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Sub : Filing of suggestions & objections for Regularisation of increasing FAR of Shops in Fruit & Vegetable Market, Azadpur under Master-Plan of Delhi 2021.

Dear Sir,

Through this letter, we would like to apprise your goodself that while framing the Master Plan 2021 increasing of Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of the extra construction of the shops of Fruit & Vegetable Market, Azadpur was not considered. We have come to know that DDA has asked to file the suggestions & objections in regard to Master Plan of Delhi 2021.

In this context, we want to bring few facts before your goodself of the Fruit & Vegetable market Azadpur and difficulties faced during last 44 years which led to construct 2nd & 3rd floor vertically and request your goodself that keeping in view the same initiate efforts to regularise the same.

This market was working at Old Subzi Mandi and in the year 1968 fire broken up thereat and whole Market get burnt. In the same year Govt. decided to shift this market and identified the present place. The allotment process of this Mandi started in 1969 and ultimately the market was shifted on 12th July, 1975. Basically, the planning of the Govt. regarding construction of this market was for a period of 25 years which completed in 1993. But now 44 years have passed and during a spell of these four decades the entire nomenclature have since been changed.

The population of Delhi which was 20-25 lacs in sometimes which is now 1.7 Crore and more population means more fruit & vegetables needed for consumption. Increasing population of Delhi have pressurised this market to increase the volume of fruit & vegetables to meet with growing demand. Secondly, there was boom to agriculture, fruit and vegetables were also grown more, the farmers were exposed to new vehicles and techniques.

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During a spell of Four decades there is increased of 7 - 8 times in volume, traders, growers, buyers and other market functionaries. Moreover, there was growth of families, familiar business and division in joint families, for all these new space for office and trading purposes were required. So there was vertical construction of 2nd & 3rd floor to accommodate various requirements like lodging of growers, farmers, their representatives and short stay of truckers, labour etc. who used to work at night.

This market has 438 big shops of size 12' X 53' and 826 small shops size of 10' X 18'. There are 5000 wholesale traders working at this market. **More than 50 varieties of fruits and 68 varieties of vegetables have been notified.** Added to this imported fruits and vegetables are increasing day by day. This is the Market that never sleeps & round the clock working is done here. According to the quantum of arrival of Fruit & vegetable it is the World's biggest Fruit & Vegetables Market as per Limca Book of record. Moreover, it has been declared a Market of National Importance. Approx. 1,00,000 - 1,50,000 people which are traders, growers, labour, truckers and other Mandi functionaries used visit daily for their livelihood in this market and approx. 50,000 families are directly dependent on it.

Viewing the above, we request your goodself to initiate the process to get relaxation in FAR & regularise the shops of extra construction i.e. 2nd & 3rd Floor, as the building laws area of Fruit & Vegetable Market, Azadpur is not concerned with DDA then issue the necessary instruction to concerned department and amend the FAR of maximum to relief the people. The basic site plan of building at Azadpur should be reviewed.

Thanking you,

(M.R. KRIPLANI)
PRESIDENT

Yours faithfully,

(RAJINDER SHARMA)
GENERAL SECRETARY