

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

No. 3397-3402

Dated: 2/11/95

To

1. Vice-Chairman,  
Delhi Development Authority,  
Vikas Sadan,  
New Delhi.
2. Finance Secretary,  
Govt. of NCT Delhi,  
3, 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.

Sub:- Minutes of the meeting Ridge Management Board held  
on 25.10.95 and notice for meeting to be held on  
15.11.95 at 3.00 P.M.

Sir,

I enclose herewith the minutes of the first meeting  
of Ridge Management Board held on 25.10.95 at 2.30 P.M.

I am also enclosing a copy of a plan scheme known as  
"preservation and Maintenance of Delhi Ridge."

The next date of meeting has been fixed on 15.11.95  
at 3.00 P.M. in the chamber of Chief Secretary, Govt. of  
Delhi.

Kindly make it convenient to attend the same.

Yours faithfully,

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

Dated: 2/11/95

No. 3396-3302

Copy alongwith copy of the minutes is forwarded to:-

1. Shri L.D.Ganotra, Engineering Officer, LEEO, Ministry  
of Urban Affairs & Employment, Nirman Bhawan, N.Delhi,  
with the request to kindly furnish the detail of  
such allotment made by LEEO at an early date, as  
decided in the meeting.
2. Shri P.C.Jain, Addl. Commissioner (AF), Vikas Minar,  
D.L.A., New Delhi.
3. P.S. to Development Commissioner, 5/9, Under Hill  
Road, Delhi-64.

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

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MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING  
OF RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD.

The first meeting of Ridge Management Board was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman of the Board in his chamber on 25.10.95 at 2.30 P.M.

Following were present:-

1. Mr. Dev Trivedi, Finance Secretary
2. Prof. I.H.Khan of ISEM
3. Sh. L.D.Ganotra, Engineering Officer, L&DO
4. Sh. P.C.Jain, Adnl. Commissioner (AP), D.D.A.
5. Sh. D.C.Khanduri, Dy. Conservator of Forests.

Welcoming the members at the first meeting of the Board, the chairman requested the members to express their views, so that the board could function in a meaningful way. He also clarified that the Board will work in accordance with the functions assigned to it, in the order constituting the board.

Since the Board can co-opt two members, it was decided that L&DO, from Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment and Director (Hort.), CPWD be co-opted as members. It was further directed by the chairman that the Director (Hort.), MCD be also asked to remain present at the time of meeting of Board.

The chairman wanted to know if any scheme for management of Ridge had been prepared. DCF informed that a plan scheme known as "Presentation and Maintenance of Ridge" was included in 8th Five Year Plan from 1994-95. The chairman desired that this scheme be circulated among the members before the next meeting so that it could be discussed and approved or amended, if need be, at the next meeting.

Protection of Ridge and construction of boundary pillars is another important function assigned to the board. This was discussed in the light of Supreme Court orders dated 10.10.95, in which the court had directed the Board to examine the feasibility of starting the fencing of the area without its being notified under section-20 of "Indian Forest Act". The chairman suggested that pending finalisation of boundaries by Forest Settlement Officer, it may be examined whether boundary pillars could be constructed on certain portions, where no claim had been filed and boundaries were quite clear and evident.

Preparation and execution of detailed plan for upgradation of the ridge in accordance with sound silviculture practices is another important function assigned to the Board. Desirability of having the detailed management plan to be followed for different land users was discussed. It was decided that the detailed management plan could be prepared on the basis of plan scheme already prepared. The chairman desired that this management plan should include the various actions that are required to be taken by the different land managing agencies.

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In response to the Supreme Court direction issued on 10.10.95 to make efforts to have the area under the possession of Govt. Officers/agencies vacated by negotiation, the chairman desired that a list of Govt. offices and agencies be submitted at the next meeting, so that further action in this regard could be taken. It was suggested that this list could be prepared on the basis of information given and affidavits filed by various agencies in the Supreme Court. The chairman also desired that to quantify the encroachment done by the various non-Govt. organisations, particularly schools, the occupied land be photographed, so that there was no further encroachment. The chairman directed that L&DO will give the details of all such allotments to DCF so that further action in the matter could be taken.

The chairman also desired that the detailed background note on the stand taken on the various issues, pertaining to ridge, be circulated among the members before next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board was fixed on 15.11.95 at 3.00 P.M. in the chamber of chairman.

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

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(D.C.KHANDURI) DCF  
SECRETARY, BOARD