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on 5-10-2001

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10<sup>th</sup> October, 2001

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## **DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

*Draft minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Council of the DDA held on 5/10/2001 at 11:30 A.M. at Raj Niwas.*

Following were present:

### **PRESIDENT**

1. Shri Vijai Kapoor  
Lt. Governor, Delhi

### **MEMBERS**

- 1 Shri P K Hota  
Vice-Chairman, DDA.
- 2 Dr (Mrs) Anita Arya  
MP, Lok Sabha
- 3 Shri Tilak Raj Aggarwal  
Councillor, MCD
- 4 Shri Ajit Singh  
Councillor, MCD
- 5 Smt Leela Bisht  
Councillor, MCD
- 6 Shri J P Goel
- 7 Shri Chattar Singh
- 8 Shri Sunil Dev
- 9 Shri Rakesh Mehta  
Chairman, DTC
- 10 Mrs Veena Maitra  
D G (Defence Estate)  
Ministry of Defence
- 11 Shri K T Gurumukhi Addl Chief Planner, TCPO
- 12 Shri Niranjana Singh  
G M, PM, MTNL

### **COMMISSIONER-CUM-SECRETARY**

Shri V.M. Bansal

### **SPECIAL INVITEES**

1. Shri K P Laxmana Rao  
Finance Member, DDA
- 2 Shri R K Bhandari  
Engineer Member, DDA

- 3 Smt. B. Prasad  
Secretary to LG
- 4 Shri B.K. Gaur  
Member (Plg.) CEA
- 5 Shri Anand Mohan Sharan  
Commissioner (LD)
- 6 Shri R K Singh  
Chief Vigilance Officer
- 7 Shri S K Tandon  
Chief Legal Advisor
- 8 Vijay Risbud  
Commissioner (Planning)
- 9 Shri D B Gupta  
Commissioner (H)
- 10 Shri Parimal Rai  
Commissioner (LM)-I
- 11 Shri U S Jolly  
Commissioner (LM)-II
- 12 Shri C L Aggarwal  
Chief Architect
- 13 Shri Alok Swarup  
OSD to LG
- 14 Shri S P Rustogi  
Chief Engineer (HQ)
- 15 Shri S K Goyal  
FA (H)
- 16 Shri Chander Ballabh  
Addl Commissioner (MPPR)/Planning
- 17 Shri N K Aggarwal  
Addl Commr. (AP)
- 18 Shri B K Jain  
Director (MPD) 2021
- 19 Shri Kuldeep Raj  
Director (AP-IV)
- 20 Shri V D Dewan  
Addl. Chief Architect
- 21 Shri D Sarkar  
Director (Sports)
- 22 Shri Atul Rai  
Director (LC)
- 23 Shri M L Mahajan  
AGM (L), MTNL

**Draft minutes of the meeting of the DDA's Advisory Council held on 5/10/2001 at 11.30 a.m. at Raj Niwas.**

The President welcomed the Members.

**ITEM NO.1/AC/2001**

***Sub: Confirmation of the draft minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Council of DDA held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2000.  
F.1(2)2001/AC/DDA.***

Minutes of the Advisory Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 were confirmed, as circulated.

**ITEM NO. 2/AC/2001**

***Sub: Audio-Visual Presentation on Master Plan Delhi- 2001.***

Commissioner (Planning) made a brief presentation on the new challenges and planning imperatives for the MPD-2021. The proposals were discussed in detail. It was decided that a copy of the presentation be sent to the Members for further advice.

a] The President pointed out that the time was running out and the final plan document should now be put up without further delay. He reminded that the Plan proposals should be realistic, and in time with the emerging requirements; the MPD-2021 should be a Flexible document with emphasis on "permissiveness" rather than <sup>on</sup> "restrictiveness".

b] The President advised that "sub-plans" should be prepared on infrastructural needs of the city, viz., Electricity, Water-Supply, Sewerage, Transport, Telecommunication & Information Technology, Education, Health, Environment etc., in consultation with the study groups specifically constituted for the purpose by the concerned departments of the Government.

c] The President advised that there should be separate Chapters on different subjects in the Master Plan and the first Chapter should be general in

nature taking entire Delhi in its ambit, with "Land Pooling" as the main approach rather than Large Scale Acquisition. This Chapter should also contain specific guidelines for integrating the village level development plans with the City's Master Plan.

d] The President pointed out that there should be separate Chapters on 'Flexible Land Uses' as also on 'Employment Planning' in the next 20 years, making necessary provision for related services like Trade, Commerce, Industry etc. A separate Chapter should be dedicated to Redevelopment which should include removing obstacles in redevelopment, encouraging individuals to take-up redevelopment activities - specially in the walled-city, DDA colonies and unauthorized colonies.

The President advised for a separate chapter in the Master Plan on the 'Environment', which should include subjects like green areas, quality of air/water etc. He suggested that intensive development should be planned along the Metro corridors/Express-way (if finalised) and there should be a separate chapter on this in the Master Plan along with an independent chapter on the Delhi's 'Heritage'. He advised that "strengthening of linkages with the NCR" was another important issue, which should be dealt with in an independent chapter, with another chapter on Sports & Entertainment in the Master Plan.

The President sought immediate finalisation of the MPD-2021 document, without any further delay.

ITEM NO. 3/AC/2001

Sub: *Conservation/Preservation of Heritage structures/buildings.*  
F.1(21)2001-MP.

Efforts made by the DDA in conservation and preservation of heritage structures/buildings were explained by the President. Shri Sunil Dev suggested that all major entrance roads to the City should be taken up for intensive beautification.

ITEM NO. 4/AC/2001

*Sub: Development of River Yamuna Front.  
F.1(21)2001-MP.*

The Council postponed discussion on this agenda item.

ITEM NO. 5/AC/2001

*Sub: Report on the follow-up action on the recommendations made by the  
Advisory Council in its meeting held on 13.11.2000.  
F.1(2)2001/AC/MC/DDA.*

The Council noted the follow up action on its previous recommendations.

**OTHER POINTS:**

- 1] Shri Sunil Dev pointed out that inspite of recommendations by the Advisory Council, children were not being permitted to play in the public parks. Shri Tilak Raj Aggarwal and Shri Ajit Singh suggested that such facilities should be restricted to identified areas and should not be permitted in ornamental parks.
- 2] Shri J.P. Goel sought early implementation of Vijay Kumar Malhotra Committee Report.
- 3] Shri J.P. Goel suggested that the residential areas where more than 70% units had been converted to industrial uses, should be regularized as industrial and necessary changes carried out in the Master Plan.
- 4] Shri J.P. Goel requested that all the natural ponds/johars should be identified and preserved for water-harvesting.
- 5] Shri J.P. Goel sought action against unauthorized structures on the old heritage wall along the ISBT, which had been broken at a number of places by some transport companies. The President asked the Engineer Member to take necessary action in the matter.

- 6] Shri Tilak Raj Aggarwal requested for early construction of an under-pass near Shastri Park because of long traffic jams in the area.
- 7] Shri Tilak Raj Aggarwal suggested separate water lines for supplying drinking water and raw water.
- 8] Smt. Leela Bisht requested for widening the Mehrauli-Badarpur Road. She pointed out that thickness of the road will not help ease traffic congestion and sought construction of a flyover near Khanpur and Devli villages.
- 9] The President agreed with the request of the members that Council's meetings should be held every quarter.

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

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DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
(COMMR. CUM. SECY'S OFFICE)

List of the agenda items to be discussed in the meeting of the Advisory Council <sup>of</sup> Delhi Development Authority fixed for 5th October, 2001 at 11.30 A.M. at Raj Niwas, Delhi.

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ITEM NO.  
1/AC/2001

SUB: Confirmation of the draft minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Council of DDA held on 13th November, 2000.

F.1(2)2001/AC/DDA

P R E C I S

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of Advisory Council of DDA held on 13th November, 2000 at Raj Niwas, Delhi. The minutes of the said meeting are appended at (Appendix 'A' Page No. 2 to 14 ).

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OFFICE OF COMMR-CUM-SECY

Subj: Draft minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Council of the Delhi Development Authority held on 13th November, 2000.

The meeting was presided over by Shri Vijai Kapoor, Lieutenant Governor, Delhi.

MEMBERS

- 1 Dr [Smt] Anita Arya  
MP [Lok Sabha]
- 2 Sh Avtar Singh Bhadana  
MP [Lok Sabha]
- 3 Sh Tilak Raj Aggarwal  
Councillor, MCD
- 4 Sh Dushyant Kumar Gautam  
Councillor, MCD
- 5 Smt Leela Bisht  
Councillor, MCD
- 6 Sh Ajit Singh  
Councillor, MCD
- 7 Shri J P Goel
- 8 Shri Sunil Dev
- 9 Mrs Veena Maitra  
DG [Defence Estates]  
Ministry of Defence
- 10 Shri Rakesh Mehta  
Chairman, DTC
- 11 Shri Niranjan Singh  
GM [PM], MTNL

COMMISSIONER-CUM-SECRETARY

Shri V M Bansal

DDA/OTHER OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING

- 1 Shri K P Lakshana Rao  
Finance Member, DDA

- 2 Shri R.K. Bhandari  
Engineer Member, DDA
- 3 Smt B Prasad  
Secretary to LG
- 4 Shri R K Singh  
Chief Vigilance Officer, DDA
- 5 Shri R C Chauhan  
Chief Accounts Officer, DDA
- 6 Shri Sharda Prasad  
Commissioner [LD], DDA
- 7 Shri D B Gupta  
Commissioner [Housing], DDA
- 8 Shri Arvind Kumar  
Commissioner [Personnel], DDA
- 9 Shri U S Jolly  
Commissioner [LM]-II, DDA
- 10 Shri Vijay Risbud  
Commissioner [Planning], DDA
- 11 Shri C L Aggarwal  
Chief Architect, DDA
- 12 Shri Suresh Mahta  
Chief Engineer [Dwarka], DDA
- 13 Shri A K Jain  
Addl Commissioner [Planning], DDA
- 14 Shri Arvind Kadyan  
Director [Vigilance], DDA
- 15 Shri B D Ram  
Director [Hort]/North, DDA
- 16 Shri Atul K Rai  
Director [LC], DDA
- 17 Shri K P Sharma  
Dy CLA, DDA
- 18 Shri H R Kapoor  
Joint Director [MC/C1], DDA

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Council of the Delhi Development Authority held on 13/11/2000

The LG thanked the Members for their valuable suggestions and hoped that they will continue to guide the Authority in future also.

ITEM NO. 5/AC/2000

Sub: Confirmation of the draft minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Council of DDA held on 10th April, 2000  
F.1[2]2000/AC/MC/DDA

Minutes of the Advisory Council meeting held on 10th April, 2000 were confirmed, as circulated.

ITEM NO. 6/AC/2000

Sub: Initiatives taken by the DDA for rain water harvesting.  
F.EM.4[2]198/Vol.II

The Engineer Member made an audio visual presentation explaining various initiatives taken by the DDA for harvesting the rain water and for meeting the growing demand of potable water in Delhi. He explained that:

- i] The rain water from the roofs, terraces, roads, parking areas and other hard paved surfaces will be collected in a network of storm water pipes and led to a central green area where it will be connected to a series of perforated pipes to allow the rainwater to percolate through the soil. This will recharge the ground water reserves and green the entire area. The network will also be connected to water soak pits in order to ensure rapid percolation of rain water. In

the event of a sudden cloudburst, the system will be connected to the drainage system through overflow pipes to avoid local flooding.

[iii] The Finance Member informed the Council that the Supreme Court in CWP No. 537/1992 had appointed a Committee comprising of Engineer Member DDA and Ms. Sunita Narain, <sup>a member of</sup> an NGO, under the Chairmanship of Finance Member, DDA for carrying out water harvesting schemes in DDA colonies like Vasant Kunj and the adjoining areas where the residents were facing acute water shortage. He informed that DDA had completed two projects of rain water harvesting in Vasant Kunj and Sanjay Van areas and the Monitoring-cum-Technical Committee will now formulate proposals for rain water harvesting for pockets B-1, D-3 and D-4 of Vasant Kunj because the residents' welfare associations had not been able to make any progress on their own. He informed that DDA had requested the Central Ground Water Board for preparing a scheme to use the existing storm water drainage system for these pockets and the two ponds existing along the Aruna Asaf Ali Road, for recharging the ground water.

The Advisory Council appreciated the efforts of the EM and the FM and desired that more public awareness should be created in the matter.

[iiii] On a suggestion by Shri Sunil Dev that rainwater harvesting and water conservation schemes being introduced by the DDA in Vasant Kunj/Alakhanda etc. should be introduced in the plotted housing societies like Maharani

Bagh, Vasant Vihar also, it was decided that DDA could provide technical know how to the residents' welfare associations/managements of the plotted housing societies, if they were willing to implement the schemes on their own.

Civil The LG accepted the suggestion of Mrs. Veena Maitra, Director General, Defence Estates, that the DDA should take up the rain water harvesting and water conservation schemes in the Delhi Cantonment, on payment by the Cantonment authorities.

II The LG informed the Advisory Council that the Bawana stretch was being taken up for rain water harvesting. He also informed that a lot of work had been done on water harvesting and greening the area in and around the Asola Wild Life Sanctuary where 15 check dams had been constructed by the Delhi Government. He requested Shri Avtar Singh Bhadana, Member of Parliament, to use his good offices with the Haryana Government in stopping the colonisation and mining activities in the adjoining areas of Haryana and in the Aravali ranges so that the entire area could be developed into a beautiful green lung.

b) The LG also informed that for adequate storage of rain water, the level of the Najafgarh drain in Delhi was proposed to be raised by one metre, but due to the lack of proper embankments on the Haryana portion of the drain the water level had initially been raised only by one feet, so that there is no flooding of villages in Haryana.

He sought the assistance of both the Members of Parliament for providing necessary embankments by the Haryana Government on its segment of the drain at the earliest, so that storage capacity of the drain in Delhi could be further augmented.

c) Shri J.P. Goel suggested that a survey should be conducted to identify the old jauhars in the villages so that these could be used for rain water harvesting. Smt. Leela Bisht and Shri Ajit Singh, pointed out that the open jauhars had become sullage collection points. They, however, also agreed with the view that the sullage openly flows in the lanes and by lanes of the villages where ever the jauhars had been closed.

d) All the members sought early steps for providing proper drainage facilities in the rural areas. Mrs. Leela Bisht pointed out that the MCD was not filling up the open jauhars on the pretext that the Lt. Governor had issued instructions to this effect, with the result that the jauhars had become open grounds for defecation and mosquito breeding. The Lt. Governor informed that he had not issued any such instructions and assured that he will take up the matter with the GNCTD, who had possibly issued these instructions. He agreed with the view that open jauhars should be filled up and properly developed and maintained as beautiful green areas so that the land is not encroached upon.



ITEM NO. 7/AC/2000

Sub: Town Planning Schemes - A more fair, equitable and democratic method for planned urban growth.  
F.Commr[Plg]/2000

The Lt. Governor sought recommendations of the Advisory Council on the different models of Land Pooling and Land Development in Delhi.

He explained that the scheme of Large Scale Acquisition and Disposal of Land, which was introduced in the 1960's needed a fresh look, under the changed urban scenario, specially because there was a long time gap between the notification of land, its possession by the DDA and its ultimate utilisation. He was of the view that such a long time lag was responsible for unauthorised encroachments and mushrooming of jhuggi clusters. Another drawback of this scheme was that the benefit of value addition/urbanisation of land did not accrue to the land owners because they were compensated at the book value of land, which led to litigation and provided incentive for illegal colonisation. He sought the Council's views so that DDA could frame a pragmatic and practical land acquisition and development policy for planned development of Delhi's 600 sq. kms of rural/agricultural land on its outskirts.

ii) Shri J.P. Goel was of the view that the Town Planning schemes of Maharashtra and Gujarat may not be suitable for Delhi because Delhi does not have sufficient percentage of agricultural land as in Maharashtra & Gujarat.

iii) Mrs. Veena Maitra, Director General (Defence Estates) welcomed the proposals and suggested that sufficient land should be earmarked for relocation of slum clusters under the proposed policy.

iv) Apprehensions were however expressed by the members that adoption of the proposed town planning schemes could result in increased pressure of encroachments on Gaon Sabha lands, further sub-division of the existing housing stock and increased litigation between the land owners and the Government agencies.

II After detailed discussions, the LG agreed with the view that the agenda proposals required in-depth examination. He asked the Commr.(Plg.) to furnish the details of the town planning schemes introduced in other States of the country to the members so that further meaningful discussions could be held in the matter.

ITEM NO. 6/AC/2000

Sub: Report on the follow-up action on the recommendations made by the Advisory Council of DDA in its meeting held on 10/4/2000  
F.1E21/2000/AC/MC/DDA

Noted.

OTHER POINTS :

i] Shri J.P. Goel expressed concern on the functioning of the DDA, specially in the light of recent raids by the CBI.

The LG informed that the new Commissioner (Housing) had detected irregularities in 122 files of the Housing

Department and all these cases had been referred by him to the anti-corruption department of the Delhi Police for investigation.

Regarding the CBI raids, the LG stressed on the need to cooperate with the CBI so that the corrupt and the guilty could be brought to book.

ii) The LG agreed with the suggestion of Shri Sunil Dev that the Green areas, the open parks and the DDA's Sports Complexes should be opened for use to the public at large, including the children. Dr. (Mrs.) Arya suggested that the public parks should be allowed for marriage purposes also.

iii) The Lt. Governor made it clear that play-field areas could not be earmarked for individual schools anymore and that such facilities should be put to common and optimum utilisation.

iv) In response to the request of Shri Tilak Raj Aggarwal for shifting the Police from the land under their unauthorised occupation in Kanti Nagar, the LG informed that the Police Department had already been allotted some alternate land and their remaining requirement will also be met very soon whereafter the Police would be made to vacate the existing site. He assured that the land thus vacated will be taken up for immediate development.

v) The Engineer Member informed Shri Tilak Raj Aggarwal that the 'Majnu ka Tilla' Transport Centre was proposed to

be shifted because the present site was required by the DMRC; no money could, therefore, be spent on carrying out further improvements in the existing Transport Centre.

vi) On the request of Shri Tilak Raj Aggarwal regarding the afforestation of the Yamuna Pushta, he was informed that the Forest Department was carrying out massive tree plantation on 150 acres of land.

vii) Shri Tilak Raj Aggarwal pointed out that the Trans-Yamuna area faced a number of developmental problems and senior officers of DDA should have detailed interaction with the members of the Advisory Council who represent the Trans-Yamuna areas.

viii) Shri Aggarwal requested for construction of a Transport Centre near the Delhi Gurgaon border.

ix) Shri J P Goel and other non-official members sought LG's intervention and pointed out that the complaints made to senior officers were being invariably passed on to the junior functionaries and to the persons complained against.

The LG assured that necessary measures shall be taken in the matter.

x) Shri Ajit Singh sought immediate action against the staff for continuing illegal constructions in Dilshad Colony. He pointed out that there were massive violations of building bye-laws and most of the premises in the area had been constructed beyond the permissible limits in connivance with the DDA staff. He requested for fresh

inspection of all the built up plots which were still under the jurisdiction of the DDA and strict action in all the cases.

He also drew the attention of the Council to the extensive ongoing illegal construction on plot no. D-255, alleging that commercial shops were being constructed on this residential plot. He also sought penal action on the residential plots in C-Block, Dilshad Garden where shops were being unauthorisedly constructed at the front and a large number of flats at the rear. He pointed out that he had been regularly making complaints against these illegal constructions and encroachments to Shri U S Jolly and he had personally also apprised Shri Jolly of these details, but there has been no action in the matter. The LG asked Shri U.S. Jolly, Commissioner (LM)-II to immediately look into these cases and asked the Commr. [Planning] to expedite denotification of the area.

Shri Ajit Singh also sought similar action on the property belonging to Zulf-e-Bengal situated at the G.T. Road, Dilshad Garden where a number of unauthorised structures were allegedly coming up on about 5 to 6 acres of open land.

xi) Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam drew the attention of the LG to the problems being faced by the elected representatives in identifying the ownership of the properties under encroachment. He suggested that unauthorised encroachments on the Government land could be

checked if the land owning agencies were easily identifiable. The LG told him that the District Task Force should be contacted in such matters.

xii) Shri Gautam also pointed out that the public land in Basant Gaon, which had been recently cleared of 'unauthorised construction material shops' was being re-encroached upon with the help of the Police.

xiii) Dr (Mrs) Anita Arya and Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam sought LG's intervention in timely disposal of the freehold applications and the mutation cases.

Commissioner (Housing) and Commissioner (LD) explained the details of the measures introduced by them in clearing the backlog and informed that most of the cases of direct allottees had already been disposed of.

b) The LG asked the Commr. (LD) and the Commr. (Housing) to put up a detailed note on the subject in the next meeting of the Advisory Council.

xiv) The LG welcomed the suggestion of Dr. (Mrs.) Anita Arya that commercial properties should also be converted to freehold. The Commissioner (LD) informed that allotment of shops was now being done on freehold basis.

xv) Mrs. Leela Bisht sought LG's intervention for immediate measures to ease the traffic congestion on the Mehrauli-Badarapur Road. The LG informed that he had already

sanctioned a project in this area which will result in a lot of improvement in the near future.

xvii) Shri Avtar Singh Bhadana suggested that the Mehrauli-Fatehpur-Faridabad road should be immediately repaired so that direct traffic flowing from Mehrauli to Faridabad could use this road, thus easing traffic on the existing highway.

The LG welcomed this suggestion and asked the Engineer Member and Commissioner (Planning) to put-up a detailed report in the matter.

xvii) Commissioner (Planning) was asked to put up the details of the Express-Way proposals in the next meeting of the Advisory Council.

xviii) The Lt. Governor advised the members to get in touch with the Commissioner-Cum-Secretary whenever they wanted to discuss any specific issues with the senior officers of the DDA.

The LG agreed with the suggestion that the Advisory Council meetings should be held quarterly.

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

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ITEM NO.  
2/AC/2001

**Audio-Visual Presentation on Master  
Plan Delhi-2021.**



Item No.  
3/AC/2001

Sub: Conservation/Preservation of Heritage structures/  
building.

F.1(21)2001-MP/

P R E C I S

1.0 Background:

There are just over 1200 heritage components and 25 conservation areas have been identified and listed in INTACH/DDA listing 1996-97.

In spite of it, a significant portion of Delhi's Heritage buildings fall within DDA zones A, C, D and F, bounded by river Yamuna on the east and the Ridge on the west. Over 40% of these buildings fall within the urbanized villages where development is not controlled by planning laws & regulations. The Lal-Dora policy framed much earlier to protect the village fields from being built upon, has worked to the detriment of monuments in rural pockets, which have been urbanized, at a rapid pace. Some structures are under protection of ASI while 80% of these are under the ownership of govt.agencies/public trusts or privately owned, which are more prone to demolition and rebuilding as a result of economic thrust. Apart from this built heritage, there are diverse natural heritage such as ridges, gardens and water-bodies, which also are integral part of the historic fabric of Delhi's past and the envisaged future.

2.0 Master Plan Provisions:

As per Delhi Master Plan-2001 five historically significant areas have been designated as Controlled Conservation Areas.

1. Walled City of Delhi,
2. Central Vista,
3. Nizamuddin,
4. Area near Qutub (presently being identified as Mehrauli Heritage Zone)
5. Area near Vijay Mandal.

3.0 DDA's Endeavour:

DDA has been making concerted efforts to ensure upkeep and proper maintenance of buildings of heritage value.

3.1 An awareness program is initiated by instituting awards-*DDA Urban Heritage Awards* (since 1993) to the buildings, which reflect the architectural images, social values and traditions of its time. Till now 27 buildings have been recognized under these awards.

3.2 Further, with a view to safeguard the built and natural heritage of Delhi through collaborative efforts of all concerned, Delhi Heritage Foundation (DUHF) has been set up by DDA, in exercise of its power under Sec.5-A of Delhi Development Act, under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt.Governor of Delhi

*Delhi Urban Heritage Foundation (DUHF)* has been constituted to promote the Conservation of Civic and Urban Heritage with following important Objectives/Functions:

- At3 (e) To promote reuse of old buildings for appropriate utilization.
- At3 (g) To provide assistance to individuals, institutions and NGO's in their effort To save all or in parts components of urban heritage.
- At3 (k) To prepare, examine and review the proposals and policies as related to Heritage.
- At5 (ii) To permit major alterations to heritage buildings or areas excluding those Which are under ASI, only in exceptional cases, without changing the Character, architectural/historical features of the building or areas.

3.3 In order to facilitate the Conservation and Protection of Cultural Resources a separate Heritage Regulations/ Guidelines have been framed and are in the process of incorporation in Master plan-2021.

#### 4.0 Proposal Outline:

*Delhi Development Authority aims to develop the heritage of the city thro' conservation, restoration, adaptation so as it weave it into the fabric of living community*  
This would involve:

- 4.1 Need to create a data bank of historic assets-proper mapping and documentation.
  - 4.2 A Cultural Resource Management Plan needs to be prepared keeping in view the interpretative, recreational and educational use.
  - 4.3 Create mechanisms for self-supporting conservation and preservation of the cultural resource.
  - 4.4 A city wide process to create community awareness about the need of conservation is to be initiated. Efforts must be made to make the movement of preservation and conservation of built heritage people's movement by involving each and every citizen right from a child to a grown up adult who shall then zealously guard it against any misuse or damage.
- "The above is placed for further advice of the Advisory Council."

**R E C O M M E N D A T I O N**

Item No.  
4/AC/2001

Sub: Development of River Yamuna Front.

F.1 (21) 2001-MP/

P R E C I S

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Yamuna is one of the most important natural features of Delhi and a source of major water supply to the city. It draws its water from the upper reaches of Yamunotry Glacier and traverses a distance of about 400 km. before joining river Ganga at Allahabad.
- 1.2 The River Yamuna in NCTD cuts through the city from the North to the South for a length of merely 50 kms. of which about 22 km. is within the urban stretch and the balance of about 28 km. in the rural stretch.
- 1.3 The total of about 9700 ha of land is situated in the designated River Bed defined by the existing marginal bund on the Eastern and Western side. The part of the Eastern Bank is within NCTD and also falls in the neighbouring state of U.P.

## 2.0 MASTER PLAN 2001 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 MPD-2001 has made recommendations with regard to development of land along river Yamuna, which are as follows:
  - 2.1.1 Ecological balance to be maintained : Delhi has two distinct natural features - The ridge and the River Yamuna.
  - 2.1.2 River Yamuna is to be made pollution free through various measures : On the big expanse of its banks, large recreational areas are to be developed and is to be integrated with other Urban Developments so that the River is an integral part of the city - physically and visulally.
  - 2.1.3 Channelisation of River Yamuna : River in the major metropolitan cities of the world like Thames in London and Seine in Paris have been channelised providing unlimited opportunities to develop the river fronts. After the results of the model studies for the Channelisation the River Yamuna become available, development of river front should be taken up, considering all the ecological and scientific aspects, as a project of special significance for the city.
- 2.2 Besides, MPD-2001 Plan other various plans prepared like MPD-62, DUAC Conceptual Plan-2001, Steering Committee on review of MPD-2001 etc. also have recommended the utilisation of lands along River Bank of Yamuna after suitable Management/channelisation.

### 3.0 STUDY FOR CHANNELISATION OF RIVER YAMUNA

- 3.1 For this purpose DDA had assigned Hydraulic Model Studies for channelisation of River Yamuna in Delhi to CWPRS, Pune who submitted a Technical Report No.3060 to Delhi Development Authority in May, 1993.
- 3.2 DDA has been giving serious thought to prepare a comprehensive Environmental Management Plan for River Yamuna through these studies.

### 4.0 OTHER DECISIONS

- 4.1 The Ministry of Environment and Forest have also worked out Yamuna Action Plan for the purpose of pollution abatement etc. for river Yamuna within the reach of Delhi.
- 4.2 The Delhi Development Authority in the year 1995 formulated a Ph.I scheme for an area measuring 490 ha comprising of 3 pockets i.e. Pkt.I, II and III, an area of 50 ha, 180 ha and 260 ha respectively. While considering the scheme the Authority vide its resolution No.115 of 1995 (Ref. Annex.II) resolved as under:
  - 4.2.1 Presentation of the scheme be also made before the Ministry of Environment & Forests for possible funding by the Govt. of India under Yamuna Action Plan, specially with reference to the river bund and boulevard.
  - 4.2.2 Planning activity for spiritual park, hotels, & convention centre be immediately be taken up after consultation with the Ministry alongwith action in parallel for completion of procedural formalities relating to the change in land use etc.
  - 4.2.3 International competition be invited after receipt of necessary clearance from the Ministry.
  - 4.2.4 Requirement of land for convention centre can be met within Pkt.2.
  - 4.2.5 Requirement of land for allotment to "Bochasanwasi Akshar Pushottam Sansthan" can be met within Pkt.3 based on the detail plans to be prepared and processing the change of land uses wherever required on the basis of the details plans, seeking the approval of concerned agencies like CWC, DUAC etc. if necessary.
- 4.3.1 The Central Water Commission/Yamuna Committee Govt. of India considered the proposal of channelisation in its 56<sup>th</sup> meeting, however, the clearance was given only for Pkt.III measuring 260 ha. The proposal of Pkt.I and II is still under consideration with the CWC.

- 4.3.2 The gazettee notification inviting objections/suggestions for the proposed change of land use under section 11 'A' was published on 23.6.97. A total of 3 objections/suggestions were received with regard to the said notification.
- 4.3.3 As decided in the authority the initial environmental examination study for the entire Yamuna basin was given to NEERI, the authority also agreed to allow change of land use for 35 ha. of the land, subject to environmental clearance by the designated authority i.e. NEERI. The authority vide its resolution No.170/97 further decided to have a time bound environmental impact study separately conducted for this pocket within 3 months from NEERI. Till then the allotment of land should not be made.
- 4.3.4 In accordance with the authority resolution no.170/97 dtd. 23.12.97, study of environmental impact assessment was given to NEERI and NEERI has submitted its report on 'Initial Environmentally Examination of Development Plan in River Yamuna Stretch between New Railway Bridge and ILFS Bridge, in June, 1999.
- 4.3.5 MOUA&E vide its notification no.K-20013/21/193-DDIB dated 21.9.1999 made the modification in the Master Plan in the form of change of land use of 42.5 ha. of land from Agricultural and Water body to Public and Semi Public.
- 4.3.6 A proposal for a Cricket and a football stadium complex in approximately 85 ha. land near Delhi NOIDA Toll Bridge has been submitted to Hon'ble LG for consideration.

#### 4.4 Zonal Development Plan:

Zonal Development Plan for River Yamuna area Zone 'O' and Part Zone 'P' was considered in the technical committee meeting held on 7.4.98 wherein a decision was taken to obtain the observation of Deptts. like Land and Bldg., GNCTD, I&F Deptt., GNCTD, CWC, NCRPB, MCD, TCPO, L&DO and NDMC etc. After receiving the comments from all these Deptts., the case will be put up to the Technical Committee and Authority. The thrust of the preparation of the Zonal Development Plan is on the following :

- i) Water Supply Augmentation
- ii) Pollution Abatement
- iii) Land Utilisation/Management
- iv) Eco Friendly Development

#### 5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

In pursuance of the Authority Decision DDA approached NEERI to undertake the preparation of Environmental Management Plan for the river Yamuna falling in GNCTD keeping in view the objectives cited above in the Master Plan-2001 and Draft Zonal Development Plan:

- 5.1 To study the degree of existing environmental degradation taking place, its causes and projected impact if Environmental Plan is not formulated/implemented.
- 5.2 To prepare an Environmental Management Plan which could recommend the following:
  - 5.2.1 Short term physical and management measures required to be initiated to mitigate/arrest the existing environmental degradation.
  - 5.2.2 Long term measures to arrest the environmental degradation.
  - 5.2.3 Impact of approved plan of Phase-I within framework of the Overall Environmental Plan and modifications or the corrective measures required to be taken therein.
  - 5.2.4 Nature and Sensitivity of uses/activities (along with their specific location) that may be permitted in the study area. The details of support infrastructure for such uses/activities should also be indicated.
- 5.3 Draft report of NEERI for the total of 50 km. stretch of River Yamuna in the NCTD has been received in March 2000 is being considered/examined by a committee of experts.

#### 6.0 GENERAL GUIDE LINES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RIVER BED

Through the results obtained from ground level survey and hydrodynamic simulations, it has been established that:

- a. The stretch has lost in carrying capacity substantially due to long term sitting.
- b. The present width of the river is desirable for conveying maximum flow of 12.750 cusses to avoid flooding of adjoining flood plains.

Considering the plans for rejuvenation/management of such water body, following general guidelines are proposed:

- Sitting of the riverbed has diminished its carrying capacity, storage capacity and groundwater recharge potential. The loss of water through evaporation is becoming significant more and more. Accordingly, regular dredging is recommended particularly in the upstream of Wazirabad Barrage. Priority should be given to increase pondage near Wazirabad and Okhla Barrages. Large-scale sedimentation is evident from survey data at both these location. The silt should be taken out of the river bed.

- It is recognised that the flood plain of the river has been narrowed down and modified in the past at several stretches like those between Old Railway Bridge and Indra Prashtha Barrage, upstream

of Wazirabad Barrage and between Okhla Weir and Okhla Barrage. Unauthorized encroachment begins the unplanned development process, which must be checked at any cost. Unless de-silting is carried out, serious flooding can occur due to slow sedimentation taking place all along the riverbed over a long time.

For any of the proposed developmental activities on the riverbed, large volume of construction materials from outside should be not permitted. The riverbed slope towards the water channel should be maintained. Unless channelisation and subsequent dressing of river bed as proposed in this study is followed, no modification of topography (except minor leveling using soil from the riverbed itself) should be permitted.

Dense afforestation should not be developed in any stretch of the riverbed. Trees having high rates of transpiration like eucalyptus should be avoided.

Until the river water quality is improved to the designated standard, access/approach to the water channel may be discouraged.

No residential or industrial facilities requiring permanent structures should be provided on the riverbed.

Access roads shall be created at the riverbed level.

Modification of river bed topography and proposed channelisation should not be viewed in isolation. Topography may be modified as suggested in the report only after the channelisation of the river.

Direct passage of the opening between bridge to bridge in all the river stretches must not be blocked by any structure.

Effective Emergency Warning system and Evacuation Plan should be prepared for all modified land uses for each development.

Whatever development is carried out on the river bed, the authority responsible for such development must ensure proper solid and liquid waste management practices and in no case the waste shall be permitted to be discharged on the river bed.

**7.0 The matter is placed before the Advisory Council for consideration and advice.**

#### RECOMMENDATION

Item No.  
5/AC/2001

Sub: Report on the follow-up action on the recommendations made by the Advisory Council of DDA in its meeting held on 13.11.2000.

No.F.1(2)2001/AC/MC/DDA.

P R E C I S

On the basis of information furnished by heads of departments, a report on the follow-up action on the recommendations made by the Advisory Council of DDA in its meeting held on 13.11.2000 is submitted for kind information of the Council. The report is appended at Appendix 'A' ( Page No. 23 to 40 ).

RECOMMENDATION



REPORT OF THE FOLLOW UP ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATION  
MADE BY ADVISORY COUNCIL IN ITS MEETING HELD ON 13.11.2000.

Para/Item No.	Recommendation	Remarks
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6/AC/2000

Initiatives taken by the DDA for rain water harvesting.

The Engineer Member made an audio visual presentation explaining various initiatives taken by the DDA for harvesting the rain water and for meeting the growing demand of potable water in Delhi. He explained that,

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i) The rain water from the roofs, terraces roads, parking areas and other hard paved surfaces will be collected in a network of storm water pipes and led to a central green area where it will be connected to a series of perforated pipes to allow the rainwater to percolate through the soil. This will recharge the ground water reserves and green the entire area. The network will also be connected to water soak pits in order to ensure rapid percolation of rain water. In the event of a sudden cloudburst, the system will be connected to the drainage system through overflow pipes to avoid local flooding.

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ii) The Finance Member informed the Council that the Supreme Court in CWP No. 537/1992 had appointed a Committee comprising of Engineer Member DDA and Ms. Sunita Narain, a member of an NGO, under the Chairmanship of Finance Member, DDA for carrying out water harvesting schemes in DDA colonies like Vasant Kunj and the adjoining areas where the residents were facing acute water shortage. He informed that DDA had completed two projects of rain water harvesting in Vasant Kunj and Sanjay Van areas and the Monitoring-cum-Technical Committee will now, formulate proposals for rain water harvesting for pockets B-1, D-3 and D-4 of Vasant Kunj because the residents welfare associations had not been able to make any progress on their own. He informed that DDA had requested the Central Ground Water Board for preparing a scheme to use the existing storm water drainage system for these pockets and the two ponds existing along the Aruna Asaf Ali Road, for recharging the ground water..

The Advisory Council appreciated the efforts of the EM and the FM and desired that more public awareness should be created in the matter.

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iii) On a suggestion by Sh. Sunil Dev that rainwater harvesting and water conservation schemes being introduced by the DDA in Vasant Kunj/Alaknanda etc. should be introduced in the plotted housing societies like Maharani Bagh, Vasant Vihar also, it was decided that DDA could provide technical know how to the residents welfare associations/managements of the plotted housing societies, if they were willing to implement the schemes on their own.

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The technical know how for the water harvesting to the Residents Welfare Association/Management for the plotted housing societies will be considered/extended after their formal proposal is received by the DDA.

iv) The LG accepted the suggestion of Mrs. Veena Maltra, Director General, Defence Estate, that the DDA should take up the rain water harvesting and water conservation schemes in the Delhi Cantonment, on payment by the Cantonment authorities.

Action on this issue will be taken by DDA on receipt of the proposal from the Delhi Cantonment Authorities. On receipt of the proposal the modalities will be worked out and the scheme will be executed by DDA as a 'Deposit Work'.

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II) The LG informed the Advisory Council that the Bawana stretch was being taken up for rain water harvesting. He also informed that a lot of work had been done on water harvesting and greening the area in and around the Asola Wild Life Sanctuary where 15 check dams had been constructed by the Delhi Government. He requested Sh. Avtar Singh Bhadana, Member of Parliament, to use his good offices with the Haryana Govt. in stopping the colonisation and mining activities in the adjoining areas of Haryana and in the Aravali ranges so that the entire area could be developed into a beautiful green long.

b) The LG also informed that for adequate storage of rain water, the level of the Najafgarh drain in Delhi was proposed to be raised by one metre, but due to the lack of proper embankments on the Haryana portion of the drain the water level had initially been raised only by one feet, so that there is no flooding of villages in Haryana.

Pertains to GNCID.

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He sought the assistance of both the Members of Parliament for providing necessary embankments by the Haryana Government on its segment of the drain at the earliest, so that storage capacity of the drain in Delhi could be further augmented.

c) Shri J.P. Goel suggested that a survey should be conducted to identify the old jauhars in the villages so that these could be used for rain water harvesting. Smt. Leela Bisht and Shri Ajit Singh, pointed out that the open jauhars had become sullage collection points. They, however, also agreed with the view that the sullage openly flows in the lanes and by lanes of the villages where ever the jauhars had been closed.

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d) All the members sought early steps for providing proper drainage facilities in the rural areas Mrs. Leela Bisht pointed out that the MCD was not filling up the open jauhars on the pretext that the Lt. Governor had issued instructions to this effect, with the result that the jauhars had become open grounds for defecation and mosquito breeding. The Lt. Governor informed that he had not issued any such instruction and assured that he will take up the matter with the GKCID, who had possibly issued these instructions. He agreed with the view that open jauhars should be filled up and properly developed and maintained as beautiful green areas so that the land is not encroached upon.

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Town Planning Schemes  
A more fair, suitable  
and democratic method  
for planned urban  
growth.

F. Commr. (Plg.) 2000

The Lt. Governor sought recommendations of the Advisory Council on the different models of Land Pooling and Land Development in Delhi.

He explained that the scheme of Large Scale Acquisition and Disposal of land, which was introduced in the 1960's needed a fresh look, under the changed urban scenario, specially because there was a long time gap between the notification of land, its possession by the DDA and its ultimate utilisation. He was of the view that such a long time lag was responsible for unauthorised encroachments and mushrooming of juggi clusters. Another drawback of this scheme was that the benefit of value addition/urbanisation of land did not accrue to the land owners because they were compensated at the book value of land.

A presentation regarding this aspect  
was made by Commissioner (Plg.).

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which led to litigation and provided incentive for illegal colonisation. He sought the Council's views so that DDA could frame a pragmatic and practical land acquisition and development policy for planned development of Delhi's 600 Sq. Kms. of rural/agricultural land on its outskirts.

ii) Shri J.P.Goel was of the view that the Town Planning schemes of Maharashtra and Gujrat may not be suitable for Delhi because Delhi does not have sufficient percentage of agricultural land as in Maharashtra and Gujrat.

iii) Mrs. Veena Maitra, Director General (Defence Estates) welcomed the proposals and suggested that sufficient land should be earmarked for relocation of slum clusters under the proposed policy.

Efforts have been made from time to time by DDA to provide sufficient land for slums. The facts and figures in this regard are as follows.

Total and under JJ clusters:	1112 acres (As per GNCTD survey).
Land under DDA and under JJ clusters :	459 Acres
	1.77 lakh household;
	375 Clusters.

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iv) Apprehensions were however expressed by the members that adoption of the proposed town planning schemes could result in increased pressure of encroachments on Gaon Sabha lands, further sub-division of the existing housing stock and increased litigation between the land owners and the Government agencies.

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ii. After detailed discussions, the LG agreed with the view that the agenda proposals required in-depth examination. He asked the Commr. (Plg.) to furnish the details of the town planning schemes introduced in other States of the country to the members so that further meaningful discussions could be held in the matter.



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REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE OTHER POINTS RAISED BY  
THE MEMBER OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13.11.2000

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i) Shri J.P. Goel expressed concern on the functioning of the DDA, specially in the light of recent raids by the CBI.

The LG informed that the new Commissioner (Housing) had detected irregularities in 122 files of the housing Department and all these cases had been referred by him to the anti-corruption department of the Delhi Police for investigation.

Regarding the CBI raids, the LG stressed on the need to cooperate with the CBI so that the corrupt and the guilty could be brought to book.

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ii) The LG agreed with the suggestion of Shri Sunil Dev that the Green areas, the open parks and the DDA's sports Complexes should be opened for use to the public at large, including the children. Dr. (Mrs.) Arya suggested that the public parks should be allowed for marriage purposes also.

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DDA has developed sports infrastructure in the form of jogging/fitness trails, childrens' play areas, play fields, multigyms in green areas and sports complexes. Of these, all the facilities developed in the green areas are open to the public for use free of charge. The multigyms developed in green areas can be availed of by the public on payment of nominal charges. As far as the sports complexes are concerned, facilities can be availed of either on pay and play basis or by the members. However, special concessional rates can be availed of by school/collegestudents and Sr.Citizens. Concessional ground booking rates can also be availed of by schools.

iii) The Lt. Governor made it clear that play-field areas could not be earmarked for individual schools anymore and that such facilities should be put to common and optimum utilisation.

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iv) In response to the request of Shri Tilak Raj Aggarwal for shifting the Police from the land under their unauthorised occupation in Kanti Nagar, the LG informed that the Police Department had already been allotted some alternate land and their remaining requirement will also be met very soon whereafter the Police would be made to vacate the existing site. He assured that the land thus vacated will be taken up for immediate development.

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v) The Engineer Member informed Shri Tilak Raj Aggarwal that the Majnu Ka Tilla Transport Centre was proposed to be shifted because the present site was required by the DMRC; no money could therefore, be spent on carrying out further improvements in the existing Transport Centre.

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vii) On the request of Shri Tilak Raj Aggarwal regarding the afforestation of the Yamuna Pushte, he was informed that the Forest Department was carrying out massive tree plantation on 150 acres of land.

viii) Sh. Tilak Raj Aggarwal pointed out that the Trans-Yamuna area faced a number of developmental problems and senior officers of DDA should have detailed interaction with the members of the Advisory Council who represent the Trans-Yamuna areas.

The developmental problems of Trans Yamuna are being attended to in the meetings being held under the Chairmanship Hon. Minister of Urban Development GNCD under the forum of Trans Yamuna Development Board.

viii) Shri Aggarwal requested for construction of a Transport Centre near the Delhi Gurgaon border.

Transport Centre near Delhi Gurgaon border (other points) MPD-2001 has already recommended development of integrated Freight Complexes in four directions. The proposed locations are: Madanpur Khadar (NH-2) in the South, Patpargang/Ghezipur (NH-24) in the East, GT Road NH-1 (Narela) in the North, Bharathal, NH-8 (Dwarka) in the South West.

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ix) Shri J.P. Goel and other non-official members sought LG's intervention and pointed out that the complaints made to senior officers were being invariably passed on to the junior functionaries and to the persons complained against.

The LG assured that necessary measures shall be taken in the matter.

x) Sh. Ajit Singh sought immediate action against the staff for continuing illegal constructions in Dilshad Colony. He pointed out that there were massive violations of building bye-laws and most of the premises in the area had been constructed beyond the permissible limits in connivance with the DDA staff. He requested for fresh inspection of all the built up plots which still under the jurisdiction of the DDA and strict action in all the cases.

He also drew the attention of the Council to the extensive ongoing illegal construction on plot no. D-255 alleging that commercial shops were being constructed on this residential plot. He also sought penal action on the residential plots in C-Block, Dilshad Garden where shops were being unauthorisedly constructed at the front and a large number of flats at the rear. He

DDA has already approved the proposal of Denotification of Dilshad Garden Area and forwarded to Secretary (L&B) to issue the Notification.  
In regard to unauthorised construction DDA has issue 207 show cause notices 2/172 sealing cum demolition orders.

In D- Block of plotted development of Dilshad Colony there is no plot NO. D-255.

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pointed out that he had been regularly making complaints these illegal constructions and encroachments to Shri U.S.Jolly and he had personally also appraised Shri Jolly of these details, but there has been no action in the matter. The LG asked Shri U.S.Jolly, Commr. (LM)II to immediately look into these cases and asked the Commr. (Plg.) to expedite denotification of the area.

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Sh. Ajit Singh also sought similar action on the property belonging to Zulf-e-Bengal situated at the G.T. Road, Dilshad Garden where a number of unauthorised structures were allegedly coming up on about 5 to 6 acres of open land.

Unauthorised construction at Zulf-e-Bengal where the owner/builder are constructing the plots unauthorisedly have been booked & notices have been issued to them under DD Act-1957. Action for demolition in their cases will be taken on completion of the due process of law under the DD Act-1957.

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xi) Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam drew the attention of the LG to the problems being faced by the elected representatives in identifying the ownership of the properties under encroachment. He suggested that unauthorised encroachments on the Government land could be checked if the land owning agencies were easily identifiable. The LG told him that the District Task Force should be contacted in such matters.

xii) Shri Gautam also pointed out that the public land in Basant Gaon, which had been recently cleared of unauthorised construction material shops was being re-encroached upon with the help of the Police.

Encroachments from Vasant Gaon have been removed. The land is free encroachment now.

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xiii) Dr. (Mrs) Anita Arya and Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam sought LG's intervention in timely disposal of the freehold applications and the mutation cases.

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Almost all the cases of original allottees have been cleared. Their Conveyance Deeds are being executed.

Commr. (Housing) and Commr. (LD) explained the details of the measures introduced by them in clearing the backlog and informed that most of the cases of direct allottees had already been disposed of.

b) The LG asked the Commr. (LD) and the Commr. (Housing) to put up a detailed note on the subject in the next meeting of the Advisory Council.

xiv) The LG welcomed the suggestion of Dr. (Mrs) Anita Arya that commercial properties should also be converted to freehold. The Commr. (LD) informed that allotment of shops was now being done on freehold basis.

While built up properties i.e. shops are now being disposed of on freehold basis a proposal for conversion of landed property from leasehold to freehold has been referred to the Ministry.



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xv) Mrs. Leela Bisht sought LG's intervention for immediate measures to ease the traffic congestion on the Mehrauli-Badarpur Road. The LG informed that he had already sanctioned a project in this area which will result in a lot of improvement in the near future.

The Mehrauli-Badarpur road is maintained by MCD.

xvi) Sh. Avtar Singh Bhadana suggested that the Mehrauli-Fatehpur-Faridabad road should be immediately repaired so that direct traffic flowing from Mehrauli to Faridabad could use this road, thus easing traffic on the existing highway.

Mehrauli-Fatehpur -Faridabad Road is maintained by MCD.

The LG welcomed this suggestion and asked the Engineer Member and Commr. (Plg.) to put-up a detailed report in the matter.

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xvii) Commr. (Plg.) was asked to put up the details of the Express-Way proposals in the next meeting of the Advisory Council.

The Expressway proposals have been prepared by PWD, and have been recently submitted to DDA.

xviii) The Lt. Governor advised the members to get in touch with the Commr. Cum. Secretary whenever they wanted to discuss any specific issues with the senior officers of the DDA.