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Subject: Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the MAG on “Environment Planning and Coordination” held on 25.09.2013

The Seventh meeting of the Management Action Group (MAG) on “Environment Planning and Coordination” on Mid Term Review of MPD-2021 was held on 25.09.2013 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Environment), GNCTD at Deptt. of Environment, Delhi Secretariat.

The following were present:

Members:

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| - Secretary (Environment), GNCTD | Chairman |
| - Member (Sewerage) DJB, GNCTD | Member |
| - Conservator of Forest/ RMB, GNCTD | Member |
| - Addl. Commissioner (Plg.) MPR & AP, DDA | Member |

Expert Members:

- Ms. Sunita Narain, Centre for Science & Environment (CSE)

Special Invitees:

- Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, GNCTD

Others:

- CEO, Delhi Parks and Garden Society
- Director (Plg.) MPR & TC, DDA
- Dy. Director (Landscape), DDA
- Dr. Anil Kumar, Director (Environment), GNCTD
- Dr. Chetna Anand, Scientist (Environment), GNCTD

2(a) Confirmation of the minutes of 6th meeting of MAG held on 29.04.2013

The minutes of the 6th meeting of the MAG held on 29.04.2013 were confirmed.

2(b) Action taken note of 6th meeting of MAG held on 29.04.2013

Comments received from Deputy Conservator of Forests (HQ) were discussed and the relevant details will be incorporated in the draft chapter on ‘Environment’.

2(c) Revised Draft Chapter on ‘Environment’ prepared by Department of Environment, GNCTD

The revised draft for the Chapter on ‘Environment’ was discussed by the MAG. Following specific paras of the revised draft were discussed in detail.

- Para 9.1.3 River Zone Management:** Dy. Director (Landscape), DDA informed that re-delineation of River Zone ‘O’ is under process of approval, hence the area under Zone –‘O’ as noted in the revised draft chapter shall be reconsidered. Addl. Commissioner (Plg.) MPR & AP, DDA informed the group that a public notice in this regard is being issued for inviting suggestions from public.
- Para 9.1.3.1 Action Plan for River Zone:** Dy. Director (Landscape), DDA informed that ‘Biodiversity Parks’ are planned by Landscape Deptt., DDA for all over Delhi. Landscape Deptt., DDA to forward details of ‘Biodiversity Park’ for incorporation of the same in the draft chapter.
- Para 9.3.1 Delhi Ridge/ Regional Park:** Ms. Sunita Narain, CSE informed that there is ambiguity for definitions of ‘Ridge’ and ‘Regional Park’ in MPD-2021, as has been noted in the revised draft of the chapter. Hence, Deptt. of Landscape, DDA was requested to provide inputs regarding Regional Parks including boundary maps, and forward the same so that it may be incorporated in the draft chapter. During the

discussion, it was clarified that the terms 'Urban Extension' and 'Green Belt' have been defined in paras 3.2 and 3.2.1 of MPD-2021, respectively and same can be referred in the said chapter.

Action: Addl. Commissioner (Landscape), DDA

- (iv) **Para 9.3.2.1 Current State and measures taken for protection:** Deptt. of Landscape, DDA was requested to forward details of the parks in Delhi under the jurisdiction of DDA (including numbers, type of park, area), so that the same may be updated in Para 9.3.2.1.

Action: Addl. Commissioner (Landscape), DDA

- (v) **Para 9.10 Environment Services Zone:** It is noted in the draft chapter that local and decentralized solutions to resource management shall be encouraged. In this regard, Addl. Commissioner (Plg.) MPR & AP, DDA informed the group that a similar clause 8(6) 'Services Plan' has been included in Chapter 17.0 Development Code of MPD-2021 vide S.O. 2894(E) dated 23.09.2013. The Clause incentivizes provision of decentralized effluent treatment facilities, recycling of treated sewage effluent/ waste water and application of energy-efficient practices in building construction and operation, etc. It was decided that the above mentioned clause shall be referred in **Para 9.8.1 Action Plan for Green Buildings** and **Para 9.10 Environment Services Zone** of the revised draft chapter on 'Environment'. Director (Plg.) MPR & TC, DDA was requested to forward a copy of the amendment to Ms. Sunita Narain, CSE.

Action: Director (Plg.) MPR & TC, DDA

Chairman suggested that in new development/ re-development in future, planning norms for such Environment Services Zone needs to be identified. Such zones shall be planned within the residential neighbourhood, and land is to be earmarked for Environmental Services including sanitation, disposal of solid waste and for sewage treatment plant. It should be located in such a way that sewage or solid waste is disposed off in decentralized way so that cost of conveyance system for sewage or transportation cost for solid waste is optimized.

- (vi) **Water Bodies:** It was suggested that a list of water-bodies (along with the maintenance agency) as prepared by Delhi Parks & Garden Society may be added in the Chapter as an annexure. It was informed that water bodies under ridge area need to be identified as per depressions and to be protected along with its watershed zone under ridge to valley concept. All water bodies should have independent management plan for protection of its watershed area.

Action: CEO(DPGS), GNCTD

- (vii) **Physical Infrastructure:** It was decided that upon incorporation of the relevant provisions of Para 14.6 'Solid Waste' of Chapter '14.0 Physical Infrastructure' of MPD-2021 in the respective para for solid waste management in the revised Chapter on 'Environment'; para 14.6 to be deleted from MPD-2021, so as to eliminate redundancy.

- (viii) **Action Plans:** Secretary (Environment), GNCTD observed that the various 'Action Plans' included in the revised draft chapter on 'Environment' are indicative and these may be annexed to the chapter. He further mentioned that several Action Plans are under the process of approval of the Competent Authority; hence, the draft status of such plans shall be clearly mentioned in the annexed sections.

It was decided that to finalize the draft chapter after incorporating relevant information, a meeting may be arranged in the second week of October, 2013 with Ms Sunita Narain, CSE which may be attended by representatives from Deptt. of Environment – GNCTD, Departments of Planning and Landscape of DDA.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Director (Plg.) MPR & TC, DDA

Copy to

- All members of the group.
- Special Invitees & Others.
- Concerned officers for necessary action as mentioned in the minutes.