

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

No. F.11(26)/PA/DCF/95/383-98

Dated: 20/6/96

To

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 S.K.Sharma,
PC, DDA, Vikas Sadan,
New Delhi.
5. Shri G.S.Patnaik,
Dy. Commissioner,
Tis Hazari, Delhi.
6. Shri R.K.Jhingen,
Director landscape,
Vikas Minar, New Delhi.
7. Shri X.K.Mehto,
ADM(R), Tis Hazari,
Delhi.
8. Shri Akashey Kumar,
Prakarti,
Centre for Environmental Protection
and Development,
No.9, Vishwa Apartments,
No.3, Shankracharya Marg,
Delhi-54.
9. Shri L.D.Gengotra,
L&DO Ministry of Urban Affairs
and Employment,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. Shri D.P.Singh,
Director,
Rouse Avenue, Delhi.
11. Shri Chhotey Singh,
Director(Horticulture),
C.P.W.D.
IInd Floor, Y-Shape Building,
New Delhi.
12. Shri O.P.Sharma,
Chief Engineer, I&F,
ISBT Delhi.
13. Shri N.R.Ashawni,
SE(SDC-II) I&F,
14. Shri Parash Ram,
Executive Engineer,
Div-V, Shad-ul-Ajab, New Delhi.

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15. Dy. Conservator of Forest-II (WL)
Govt. of NCT Delhi.

Sir,

I enclose herewith the minutes of the Ridge Management Board meeting held on 11.6.1996 in the chamber of Chief Secretary, NCT of Delhi, for information and further necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,



(D.C. KHANDURI)
DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD
HELD ON 11.6.1996 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE CHAMBER OF
CHIEF SECRETARY GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI.

A meeting of Ridge Management Board held on 11.6.1996 at 5.30 P.M. in the chamber of Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi. The list of the participant is annexed at Annexure 'A'.

The following was discussed:-

1. Review of the minutes of the meeting held on 16th April, 1996.

(i) Fencing and Planting of vacated area:

The Chairman reviewed the progress of fencing and planting of the vacated area and directed the various land managing agencies to send the progress in the proforma prescribed in last meeting. The upto date progress submitted by DDA & CPWD is annexed at Annexure 'B' & 'C' to these minutes. The Chairman once again emphasized that the fencing must be completed. The secretary of the Board drew the attention of the land managing agencies that while fencing operation is in progress, planting should also be taken up on priority basis, as rainy season is approaching fast, and the board will have to report to the Hon'ble Supreme Court, on progress of planting as well.

Sh. Akshay Kumar, as NGO member, while appreciating the good work of fencing being done, particularly, on the Central Ridge, drew the attention of the Board regarding the debris being dumped between the road and the fencing. The Chairman decided that letters in this regard will be written to Commissioner, MCD and Police Commissioner Delhi.

(Action:-DDA/MCD/CPWD)

(ii) Meat shop near Transport Authority:

The members appreciated the steps taken to close the road originating near Transport Authority Building. However, it was pointed out that on

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the pretext of stay granted by the Forest Settlement Officer to Atta Chakki, a meat shop is still functioning from that point. The Chairman directed that the DDA authorities will ensure that the meat shop does not operate from the area where stay has been granted to a Atta Chakki owner. The issue of giving alternate site to Atta Chakki owner, as ordered by Forest Settlement Officer, was also discussed. Some members were of the opinion that since the licence has been given by the MCD, the land is to be made available by them; while the others felt that after eviction the land, will come under the charge of DDA, and therefore, DDA should give the alternate site. The Chairman directed that the DDA should consider the case, as submitted by the field officer of DDA and take immediate decision and communicate the same to the Board.

(Action:-MCD/DDA)

(iii) Encroachment by Maurice Nagar Police Station:

The Chairman expressed unhappiness on the fact that desired information has not been supplied. Addl. Commissioner, DDA promised that he will look into it and send a detailed report to the Board immediately.

(Action:-DDA)

(iv) Closure of road leading of Buli Bhatiyari and Lovers Land:-

Director(Hort.)MCD informed that the closure of road leading to Buli Bhatiyari is being taken as desired in the last meeting. As regards the closure of Lovers Lane the members were of the view that it served as a diversion when there was heavy traffic on Shanker Road. It was also brought to the notice of the Board that the Supreme Court has not issued any order about the closure of this road. It was therefore, decided that for the present closure of Lovers Lane may not be taken up. However, MCD will report regarding the action taken to close the road leading to Buli Bhatiyari.

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(v) Fencing of Near Mehrouli Village:

It was informed that the Chairman himself had visited the ward No.3 of Mehrouli Village, which required demolition of the houses on encroached area and subsequent fencing. Accordingly, demolition was recently carried out. It was suggested by Director (Hort.) MCD and Shri Akshay Kumar, that for effective fencing the road leading to these unauthorised colonies need to be closed. This suggestion was agreed to. The Chairman further directed that the fencing of the area should be completed by 20th June, and a report submitted to the Board.

The related issue regarding fencing of the temple, where Chandra Shawami had conducted the Yaghya. The members were of the view that the area was not being fenced properly by DDA. Chairman directed the Secretary of the Board to inspect the temple area and submitted a report to him immediately.

(Action: -MCD/DCF)

(ii) Removal of encroachment from Babbar Khalsa area and construction of boundary wall:

The action required to be taken for removal of encroachment from Babbar Khalsa area and construction of the boundary wall, order was discussed at length keeping in view the orders of the Supreme Court. There were divergent views as to how the demolition should be undertaken. Dy. Commissioner, Delhi felt that this action ^{may} lead to law and order problem. However, others members felt that in view of the orders of Supreme Court there was no option but to remove the encroachment and construct the wall. It was, therefore, decided that before undertaking the demolition, a notice be given to the encroachers in the area, to vacate the encroached area, failing which the demolition action will be undertaken. The notice will be issued by the Forest Department.

(Action: -Forest Department)

(iii) Taking over of Hindu Rao Hospital:

The Secretary of the Board informed the action taken in this regard as also the removal of all the encroachments by MCD except the temple, for which Hon'ble Suprem

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Court is to be approached once again, as decided at the meeting taken by the Chief Minister Delhi on 14.5.96. The Secretary will file an affidavit in the Supreme Court in this regard.

(Action:-Secretary Ridge Management Board)

(iv) Fencing & Planting of area vacated by Marble dealers:

Director(Hort.)MCD informed that the area vacated by Marble dealer is being fenced but detailed report was not available. The Chairman directed that this should be completed within 4 days and report submitted accordingly. He also expressed his unhappiness as such unwarranted delay.

(Action:-MCD)

(v) Construction of Boundary Pillars at Delhi-Haryana Border:

ADM(R) informed the Board regarding the decision taken in the meeting taken by him with DCF, Executive Engineer and representation of Survey of India. It was further informed that money is to be made available by the Forest Department for construction of these pillars. It was intimated by the DCF that the allotment under the "Asola Wildlife Sanctuary" plan scheme has already been communicated to Executive Engineer, Div.V, and funds can be utilized from this scheme. The Chairman directed that this work should be taken up within 15 days. It was suggested by Dy. Commissioner, Delhi, that while fixing the boundary pillars, Dy. Commissioner, Faridabad and Revenue Staff of D.C.Delhi, be also associated with it. The suggestion was accepted.

(Action:-EE(I&F, Div.V/DCF(WL))

(vi) Closure of approach road to Tytler School from Ridge side:

The papers required to be furnished by Director (Hort.), CPWD in this regard have not been received. The Chairman directed Director(Hort.)CPWD to supply this information immediately.

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

In accordance with orders of Supreme Court order dated 1st May, 1996, the surplus land, as identified in the report of NEERI, is to be taken over by Ridge Management Board within 2 months. The Hon'ble Court had further directed the DWS&SD to remove the construction from surplus area and intimate Ridge Management Board for it being taken over. The letter from Addl. Commissioner (Water) dated 21.5.96 regarding taking over of such areas was discussed and it was decided that the surplus land at the following places will be taken over by the following land managing agencies from the DWS&SD:-

1.	Flag Staff Reservoir	DDA
2.	Ridge Road Reservoir	CPWD
3.	Palam Reservoir	CPWD
4.	Rajinder Nagar Reservoir	DDA
5.	Talkatora Reservoir	CPWD
6.	Bhuli Bhatiari complex	CPWD
7.	Ghitorni Complex	DDA

The above land managing agencies will also take all necessary steps in this regard immediately. It was emphasized by the Secretary that this handing over/taking over must be completed before 30th June, as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(Action:-DDA/CPWD &DWS&SD)

3. D.O. letter of Vice-Chairman DDA of 27th May, 1996 addressed to Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT Delhi.

The above letter of Vice-Chairman DDA, where in difficulties pertaining to the required land to be handed over in Ghitorni were described was discussed. Appreciating the problem of the DDA, the Board observed that at present there was no alternative but to take over the land as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. It was further suggested that the DDA make may submission to the Hon'ble Court regarding the difficulties in this regard, this matter would also be mentioned by the Secretary Ridge Management Board in his affidavit, while reporting the compliance regarding the taking over of the surplus land from water reservoir as directed in the Court order dated 1st May, 1996.

4. Taking over surplus land of Birla Mandir:

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The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 24.4.96 has directed the authorities of Birla Mandir to remove the construction over 7.5 acre land and hand it over to the Ridge Management Board. It has further directed that if the 25 pakka/semi pakka houses are not shifted, the Land & Development Officer will demolish the construction for handing over the vacant possession to Ridge Management Board. L&DO informed that the action is being taken as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court. It was further agreed that as and when the construction is demolished and the vacant land is to be handed over, the CPWD will take over the land on behalf of Ridge Management Board, fence it and thereafter raise necessary plantation on the area.

(Action:-L&DO/CPWD)

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

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(D.C.KHANDURI)
SECRETARY RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD