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OFFICE OF THE DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
KAMLA NEHRU RIDGE, DELHI-7.

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Dated: 26.4.96

To

- 6/5/96
1. Vice-Chairman,
DDA, Vikas Sadan,
New Delhi.
 2. Shri Dev Trivedi,
Secretary Finance,
Govt. of NCT of Delhi,
5, Sham Nath Marg, Delhi.
 3. Shri B.L.Nimesh,
L&DO. Ministry of Urban Affairs
And Employment,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
 4. Shri O.P.Kelkar,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation of Delhi,
Town Hall, Delhi.
 5. Shri D.P.Sinha,
IG, CRPF, New Delhi.
 6. Shri S.K.Sharma,
PC, DDA, Vikas Sadan,
New Delhi.
 7. Shri R.K.Jhingen,
Director landscape,
Vikas Minar, New Delhi.
 8. Shri X.K.Mehto,
ADM(R), Tis Hazari
Delhi.
 9. Shri A. Mhaisakhar,
Commissioner, (plg.)
DDA.
 10. Shri Akasha Kumar,
Prakarti,
Centre for Environmental Protection
and Development,
No.9, Vishwa Apartments,
No.3, Shankracharya Marg,
Delhi-54.
 11. Shri L.D.Gengotra,
L&DO. Ministry of Urban Affairs
and Employment,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
 12. Shri Manjit Singh,
Director (Slum & J.J.),
Municipal Corporation of Delhi,
Vikas Bhawan, Indraprastha Estate,
New Delhi.
 13. Shri D.P.Singh,
Director,
Rouse Avenue, Delhi.
 14. Shri Chhotey Singh,
Director (Horticulture),
C.P.W.D.
IInd Floor, Y-Shape Building
New Delhi.

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15. Shri R. Dayal,
Director(Hort.)North,
Vikas Minar, New Delhi.
16. Shri R.C.Dhawan,
Dy. Director Survey(AIR),
R.K.Puram, New Delhi.
17. Shri O.P.Sharma,
Chief Engineer, I&F
18. Shri A.K.Gupta,
S.E.(SDC-II)I&F.
19. Shri Ish Kumar,
Executive Engineer,
Div-V, Shad-ul-Ajab.New Delhi.
20. Shri N.K.Sinha,
C.P.W.D. Delhi.
21. Shri Ashok Khurana,
SE, CPWD, Delhi.
22. Shri Surender Ghonkrokta,
ADM(P)

Sir,

I enclose herewith the minutes of the Ridge Management Board meeting held on 16.4.96 & 25.4.96 in the chamber of Chief Secretary, NCT of Delhi, for information and further necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

(D.C. CHANDURI)
DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
DELHI

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD
HELD ON 16.4.1996 AT 5.00 P.M. IN THE CHAMBER OF
CHIEF SECRETARY GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

A meeting of Ridge Management Board was held on 16.4.96 at 5.00 P.M. in the chamber of Chief Secretary Govt. of NCT Delhi, to discuss and decide the action plan on the various issues pending as per orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The list of the participant is annexed at Annexure 'A'. Another meeting to discuss certain urgent matter was held on 25.4.96 at 12.30 P.M. The list of the participant is at Annexure 'B'. The following was discussed:-

1. Review of fencing and planting of vacated area:

The issue of fencing was discussed in the light of various orders issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court from time to time. The chairman of the Ridge Management Board enquired about the progress of fencing and planting carried out by the various Land Managing Agencies. Sh. Jhingan of DDA informed that 80% of the fencing of around 5315 running meters length in Northern Ridge has been completed. Similarly, Dr. Chhotey Singh, Director CPWD intimated that the estimated length of fencing in Central Ridge is 16000 running meters of which 2000 running meters has been completed and work is in progress over another 2500 running meters which will be completed shortly. The total length of 16000 running meters will be completed in two and half months time that is by 30.6.96. Mr. D.P. Singh, Director (Hort.) MCD, informed the Board that 90% fencing in South Central Ridge has been completed. The Chairman directed that the information for different ridges by different Land Managing Agencies should be furnished to his office by 17.4.96 indicating the position of fencing and planting as on 15.4.96, so that the same could be incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting. The information supplied by the various agencies is annexed at Annexure C & D. Information furnished by the representative is presumed to be correct. If there is any inaccuracy the responsibility will be squarely that of the representative concerned.

(Action:-L&DO/MCD/CPWD)

During the course of discussion the following issue were also discussed.

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(i) Stay granted to meat shop near Transport Authority:

Most of the members were of the view that the area near the meat shop should be fenced properly and encroached area be secured. It was pointed out that stay has been granted to one Atta Chakki by the Forest Settlement Officer. Chairman directed Mr. Mehto, ADM(R) to find out the detail and report to him. During the course discussion, it was suggested that the side road leading from Transport Authority to ridge road need to be closed. However, the Chairman directed that this suggestion of the Board may be sent to Commissioner MCD, who in turn will examine the proposal as per rules on the subject.

(Action-ADM(R)/MCD/DCF)

(ii) Encroachment by Mourice Nagar Police Station:

Director Horticulture(North) DDA pointed out that the Police personnel of Mourice Nagar Police Check Post are not only destroying the vegetation of the ridge, but are also extending land under their possession, the setting of the police post at present ~~site~~ itself is an encroachment. Chairman desired that a detail report on this should be submitted by the Director(Hort.)DDA.

(Action:-UC DDA)

(iii) Closure of road leading to Buli Bhatiyari and Lovers Lane:

The destruction being caused to the ridge because of the existance of this road was raised by some members. A suggestion was made that a barricade be provided on the road leading to Buli Bhatiyari, such that only cars are able to pass through while heavy vehicles can not processed beyond the point. Chairman desired that closure of the roads may be examined by MCD/DDA and report

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submitted, so that further action in the matter could be taken expeditiously.

(Action:-Commr.MCD/DDA)

(iv) Fencing near Mehrouli Village:

Director(Hort.) MCD referred to the difficulties being faced in fencing the ridge adjoining Mehrouli village. After discussion, it was decided that a Committee comprising of Secretary Ridge Management Board, Director (Hort.) MCD, E.O. Ministry of Urban Affairs and Mr. Akasha Kumar will visit the site on 17.4.96 and submit a report to the board.

(Action:-DCF/MCD)

2. Removal of encroachment from Babbar Khalsa area and construction of boundary wall:

The matter was discussed in the light of order passed by Supreme Court on 22.2.96 & 13.3.96. It was pointed out by Dy. Conservator of Forests that there are some pakka houses within the area of proposed wall and these could have to be demolished and encroacher removed immediately. This may be done immediately after 27th of April as police is not available before that on account of election. In the meantime construction of wall should be completed at earliest possible.

(Action- GE I&F/DCF/ADMRR)

3. Taking over of surplus land from Hindu Rao Hospital in ridge area:

The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 21.3.96 has directed the Ridge Management Board to take over 7.841 acres of surplus area and merge the same with the ridge. Since, the surrounding area is being managed by the DDA, it was decided that this area will also be taken over by DDA and managed by them. However, as directed by the court L&DO will also have to cancel the allotment

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to MCD and thereafter issue order handing over the same to DDA as has been done in the remaining part of the ridge. This is to be done by 30th April 1996. While these formalities may take some time. The DDA shall meantime immediately start preparations for planting in the area.

Chairman directed Commissioner MCD to comply with the orders of the court by taking necessary action within one week, the Board shall thereafter be informed of action taken

(Action-DDA/MCD/L&DO/
DCF)

4. Fencing & Planting of area vacated by Marble dealers:

The issue was discussed in the light of Hon'ble Supreme court's order dated 3.4.96. The Ridge Management Board is requested to undertake fencing and planting work in the area. It was pointed out by Shri Jain, Consultant DDA that the land belongs to private individuals and as such it may not be possible to fence and plant the area. It was thereafter decided that fencing work will be undertaken by the MCD. Commissioner MCD assured in the meeting of 25.4.96 that the work of fencing the area will be started within two days positively.

(Action-MCD)

5. Construction of Boundary Pillars at Delhi-Haryana Border:

Mr. R.C. Dhawan, Survey of India (Air) informed that the inter state boundary of Delhi and Haryana has been finally marked and they have written to Dy. Commissioner, Delhi for construction of the boundary pillar/boundary wall. ADM (Revenue) informed the members that, they have already requested I&F Department to prepare the estimate, and further action could be taken only on receipt of the estimates. It was also informed by the Chief Engineer I&F, that estimate of phase-II of Asola Sanctuary, covering Bhatti portion, is under preparation and this could include the boundary wall at the Inter State border as well.


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ADM(R), Executive Engineer and Dy. Conservator of Forest could meet urgently to finalise the action plan, without further delay.

(Action:-ADM(R)/CE(I&F)/
DCF)

6. Dr. Chotey Singh, Director, CPWD pointed out that on the intervention of the Hon'ble High Court an access has been given to Manavsthali School through the Ridge. However, it has pointed out that Manavsthali School and Tytler School has encroached upon large chunks of Ridge area by converting it into parking area. It was also pointed out that these schools already have access from Rajinder Nagar side. It was decided that Dr. Chotey Singh will furnish the requisite Court order granting permission to the school authorities for use of the passage so that the mis-use of Ridge area by the school authorities can be curbed and, if need be, we may also request the Hon'ble Court to cancel the passage granted on the intervention of the Hon'ble High Court. Dr. Chotey Singh should immediately furnish the records so that further action can be taken in the matter.

(Action-Director(Hort.)/
CPWD/DCF)


(D.C.KHANDURI)
SECRETARY, RIDGE MANAGEMENT
BOARD