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MINUTES OF THE RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE CONFERENCE
HALL OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY GNCTD. R. NARAYANASWAMI
ON 28TH DECEMBER AT 1700 HRS

A meeting of the Ridge Management Board constituted under the order of the Hon'ble Apex Court was held under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Shri R. Narayanaswami, in his Conference Room, on 28th December, 2006 at 1700 hrs,. The meeting was attended by members of the Ridge Management Board as well as the Special invitees. The list of participants in the meeting is enclosed as Annexure-I.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi welcomed the participants and the following agenda points were taken up;

DISCUSSIONS ON AGENDA POINTS

Agenda Item # 01: Protection and Fencing of Central Ridge

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * The joint team lead by representative of L&DO Shri R.P. Sharma, CPWD (Dr. B.C.Katyal) and CF's Office (DCF's concerned) will submit the final report by 31st January, 2007.

(Action: L&DO/ CPWD/ Forest Department)

Agenda Item # 02: works at Mahavir vansthali

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * The Forest Department should take the legal process to its logical conclusion by filing an appeal before the second Appellate Authority i.e. L.G. of Delhi, if they are aggrieved with the orders of the first Appellate Authority i.e. Divisional Commissioner. The recommendations of the Lavraj Committee should also be taken into account while filing the appeal.

(Action: Forest Department/ CPWD)

Agenda Item # 03: Unauthorized construction in the Central Ridge near Dasghara village by DDA and large scale dumping of malba.

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Chairman, RMB directed that the DDA should create a check post for monitoring the right of way. The right of way should only be a pathway and not a motorable area. Instead of a boundary wall on both sides of the path way, a thick barbed wire fencing may be done.

(Action: DDA)

Agenda Item # 04: Shifting of colonies from Wild Life Sanctuary to alternative site

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- Savda Ghevda is an identified site for relocation of Sanjay colony. The facilities are being upgraded at this site and it is expected to be in operation by the time the school session commences in April, 2007. This matter is being separately reviewed by Chief Secretary, and as soon as the facilities are ready, this translocation will take place.

(Action: MCD)

Agenda Item # 05: Final notification of the Ridge

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- All cases pending with the FSO's must be completed by 31st Jan., 2007. The Task Force must meet on a weekly basis and complete the entire survey-cum-notification work by 31st March, 2007. The Conservator of Forest should take the lead and see that DDA and Survey of India along with Revenue Department, cooperate in this task and the final notification of the Ridge become a reality.

(Action: DDA/ Revenue/ Forest Department/ Survey of India)

Agenda Item # 06: Demarcation in disputed portion on inter State Delhi-Haryana Border

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- RMB directed that our Government Advocate should be adequately briefed by the Forest Department at an appropriate level, so that the vacation of the stay granted by Punjab & Haryana High court, is achieved expeditiously.

(Action: Forest Department/ Survey of India)

Agenda Item # 07: Status of encroachments on Southern Ridge Land

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * RMB directed that the balance portion of the Ridge area to be handed over to Forest Department, by the Revenue Department, should be expedited and completed by March, 2007.

(Action: Revenue/ Forest Department)

Agenda Item # 08: Proposal of MCD for using mining pits No. 2,6, 10 & 12 at Bhoffi Mines for sanitary land fill.

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * Secretary (Env.) and Additional Commissioner, MCD Shri Parimal Rai will do a joint survey and bring their findings before RMB for a final decision.

(Action: MCD/ Forest Department)

Agenda Item # 09: Setting up of Farmer's Market (Kissan haat) at Andheria More, Chhattarpur

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * This issue was deferred as there was no representative of DAMB despite notice being issued to them for the meeting.

(Action: DDA/ DAMB/ Revenue/ Forest Department)

Agenda Item # 10: Non-forest activities in Sanjay Van

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * Conservator of Forest and DDA should jointly inspect the area and give their findings about the entire issue relating to encroachment on this land to RMB. Secondly, DDA must provide alternate land for relocation of the cremation ground and the graveyards. It must also provide alternate land for the two schools run by the Education Department/MCD Department which can be shifted only after alternate facility for schooling at a reasonable distance is provided. DDA and Revenue Department should jointly enable alternate land for schooling purpose. All other structures should be removed by the DDA except those, which are actually necessary for maintenance of this area.

(Action: DDA/ MCD/ Revenue Department/Forest Department/
Education Department)

Agenda Item # 11: Proposal of the Dy. Commissioner South to allot land areas in Garhi Mandu area for DTDC

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In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * Joint survey should be done by the Revenue Department and the concerned DCF so that the demarcation is completed by January 15, 2007.

(Action: Revenue Department/ Forest Department)

Agenda Item # 12: removal of unauthorized structures from the Ridge area in Nankpura and raising of Compensatory Afforestation as per the direction of the Apex Court:

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed,

- * The concerned DCF to procure the original copy of the Hon'ble High Court's order and the submission made by DDA, to ascertain the actual area of the land. Simultaneously, DDA to ensure that 4.5 acres of land under encroachment is taken up for compensatory afforestation, either by removal of encroachment or by provision of alternate land for this purpose.

(Action: DDA/ Forest Department)

Agenda Item # 13: Submission of Action Taken Report to the Monitoring Committee constituted by the Hon'ble High Court

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * It was informed in the meeting that, the Action Taken Reports are being regularly submitted.

(Action: Forest Department)

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item # 1: Approach to Shamshan Bhoomi of village Ber Sarai, in Sanjay Van:

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * RMB did not agree to a path way to the cremation ground but instead directed DDA to find alternate land for this purpose.

(Action: DDA)

Agenda Item # 2: Construction of Bridge at Neela Hauz Pond:

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * This item was deferred because the factual position with regard to the previous High court orders and whether there was a stay, was not clear. Both the concerned DCF and PWD should submit the documents so that the legal status of the issue becomes clear. The concerned DCF should also make an accurate video presentation to the RMB next time, clearly showing the existence of the water body, the Ridge and alignment of the bridge proposed by PWD.

(Action: PWD/ Forest Department)

Agenda Item # 3: Tree felling permission for 2950 trees between the Qutabminar - Gurgaon sector required by the DMRC:

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * This item be deferred since Chief Secretary desired to discuss this matter with MD, DMRC.

(Action: DMRC/ Forest Department)

Agenda Item # 4: Mapping of Water Bodies In Ridge Land:

In the matter, the Chief Secretary directed that,

- * An additional point was brought by NGO Kalpvriksh about mapping of all existing water bodies on the Ridge. RMB directed that the Forest Department in collaboration with Kalpvriksh NGO could do a survey in all the four portions of the Ridge by the concerned DCFs, so that correct data on these water bodies is available, and these water bodies can then be improved upon as a viable water source in the area.

(Action: Kalpvriksh/ forest Department)

The meeting ended with the thanks to the Chair.

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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD
MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE HALL OF CHIEF SECRETARY,
GNCTD AND CHAIRMAN, RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD ON 28
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