWD,
8. Shri D.C. Khanduri, Dy. Conservator of Forests.

The Board discussed the follow up action taken on the minutes of the last meeting. The members of the Board were informed that the Forest Department had taken up the matter with the Survey of India for obtaining aerial survey map of the Ridge area, prepared by that organisation in March, 1993 and it was informed by them that the aerial photography was carried out by National Remote Sensing Agency Hyderabad, at the instance of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and therefore, the Board should the aerial photography coverage procure from the MCD or NRSA Hyderabad. The Chairman desired that the MCD authorities should be contacted for the purpose immediatly and it should also be ascertained from them as to whether any interpretation of the aerial survey map had been done by them.

The Board discussed the issue regarding the preparation of Management Plan for the ridge and appointment of consultant for the purpose. The Board was informed that the matter was taken up with the Ministry of Environment & Forests



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who had advised that before appointing the consultant, the nature of work and terms of reference could be settled and for that purpose discussions could be held with the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajasthan as there was similarity in nature between Delhi Ridge & the Forests of Rajasthan. The Chairman wanted to know the view of the members about the contents of the proposed Management Plan. While Prof. Khan of the view that environmental should be the uppermost, some/consideratic other members felt that the Plan should also be realistic keeping in view the existing urban influence and due importance should also be given for land scapping in the area, The Chairman desired that the Development Commissioner should take up the matter with the Ministry of Environment & Forests and finalise the name of the consultant along with the terms & conditions for the consultancy, after discussing the matter with the officers of the Forests Department of Rajasthan.

The Secretary of the Board informed that in pursuance to the earlier decision of the Board, field visits of the members were organised in the Northen Ridge, where 11 sites, vacated of encroachments earlier, were inspected. The status report of each site was discussed and it was found that in most of the cases, no re-occupation of the cleared site was noticed. In one case, a meat shop/been allowed to continue by the Forests /had Settlement Officer by deciding the claim of the applicant made before him and an area of about 720 sq.ft. was under occupation by the meat shop. The Chairman wanted to know who DDA had not filed any appeal against tha order of the Forests Settlement Officer, if it was not satisfied with the same. The Chairman also directed that the debris lying in the areas cleared should be removed and plantation work must be undertaken by the DDA immediately.



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The Chairman desired that similar field visits to other parts of the Ridge should also be organised before the next meeting and detailed report submitted. The Chairman further desired that the members could examine the suggestion of Hon'ble Supreme Court to construct the boundries, pending finalisation of notification under Section-20. Some members wanted to know the details of the 117 objections filed before Forest Settlement Officer under Section-9.

The Chairman directed that the Secretary should obtain the details of these objections before the field visit of the members.

The Chairman desired that the next meeting of the Board be held in the 3rd week of January and before that action must be taken on the point discussed above.

To sum up, the following decisions were taken:-

1. The Forest Department should get in touch with the MCD for obtaining the areial survey maps as suggested by the Survey of India.
2. The Development Commissioner to discuss with Inspector General of Forest, Ministry of Env. & Forests, the appointment of consultant and finalise the consultancy.
3. In case, the DDA was not satisfied with decision of the Forests Settlement Officer regarding the continuance of the meat shop in the Northern Ridge area, action to file an appeal must be taken, as per the provisions of the Forest Act.
4. All the vacated areas are to be made free from debris and plantation work to be undertaken.
5. The Secretary of the Board to obtain the details of 117 objections from the Forest Settlement Officer and supply the same to the members before the field inspection.

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6. The field visits by the members of the Board of the vacated areas on all the ridges must be completed before the next meeting of the Board. During their visits the members should also verify, keeping in view the site conditions, whether the construction of boundary wall could be taken up, pending finalisation of notification under Section-20.  
The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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