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The Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi.

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Subject: Suggestions for MPD 2020-21 in respect of shortage of commercial

Space and shortage of parking space

1. Certain streets like the main road in Safdarjung Enclave opposite Bhikaji Cama Place and Archna Cinema Road in GK-I which have lot of commercial activity and many banks etc. should be declared a mixed land use street or a commercial street.

2. In olden days, all multi storey building in CBD like Connaught Place, Rajendra Place, etc. had cycle parking inside the building have totally lost their relevance. They are all without exception being used as office space. They are all privately owned and not owned by the govt. bodies or the builders as the builders sold them off as office space. Therefore, the practical thing to do is to allow them to be converted to office space subject to their being (i) in private ownership, (ii) inside the building (iii) in commercial areas like Rajendra Place, Connaught Place, Nehru Place which were developed more than 20 years ago when cycles were still used in these areas.

3. Shortage of commercial space for banks etc in CSC and LSC can be met by allowing first floor on DDA shops which were sold only as ground floor. Most markets of DDA have partly one floor and partly two floors. This can be made uniform and all shops be allowed one + one floor, subject to payment of charges. This will relieve shortage of commercial space.

4. On main Mathura Road, there are many industrial buildings which are all having parking problem for cars and this congests the Mathura Road. The buildings should be allowed to make one or even two underground parking lots so that the problem is resolved. This will not entail any expenditure for the govt. and will help the public.

5. In certain markets like Lodhi Colony, the ground floor is commercial and the first floor is residential as was the case in Khan Market and CP. With changing times, families do not want to live in markets and is not very safe for girls, after dark, because of danger of rape etc. In CP and Khan Market, the first floor and second floor has been made commercial but not in Lodhi Colony main market. Likewise, this should also be done. This will make additional commercial space available in the city.

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The above steps will provide additional revenue to govt., will reduce unauthorized usage/construction and create additional commercial space and parking space in Delhi.

Thanking you,

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