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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 22.04.2010 AT 1430 HRS. IN HIS
CONFERENCE HALL AT DELHI SACHIVALAYA**

The following attended the meeting:

1	Shri. Dharmendra, Secretary (Environment & Forests), GNCTD	Member
2	Shri I.H. Khan, Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests	Member
3	Shri Ajay Garg, Joint Secretary, Finance Department, GNCTD, Rep. of Pr. Secretary, Finance, GNCTD	Member
4.	Gp. Captain R. Bhalla, Station Commander, Air Force Station, Arjan Garh	Spl. Invitee
5.	Wing Commander B. Singh, Air Force Station, Arjan Garh	Spl. Invitee
6.	Shri Ashish Kumar, Dy. Director General, Transport, Organising Committee, CWG	Spl. Invitee
7.	Shri A.K. Chopra, L&DO, Ministry of Urban Development	Spl. Invitee
8.	Shri Prabhat Tyagi, DCF(West)	Spl. Invitee
9.	Smt. Savita Bhandari, Director (Landscape) DDA	Spl. Invitee
10.	Shri Ashok Bhattacharjee, Director, UTTIPEC, DDA	Spl. Invitee
11.	Shri J.P. Verma, S.E, CC-1, DDA	Spl. Invitee
12.	Shri S.K. Jain, EE(P), SEP-III, NZ, DDA	Spl. Invitee
13.	Shri Anil Chhikara, Project Officer, CWG	Spl. Invitee
14.	Shri D.M.Shukla, Chief Conservator of Forests	Member-Secretary

The Vice Chairman, DDA, Shri Ravi Aggarwal 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 some important proposals of the National Highways Authority of India and the Organising Committee, considering the forthcoming Commonwealth Games and requested Secretary (E&F) & Member, RMB to initiate the discussions. After detailed deliberations, the decisions taken agenda-wise were as under:

Agenda Item No. 1: Diversion of 2.8 Ha. of notified forest land in the southern ridge for construction of road by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) from Andheria More to Delhi-Haryana Border designated as NH-236:

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Secretary (E&F) informed that the road from Andheria Mor to Delhi-Haryana Border has been designated as National Highway No.236 vide Gazette Notification No.109 (E) dated 18.01.2010 and NHAI has been assigned the work of its up-gradation, maintenance etc. vide Gazette Notification No.235 (E) dated 02.02.2010 with a view to ease out the flow of traffic.

carriage way of the road) from Km. point 33.280 to 34.300 of the (South-Central Ridge) as per MPD 2021 of the Delhi Development Authority for consideration of the Central Empowered Committee subject to the condition that NHAI shall make a presentation before the Hon'ble Lt. Governor & Chairman, UTTIPEC about the project. The Members of the Committee were also of the view that the existing carriage-way, having sharp bend ad-measuring 13450 sq. mtr. (1.3450 Ha.), proposed to be handed over to Air Force Station by NHAI including 5508 sq. mtr. of Air Force land shall be ~~shall~~ maintained as part of ridge/ green except the minimum area required for shifting of the essential services and infrastructure for meeting the security requirements of the Air Force Station.

Agenda Item No.2: Temporary Use of Notified Forest Land in the Central Ridge at Rabindra Rangshala for Parking of Cars for the Commonwealth Games-2010:

Secretary (E&F) informed that a request had been made by the Special Director General, Organising Committee, Commonwealth Games - 2010, Delhi to the Chief Secretary & Chairman, Ridge Management Board vide his letter No.A/4/2009/TPT dated 30.03.2010 for grant of permission for use of the area around Rabindra Rangshala situated in the Central Ridge for parking of 400 cars during the Games. He also informed that the Organising Committee had confirmed that no trees would be felled in the select parking area and only temporary structures will be erected for use as drivers' lounge and toilets and that the area, after the Games, shall be handed back to the Department after restoring it to its original condition.

It was however pointed out that as setting up of toilets/ drivers' lounge/ barricading would entail breaking up of the notified forest land, the exact extent of notified forest land including the nature and location of the structures would be essential, before making a reference to the Central Empowered Committee for its consideration and seeking approval of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. As the existing road within the Rangshala would not provide enough space for parking of 400 cars it was, therefore, suggested that the Organising Gomittee in consultation with L&DO of the Ministry of Urban Development should explore other possibilities such as vacant land available with the Army Public School, Dhaula Kuan and Dyal Singh College, Lodhi Road etc. for such use as well.

However, the Members of RMB, after careful consideration, agreed in principle to the granting of permission of the existing road in forest land at Rabindra Rangshala in the central ridge notified under section 4 of the IFA 1927 for temporary use for parking of dedicated cars for

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Secretary
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