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To,

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

Sub: Minutes of the meeting held on 15.11.95.

Sir,

I enclose herewith minutes of the ^{meeting} Ridge Management
Board held on 15.11.95 for your kind information.

Yours faithfully,

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

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1. P.S. to Dev. Commissioner, Delhi.
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting of Ridge Management Board was held on 15.11.95 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman of the board. Following were present :-

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

Action taken on the decisions of last meeting were reviewed. The plan scheme "Preservation and maintenance of Ridge", circulated among the members, was discussed. The members appreciated the scheme and felt that this could be a good basis for developing a proper management plan. Addl. Commr. (AP) DDA suggested that before undertaking preparation of management plan, it will be necessary to prepare a basic map of the area, based on the aerial photography of 1993. The Chairman directed that we should get in touch with the Survey of India and initiate a dialogue for obtaining these maps. The Chairman was of the view that action will be taken to identify a consultant for preparation of the management plan. It was decided that a list of consultants for preparation of management plan may be obtained from Ministry of Environment & Forests and discussions may be held with a view to finalising the terms and conditions of Consultant and taking up the preparation of the management plan in hand.

While appreciating the plan scheme, Prof. Iqbal Khan, expressed his reservations on having additional posts for the Management of Ridge. The Chairman clarified that the posts were being proposed, as a part of overall restructuring of Forest Department in NCT of Delhi, and Management of Ridge will be one of the functions of the Forest Department.

Prof. Khan suggested that the members of the Board may be supplied with maps of the four ridge and the members should also undertake field visits to assess the obtaining situation on the ground. It was decided that Addl. Commr. (AP) DDA will supply eight sets of these maps to Secretary of the Board, who in turn will supply them to members and also fix the field visits accordingly.

The question of constructing boundary pillar, pending finalisation of boundaries by Forest Settlement Officer, was discussed in detail. Some members felt that this may not be possible, as the final boundaries may change. However, the Chairman directed that this aspect should also be examined by the members during their field visits and report made accordingly.

The Chairman reminded the members that foremost function of the Board was to see that the area vacated by the different land managing agencies, in pursuance of the Supreme Court order dated 05.05.95 was secured

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and was not allowed to be reoccupied. It was, therefore, decided that on the basis of affidavits submitted by the various land managing agencies, a list of encroachments removed will be prepared and field visits will be undertaken by the members to report the present condition of these vacated areas. In this connection, Dy. Conservator of Forests presented the photographs taken recently to find out the vacated area, which have been reoccupied after they were got vacated from encroachments. Director (Hort.), CPWD informed that the payment for re-settlement of the entitled jhuggi owners had been deposited with the Slum Department of MCD. The Chairman emphasised that mere payment will not solve the problem, but actual allotment of the land was necessary for getting the encroached land vacated.

The Chairman once again reminded the land managing agencies that they had to be vigilant and take action against any encroachment or reoccupation of the land.

The Chairman desired that after the members had undertaken the field visits, a meeting should be held in the first week of December.

To sum up, following decisions were taken :-

- (i) The Forest Department should get in touch with Survey of India for preparation of basic maps of the Ridge as per aerial photography of 1993.
- (ii) Eight sets of maps may be supplied by Addl. Commissioner (AP) DDA to Secretary of the Board

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who in turn will distribute them among the members and also organise field visits.

(iii) The Forest Department should get in touch with Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, for obtaining list of consultants and start a dialogue with them so as to identify/select a suitable Consultant and finalise the terms and conditions of consultancy.

(iv) Lists of the vacated areas should be prepared on the basis of affidavits submitted by different land managing agencies, and field visits of members should be organised to see the present status of re-occupation etc.

(v) Strict action should be taken to prevent encroachment or reoccupation.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
