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To

1. O.S.D. to Chief Secretary, Delhi Sachivalaya, New Delhi.
2. Vice Chairman,
Delhi Development Authority, Vikas Sadan, N. Delhi.
3. Finance Secretary,
Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Delhi Savhivalaya, New Delhi.
4. Divisional Commissioner,
Tis Hazari, Delhi
5. Development Commissioner,
5/9, Under Hill Road, Delhi.
6. Secretary (Env. & Forests)
Delhi Sachivalaya, New Delhi.
7. Prof. I.H.Khan,
Indian Society of Environmental Management, 177, Zakir Bagh,
Tower - II, Opp. Surya Hotel, Okhla Road, New Delhi - 25.
8. Mr. Akshay Kumar,
Prakrati, Center for Environmental protection,
No. 3, Shankaracharya Marg, Delhi - 54.
9. Land & Development Officer,
Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. Commissiner, MCD, Town Hall, New Delhi
11. Commissioner, Planning, DDA, Vikas Minar, New Delhi
12. Mr. Manjeet Singh, Addl. Commissioner, Slum & JJ Vikas Bhawan, New Delhi
13. Chief Engineer, CPWD, Nirman Bhawan, R.No. 216-A wing, New Delhi
14. Mr. Virendra Kumar, ADM(HQ) & Forest Settlement Officer, Tis Hazari, Delhi
15. Director(Hort), DDA(South), Vikas Minar, New Delhi

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16. Director(Hort),DDA(North), Vikas Minar,New Delhi
17. Director(Hort), CPWD, "Y" Shape Building, New Delhi
18. Director(Hort), MCD, Rouse Avenue, New Delhi.
19. All Dy. Conservator of Forests

Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find herewith the minutes of the meeting of the Ridge Management Board held on 24.10.2001 at 3:00 P.m. under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Delhi, at Delhi Sachivalaya, for your information & necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:a/a.



~~(MRS. ARCHANA SINGH)~~
DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Ridge Management Board held on 24.10.2001

The meeting of the Ridge Management Board was held on 24.10.2001 at 3 PM under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary. List of the officers who attended the meeting is annexed.

Decisions taken on the various agenda items discussed are as below -

① Protection & fencing of the Ridges:

Director, Horticulture, CPWD informed that the estimates for fencing Central Ridge have still not been approved by Govt. of India till date. Chief Secretary took serious note of undue delay on the part of CPWD in this matter. Conservator of Forests should immediately write to DGI, CPWD about this.

Conservator of Forests informed that the DC (South) has already given Sazra plan etc. to the officials of Survey of India to enable them to take up demarcation works in disputed portion of the inter-state boundary in Asola. DC (South) will soon be holding meeting with the DC (Faridabad) and concerned officials for fixing common reference points along the border which will then be given to Survey of India. Meanwhile, Conservator of Forests informed that he has been in touch with the standing counsel for approaching Supreme Court for directions to Haryana to stop mining activities and withdrawal of ground water from the areas along the boundary as these are affecting our Ridge and sanctuary adversely. The advocate has informed that he would be drafting the appeal shortly.

2. CWP No.2970/1999 and CM No.6409/1999-Satya Prakash Bagla Vs. MCD and DDA regarding land use on Khasra No. 285,village Ladha Sarai,Mehrauli :

DDA has now informed that they are not in a position to challenge the order of the FSO of 24.10.1997. In view of this FSO's order, Khasra No. 285 of Ladha Sarai is outside the Reserve Forests notified under Sec. 4 of Indian Forest Act 1927. The Ridge Management Board (RMB) has, therefore, opined that the matter is beyond the purview of the RMB. The Conservator of Forests was directed to inform the High Court accordingly since the next hearing is fixed for 22.11.2001 but the Ridge Management Board was directed to decide this issue by 30.10.2001.

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3. Shifting of three colonies from Wildlife Sanctuary to Jaunapur Project site :

Shri Manjit Singh, Additional Commissioner, Slum & JJ, MCD informed that new site in Qutabgarh is a Bhatta land and is low lying and ground water is saline. It has neither drainage nor electricity. Besides, there is high tension power line passing through the site. He suggested that since land acquisition proceedings in Bhawana are nearing completion, about 50 acres of land required for relocation of three colonies from Bhati could be earmarked for relocation there. CS directed the Development Commissioner to locate another suitable site, if possible, within a week. In case no suitable site is located, either Qutabgarh or Bhawana should be finalised. CS also directed the Additional Commissioner, S & JJ, to send a note in this regard.

4. Reconstruction of Dhalao by the M.C.D. at the Junction of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital Road and Shankar Road :

RMB approved reconstruction of old damaged Dhalao by the M.C.D., at the original site as it was earlier.

5. Shifting of Maurice Nagar Police Station:

RMB took serious note of delay on the part of DDA in finding out alternate site for relocation of Maurice Nagar Police station and Wireless station. It was decided that a letter may go from CS to VC, DDA in this regard.

6. Metro Rail Project from ISBT to Delhi University along Mall Road passing through Northern Ridge:

The Conservator of Forests informed that the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment & Forests had asked for certain information and these have been furnished to them in connection with the Ministry's approval for the proposal of the Metro Rail Project.

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7) **Survey of Southern Ridge in order to ascertain encroachments therein:**

Conservator of Forests informed that out of 14 villages notified in 1996, 9 villages have been surveyed and remaining 5 will be completed within a month. After the survey is complete the exact status of the land like encroachments, allotments, etc. in notified Khasra numbers in these villages will emerge. It was decided that the survey should be completed as early as possible and a consolidated report may be placed before the RMB's next meeting for taking a view.

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

List of Participants in the Ridge Management Board Meeting held on 24.10.2001.

Sl.No.	Name of the Official	Designation
1.	Sh. Ramesh Chandra	Pr. Secretary, Finance
2.	Sh. Rahul Khullar,	Development Commissioner
3.	Sh. G.S. Patnaik	Divisional Commissioner
4.	Smt. Naini Jayasheelan	Secretary (Env. & Forests)
5.	Sh. S.S. Garbyal	Conservator of Forests
6.	Sh. Manjit Singh	Addl Commissioner, Slum & JJ
7.	Sh. J.L. Dhingra	Chief Engineer
8.	Sh. R.S. Prashanth	Dy. Conservator of Forests (South)
9.	Sh. A.K. Shukla	Dy. Conservator of Forests (Central)
10.	Sh. Subhash Chandra	Dy. Conservator of Forests (West)
11.	Sh. Randhir Singh	Director (Hort.), (South), D.D.A.
12.	Sh. Virender Kumar	A.D.M. (H.q)
13.	Sh. D.P. Vera	S.E. Slum & JJ
14.	Sh. R.L. Singla	Building Officer, L & D.O
14.	Sh. C.L. Munshi	Chief Engineer, Slum & JJ
15.	Sh. I.M. Arora	S.E. (C.L.Z), M.C.D.
16.	Sh. A.K. Gupta	Director (Planning)
17.	Sh. D.P. Singh	Director (Hort.)
18.	Sh. R.N.S. Tyagi	Director (Hort.), C.P.W.D.
19.	Sh. S.C.S. Saini	Joint Director, (Hort.)- X