

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD HELD ON 25.7.1996 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE OFFICE OF CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF NCT DELHI.

A meeting of Ridge Management Board was held on 25.7.1996 at 5.30 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT Delhi.

The list of the participant is annexed at Annexure-A, the following was discussed:-

1. Review the minutes of the meeting held on 16.6.1996:-

(1)(a) Fencing and planting of vacated area:

The progress of fencing and planting being done by various land managing agencies was discussed. The information in this regard was also furnished by CPWD and DDA. It was once again emphasized that maximum planting should be completed during the rainy season. The Secretary of the Ridge Management Board drew attention of the land managing agencies to the suggestion that the areas taken over recently by the Ridge Management Board from DWS&SD should also be taken up for planting immediately during this rainy season and plantation of all areas vacated earlier should be completed well before end of the monsoon season.

(b) Meat shop near Transport Authority:

Principal Commissioner DDA informed the meeting that they have appealed against the order of Forest Settlement Officer to the appellant authority and action will be taken in the matter, as per the decision of the appellant authority.

Action:DDA

(c) Encroachment by Mourice Nagar Police Station:

The question of regularisation or otherwise of the Mourice Nagar Police Station was discussed again and the need was felt to define the area for this purpose before undertaking the fencing around the area. Members were of the view that there is need to continue a police post at that point, but it should not

be allowed to develop into a full-fledged police station. The Chairman therefore directed, DDA to intimate the Ridge Management Board as to how much area can be earmarked for having the police post only, so that this could be discussed at the next meeting of the Board and action taken to cordon off the area.

Action:DDA

(d) Fencing near Mehrauli Village:

The report from the MCD, as desired in the last meeting, is still awaited. The Chairman directed that the submission of the report *be expedited.*

Action:MCD

The Secretary Ridge Management Board reported about the observations made during his visit to a temple in Sanjay Vana, where Chandra Swami conducted a Yaghya. While the DDA has demolished certain structures including the platform erected for performing the Yaghya, still it was not clear as to how much area of the land was with the temple and how much is the encroachment so that the work of fencing could be done by taking away the encroached area. DDA was therefore, requested to get the area demarcated and intimate the Ridge Management Board about the area legally owned by the temple and the additional area which has been encroached upon.

Action:DDA

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

The Development Commissioner apprised the Board of the action taken in this matter so far and further action that is being contemplated with the help of police and other departments to remove the encroachments in the area.

Action:DCF(WL)

iii. Taking over the Hindu Rao Hospital land:

The Secretary of the Board informed that the Contempt Notice issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this

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matter has been discharged on 24.7.1996.

iv. Fencing & planting of area vacated by Marble dealers:

Director(Hort.)MCD informed that the work of fencing has been awarded and construction work will start very soon. The Chairman expressed his unhappiness, as the work has been considerably overdelayed and directed Director (Hort.)MCD to submit the action taken report in this regard without delay.

Action:MCD

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

Supdt. Engineer, I&F department informed the Board about the progress made so far and the further plan of action that has been chalked out. The Chairman again emphasized that the executing agencies should also associate the revenue authorities from Haryana and Delhi, so that there is no complication at a later date.

Action:EE,Div-V/DCF(WL)

vi. Closer of approach road to Tytler School from Ridge side:

It was informed by the Secretary that the papers required to be furnished by Director(Hort.)CPWD in this regard have been received. The Members were of the view that lot of damage is being done to the ridge by keeping this road open. The Chairman suggested that before we take up the matter with the Supreme Court, a Committee consisting of Secretary Ridge Management Board, an Engineer from CPWD and the DCP traffic may immediately look into the matter and report about the feasibility of closure this road.

Action:DCF

2. Taking over of the surplus land from DWS&SD:

The Addl. Commissioner(Water)&Secretary Ridge Management Board informed the action taken in this regard. In this context the inspection

report prepared by Sh. Mahajan & Sh. Mathur was discussed in detail. The view that Ridge Management Board functions through the various land managing agencies was fully supported by the members. Chairman directed the Secretary to brief the counsel of NCT of Delhi to adhere to this position as the Ridge Management Board has no field functionaries. It can carryout and implement the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court through the land managing agencies. It was also decided that the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court be obtained with regard to the shortcomings pointed out in the report regarding removal of structure and debris.

3. Taking over the Gaon Sabha Land :

DCF(WL) informed about the progress made so far in this regard and the difficulties that are being faced. The Chairman noted that the progress is very slow and instructed the concerned departments particularly revenue authorities to expedite the demarcation so that the handing over/taking over is completed without delay.

Action:ADM(R),DCF(WL)

4. Difficulty being faced by Director(Hort)in getting the funds for planting the vacated area:

Director (Hort.)C.P.W.D. stated the difficulties being faced by him in getting the funds from the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment for fencing and raising plantation. Secretary, of the Board intimated that he has scrutinised the Estimate prepared by the Director (Hort.)CPWD and given his reaction. Members felt that any delay in sanctioning the funds will adversely effect the progress of the fencing and planting work. The Chairman, therefore, desired that the matter be again taken up with the Ministry to release the adequate funds, without further loss of time, so that the work of plantation is completed during the current monsoon season itself.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
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