



दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण
DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

मुख्य योजना - 2021 की समीक्षा
Master Plan Review-2021

पंजीकरण फार्म
REGISTRATION FORM

"ओपन हाउस मीट्स"
"OPEN HOUSE MEETS"

फार्म प्रतिभागी द्वारा भरा जाए
Form to be filled by Participant

General

नाम Name	DR. VIKRAM CHOPRA
प्रतिनिधि : Representing : सरकारी विभाग / फेडरेशन / संघ (एसोसिएशन) / आर डब्लू ए / व्यक्तिगत Government Department/ Federation/Association/RWA/ Individual	DELHI UNIVERSITY Representative COMMON CITIZEN Senior Citizens
वर्तमान स्थिति Present Position	Retired - -
फोन : कार्यालय Phone : Office आवास Residence मोबाइल Mobile	- 9910004754 25509351 9958040713
फैक्स : Fax :	-
ई-मेल E-mail	chopra_vikram@rediffmail.com
पता : Address :	C-2/117 Janakpuri N Delhi - 110058
हस्ताक्षर : Signature :	Vikram Chopra
तिथि : Date :	15 May 2012.

OFFICE OF THE DIR (P&I)
MPR/TC, D.D.A. N. DELHI-2
Dy.No. 3209
Dated 16/5/12

"अपने पंजीकरण फार्म ओपन हाउस मीट्स के स्थल पर जमा कराएं"
"Submit your registration form at the venue of Open House meets."

Let thyself drive in the breath of God
and be as a leaf in the tempest. - Sri Aurobindo

When God created this world He made it such that it would look and feel -
all so beautiful, so complete -
Sun, Moon, mountains, blue skies, leaves, birds, and bees -
and then He finally sculpted His best, ~ He created man and gave him a heart...

Vikram Chopra

Co-ordinating Editor
The Shakespeare Data Bank Illinois

Department of English
A.R.S.D. College
(University of Delhi) (retd)
Dhaura Kuan, New Delhi-110021.

Preferred Mailing Address:

C-2/117, Janakpuri,
New Delhi-110058.
Tel: 2550-9351, 2550-6238, 9958040713
chopra_vikram@rediffmail.com

The Commissioner (Plg.)
Delhi Development Authority
Vikas Minar,
New Delhi.

30 April 2012

62

18 May '12

Open House Meet

Sub: Some suggestions about the Master Plan - Request for Permitting Commercial activity at least on Ground Floor on the existing shops on all 80 ft. (18/24 mtr. & above) wide roads.

Respected Sir,

With due respect I seek to present before you some long-standing but deeply-felt suggestions and most genuine requests for your kind consideration. While numerous people have benefitted from the earlier version of the Master Plan 2021, there are some basic shortcomings because of which the shops/establishments which are on the unnotified roads are still suffering and languishing in misery. For a long time I have been pleading with the relevant authorities to take at least one of the following measures all of which are appropriate and justified on legal, human and moral grounds:-

To grant permission to shops existing till Jan. 2006. While this may preferably be done in all cases but specially in the case of roads with 18/24 mtr. or wider ROW, because these roads are mostly either peripheral (as they are on the periphery of the blocks) or on the main highways. Moreover, as most of the roads which had good number of shops have already been notified; only a few roads are left. Kindly allow mixed land use facility on these roads also. Thousands of new shops have come up on the notified roads. I hope you will agree that it is unfair and unjust to allow new shops on these roads and order the closure/sealing of the shops which have been in existence for so many years. Many middle class families have invested their life time savings in these shops. Your kind gesture will not only put an end to the unfortunate discrimination but also ensure a just and humane treatment of the people who have already suffered huge losses.

In a few words my request is:

- kindly allow the MLU facility on all roads (60/80 ft. Wide). Being confined only to the ground floor the commercial activity will be very very limited;
- at least permit the shops existing on these unnotified roads at the time of notification of the Master Plan;
- such a permission will not create any big problem because such shops are few in number;
- besides providing tremendous relief to the suffering business community it will also add a touch of fairness, equity, justice and generosity to the present govt.

I may assure you that besides, goodwill and grace that this gesture will bring you will be earning the blessings of so many suffering hearts.

With kind regards,

Vikram Chopra

Dr. Vikram Chopra
(University of Delhi)
C-2/117, Janakpuri,
New Delhi-110058
9958040713. chopra_vikram@rediffmail.com

P.S. In view of the fact that several unauthorized colonies are being regularized, the acceding of sanction to the shops existing before 2001 becomes highly justified. At least permitting MLU on 16m/24m road will not cause any problem. Such roads are either main roads or peripheral roads.

I am certain of nothing but of the holiness of the Heart's affections - John Keats
Above all and in all, be sincere - Vivekananda

Regard

59

Vikram Chopra

Let thyself drive in the breath of God
and be as a leaf in the tempest. - Sri Aurobindo

When God created this world He made it such that it would look and feel -
all so beautiful, so complete -
Sun, Moon, mountains, blue skies, leaves, birds, and bees -
and then He finally sculpted His best, ~ He created man and gave him a heart...

Vikram Chopra

Co-ordinating Editor
The Shakespeare Data Bank Illinois

Department of English
A.R.S.D. College
(University of Delhi) (retd)
Dhaura Kuan, New Delhi-110021.

Preferred Mailing Address:

C-2/117, Janakpuri,
New Delhi-110058.
Tel: 2550-9351, 2550-6238, 9958040713
chopra_vikram@rediffmail.com

Hon'ble Vice-Chairman
Delhi Development Authority
Vikas Sadan, INA
New Delhi.

30 April 2012

Sub: Some suggestions about the Master Plan - Request for Permitting Commercial activity at least on Ground Floor on the existing shops on all 80 ft. (18/24 mtr. & above) wide roads.

Respected Sir,

With due respect I seek to present before you some long-standing but deeply-felt suggestions and most genuine requests for your kind consideration. While numerous people have benefitted from the earlier version of the Master Plan 2021, there are some basic shortcomings because of which the shops/establishments which are on the unnotified roads are still suffering and languishing in misery. For a long time I have been pleading with the relevant authorities to take at least one of the following measures **all of which are appropriate and justified on legal, human and moral grounds:-**

To grant permission to shops existing till Jan. 2006. While this may preferably be done in all cases but specially in the case of roads with 18/24 mtr. or wider ROW, because these roads are mostly either peripheral (as they are on the periphery of the blocks) or on the main highways. Moreover, as most of the roads which had good number of shops have already been notified; only a few roads are left. Kindly allow **mixed land use facility** on these roads also. Thousands of new shops have come up on the notified roads. I hope you will agree that it is unfair and unjust to allow new shops on these roads and order the closure/sealing of the shops which have been in existence for so many years. **Many** middle class families have invested their life time savings in these shops. Your kind gesture will not only put an end to the **unfortunate discrimination** but also ensure a just and humane treatment of the people who have already suffered huge losses.

In a few words my request is:

- cc) kindly allow the MLU facility on all roads (60/80 ft. Wide). Being confined only to the ground floor the commercial activity will be very very limited;
- dd) at least permit the shops existing on these unnotified roads at the time of notification of the Master Plan;
- ee) such a permission will not create any big problem because such shops are few in number;
- ff) besides providing tremendous relief to the suffering business community it will also add a touch of fairness, equity, justice and generosity to the present govt.

I may assure you that besides, goodwill and grace that this gesture will bring you will be earning the blessings of so many suffering hearts.

With kind regards,

Vikram Chopra
Dr. Vikram Chopra
University of Delhi
C-2/117, Janakpuri,
New Delhi-110058
9958040713. chopra_vikram@rediffmail.com

P.S.
So many unauthorized colonies are being regularized by the Govt. If this is being done on humanitarian grounds, then even plea to allow the shops on unnotified roads before 2007 - the year of the basis of the Master Plan. Otherwise the permission of MLU as per the Govt. be allowed on the same grounds. ~ Vikram Chopra

I am certain of nothing but of the holiness of the Heart's affections - John Keats
Above all and in all, be sincere - Vivekananda

Dr. Vikram Chopra: A Profile

Dr. Vikram Chopra taught English literature for more than four decades in ARSD College, University of Delhi. An ardent lover of Shakespeare, he has a doctorate on "Shakespeare's Major Tragedies: A Study in the Context of Indian Approaches" wherein he has explored the spiritual accent in Shakespeare's tragedies in the light of Indian thought. Founder Secretary of the Shakespeare Society of India (1987-1993), he is currently on its Executive Committee. He was Co-ordinating Editor for India in the *Shakespeare Data Bank*, Illinois. He is a member of the International Committee of Correspondents for *World Shakespeare Bibliography* maintained by *Shakespeare Quarterly*. Dr. Chopra has presented several papers in national and international seminars and has published in various Indian and foreign journals that include *The Literary Criterion*, *Indian Journal of English Studies*, *Bulletin of the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture*, *Hamlet Studies*, *Shakespeare Bulletin* (New York), and *Folio* (Holland). He has edited a volume of critical essays: *Shakespeare: Varied Perspectives*. This volume, with a Foreword by Professor Kenneth Muir, contains articles written by eminent scholars including those from Australia, Holland, Japan, U.K. and the U.S.A. The volume was well received both in India and abroad.



Dr. Chopra has recently brought out a book on Shakespeare entitled *Shakespeare: The Indian Icon* in which he has presented a broad and comprehensive view of Shakespeare's reception and his gradual assimilation into India's cultural ethos. The book covers a whole century of India's response: social, cultural, academic. The book was released by Hon'ble Dr. Karan Singh, Member of Parliament and Chairman, Indian Council of Cultural Relations in the presence of distinguished scholars and theatre personalities.

Dr. Chopra belongs to a family with great patriotic and humanitarian tradition. While his grandfather was highly religious minded spiritual thinker, his father Dr. Madan Mohan Chopra was a member of Shaheed Bhagat Singh's party and made substantial contribution to India's freedom struggle. He had the blessed privilege of working with Lala Lajpat Rai, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhash Chander Bose, Sardar Patel and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He was the Founder Secretary and later National President of the All India Freedom Fighters Samiti.

Dr. Vikram Chopra has also led a life dedicated to society. Service to Art and Literature and the promotion of love and joy in mankind are the basic creeds of his life. Shakespeare has been the love and *raison d'être* of his academic pursuits. *Shakespeare: The Indian Icon* is yet another proof of his devotion to the immortal Bard.

C-2/117, Janakpuri,
New Delhi-110058
chopra_vikram@rediffmail.com
9958040713



अतिरिक्त निजी सचिव
शहरी विकास राज्य मंत्री

भारत सरकार

निर्माण भवन, नई दिल्ली-110011
ADDITIONAL PRIVATE SECRETARY
MINISTER OF STATE FOR
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NIRMAN BHAVAN, NEW DELHI-110011

Dear Shri Chopra,

D-2463/MOS/UD/07
Dt. 15-11-07

I am to acknowledge your letter dated 31st August 2007 addressed to Shri
Ajay Maken, Hon'ble MOS (UD) regarding suggestions about the Master Plan
2021 in regard to commercial activity on ground floor.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.K. Sinha)

Dr. Vikram Chopra,
C-2/117, Janakpuri,
New Delhi.

9888 52631

चन्द्र शेखर साहू
CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU



L.O. No. 617 dated 12/9/08
ग्रामीण विकास राज्य मंत्री
भारत सरकार
नई दिल्ली-110 011
MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW DELHI-110 011

12th September, 2008

Respected Mr. Jaipal Reddy Sir,

I am forwarding herewith a request of Dr. Vikram Chopra, Dept. of English ARSD College, Dhaula Kuan for granting one time amnesty and regularising the existing shops on the un notified roads at least in C,D,E,F categories which are owned mostly by people from middle and lower income group. He has further represented that the total no of such shops constitute a miniscule portion of the total commercial activities in Delhi. The Govt. may put a ban on further commercialization of residential area but should not resort to closure of existing shops in un notified roads as this will make thousands of business families suffer huge financial loss. The middle class people have invested their life time savings to open a shop for their children as well as for their old age comfort. Therefore, he made a request for reconsideration or re-survey of the roads in the Master Plan 2021.

May I therefore request you to kindly look into the matter for an appropriate action.

With Regards -

Yours sincerely,


(Chandra Sekhar Sahu)

Shri Jaipal Reddy
Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development
Govt. of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

cc/c

RESPECTED SHRI JAIPAL REDDY JI
HON'BLE MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT
GOVT. OF INDIA
NEW DELHI.

Sub: Some Suggestions about the Flaws in the Master Plan 2021 - Request for Permitting Commercial Activity at least on Ground Floor on the existing shops on all 80 ft. (18 mtr. & above) wide roads

Respected Sir,

Good wishes and greetings!

I wish to bring to your kind notice that while Master Plan 2021 has brought a great relief to a large number of traders a part of the traders have **suffered an unfortunate neglect** and are still living in atmosphere of uncertainty and fear. These traders have their shops on the so far un-notified roads. You are, therefore, requested to kindly **look into** the fate of these neglected business persons **and save them from misery and suffering.**

The Logic for making the above request:

The business atmosphere in Delhi till only last year, was quite relaxed and open and people were undertaking business ventures with a carefree assurance. As the entire atmosphere in Delhi's business world was charged with excitement and enthusiasm, people most of them middle class people, **invested their life-time savings to open a shop for their children as well as for their old age comfort. The new law that came into effect in 2007 cannot, in fact, should not upset the lives and existence of the already established premises.** Canons of social fairness only demand that any govt. policy should come into effect from the date of notification. It is in this context that I find the criterion of 70% or 50% for the commercial/mixed land use rather **anomalistic and discriminatory.** Even presuming that it was wrong on their part to use a residential premises for a commercial purpose, then allowing roads with a greater misuse and subjecting to **death of closure,** those with **less business activity is like condoning a greater wrong and punishing a lesser offence.** For the same fault **one guilty person rejoices in his festivities while the other sulks in misery.**

India is a free democratic country and every individual has a right to earn his livelihood and right to **live with dignity and honour** without being subjected to any kind of **discrimination and injustice.** Whether there are 4 shops or 40 on a road, **the nature of offence is the same.** The total number of shops on the un-notified roads will hardly constitute a miniscule portion

(perhaps just 1%) of the total commercial activity in Delhi. The Govt. may put a ban on the opening of new shops to check further commercialisation but to order the sealing or closure of the existing ones is going to bring untold misery & suffering to thousands of business families who have already suffers heavy financial losses and are finding it hard to pay their loans and debts.

Regularisation of Colonies

When the Govt. can adopt such a liberal and generous attitude towards regularising hundreds of unauthorised colonies, a slightly liberal **humanitarian approach** can spare the misery and tension of hundreds of businessmen who are worried about their families and future. Therefore, I feel that while Govt. may take a strict, even rigid stand against encroachments on public land, and punish gross violations of other kind, granting a one-time Amnesty and regularising the existing shops seems to be the 'only' desirable step; this may at least be done in case of shops in C,D,E,F categories which are owned primarily by middle/lower income people.

A Personal Note

You must be aware of the tragedy and trauma of Partition and how people rebuilt their 'lives' by their toil and struggle offering their sweat and blood to make provisions for themselves and their children. Whereas the Master Plan has brought some relief to many, those unfortunate one who could not come in the safety circle are languishing in misery and privation because of sealing and closure. God has gifted you not only with Administrative skill and vision but also endowed you with concerns of society and human ethics. Mercy is higher than justice. So is a broad and generous humane approach which ensures maximum good of the largest number. The Govt. has already made several amendments and modifications in the Master Plan by which it has given several concessions. The above request of mine can also find some room in the generous approach that govt. has adopted.

With warmest regards,

Contact Address:

B-3/62, Near Sai Mandir,
B-3 Marg, Janakpuri,
New Delhi-110058.
Ph.25521026, 25537075,
M.9910004754, 9958040713

Dr. Vikram Chopra
Dept. of English
A.R.S.D. College (retd)
University of Delhi

M' copy.

Let thyself drive in the breath of God
and be as a leaf in the tempest. - Sri Aurobindo

When God created this world He made it such that it would look and feel -
all so beautiful, so complete -
Sun, Moon, mountains, blue skies, leaves, birds, and bees -
and then He finally sculpted His best, ~ He created man and gave him a heart...

Vikram Chopra

Co-ordinating Editor
The Shakespeare Data Bank Illinois

Department of English
A.R.S.D. College
(University of Delhi) (retd)
Dhaura Kuan, New Delhi-110021.

Preferred Mailing Address:

C-2/117, Janakpuri,
New Delhi-110058.
Tel: 2550-9351, 2550-6238, 9958040713
chopra_vikram@rediffmail.com

Respected Shri Tejender Khanna Ji
Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi &
Chairman, Delhi Development Authority
Delhi.

30 April 2012

Sub: Some suggestions about the Master Plan - Request for Permitting Commercial activity at least on Ground Floor on the existing shops on all 80 ft. (18/24 mtr. & above) wide roads.

Respected Sir,

With due respect I seek to present before you some long-standing but deeply-felt suggestions and most genuine requests for your kind consideration. While numerous people have benefitted from the earlier version of the Master Plan 2021, there are some basic shortcomings because of which the shops/establishments which are on the unnotified roads are still suffering and languishing in misery. For a long time I have been pleading with the relevant authorities to take at least one of the following measures all of which are appropriate and justified on legal, human and moral grounds:-


To grant permission to shops existing till Jan. 2006. While this may preferably be done in all cases but specially in the case of roads with 18/24 mtr. or wider ROW, because these roads are mostly either peripheral (as they are on the periphery of the blocks) or on the main highways. Moreover, as most of the roads which had good number of shops have already been notified; only a few roads are left. Kindly allow mixed land use facility on these roads also. Thousands of new shops have come up on the notified roads. I hope you will agree that it is unfair and unjust to allow new shops on these roads and order the closure/sealing of the shops which have been in existence for so many years. Many middle class families have invested their life time savings in these shops. Your kind gesture will not only put an end to the unfortunate discrimination but also ensure a just and humane treatment of the people who have already suffered huge losses.

In a few words my request is:

- y) kindly allow the MLU facility on all roads (60/80 ft. Wide). Being confined only to the ground floor the commercial activity will be very very limited;
- z) at least permit the shops existing on these unnotified roads at the time of notification of the Master Plan;
- aa) such a permission will not create any big problem because such shops are few in number;
- bb) besides providing tremendous relief to the suffering business community it will also add a touch of fairness, equity, justice and generosity to the present govt.

I may assure you that besides, goodwill and grace that this gesture will bring you will be earning the blessings of so many suffering hearts.

With kind regards,


Dr. Vikram Chopra
University of Delhi
C-2/117, Janakpuri,
New Delhi-110058
9958040713. chopra_vikram@rediffmail.com

I am certain of nothing but of the holiness of the Heart's affections - John Keats
Above all and in all, be sincere - Vivekananda

Dr. Vikram Chopra: A Profile

Dr. Vikram Chopra taught English literature for more than four decades in ARSD College, University of Delhi. An ardent lover of Shakespeare, he has a doctorate on "Shakespeare's Major Tragedies: A Study in the Context of Indian Approaches" wherein he has explored the spiritual accent in Shakespeare's tragedies in the light of Indian thought. Founder Secretary of the Shakespeare Society of India (1987-1993), he is currently on its Executive Committee. He was Co-ordinating Editor for India in the *Shakespeare Data Bank*, Illinois. He is a member of the International Committee of Correspondents for *World Shakespeare Bibliography* maintained by *Shakespeare Quarterly*. Dr. Chopra has presented several papers in national and international seminars and has published in various Indian and foreign journals that include *The Literary Criterion*, *Indian Journal of English Studies*, *Bulletin of the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture*, *Hamlet Studies*, *Shakespeare Bulletin* (New York), and *Folio* (Holland). He has edited a volume of critical essays: *Shakespeare: Varied Perspectives*. This volume, with a Foreword by Professor Kenneth Muir, contains articles written by eminent scholars including those from Australia, Holland, Japan, U.K. and the U.S.A. The volume was well received both in India and abroad.



Dr. Chopra has recently brought out a book on Shakespeare entitled *Shakespeare: The Indian Icon* in which he has presented a broad and comprehensive view of Shakespeare's reception and his gradual assimilation into India's cultural ethos. The book covers a whole century of India's response: social, cultural, academic. The book was released by Hon'ble Dr. Karan Singh, Member of Parliament and Chairman, Indian Council of Cultural Relations in the presence of distinguished scholars and theatre personalities.

Dr. Chopra belongs to a family with great patriotic and humanitarian tradition. While his grandfather was highly religious minded spiritual thinker, his father Dr. Madan Mohan Chopra was a member of Shaheed Bhagat Singh's party and made substantial contribution to India's freedom struggle. He had the blessed privilege of working with Lala Lajpat Rai, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhash Chander Bose, Sardar Patel and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He was the Founder Secretary and later National President of the All India Freedom Fighters Samiti.

Dr. Vikram Chopra has also led a life dedicated to society. Service to Art and Literature and the promotion of love and joy in mankind are the basic creeds of his life. Shakespeare has been the love and *raison d'être* of his academic pursuits. *Shakespeare: The Indian Icon* is yet another proof of his devotion to the immortal Bard.

C-2/117, Janakpuri,
New Delhi-110058
chopra_vikram@rediffmail.com
9958040713

Let thyself drive in the breath of God
and be as a leaf in the tempest. - Sri Aurobindo

When God created this world He made it such that it would look and feel -
all so beautiful, so complete -
Sun, Moon, mountains, blue skies, leaves, birds, and bees -
and then He finally sculpted His best, - He created man and gave him a heart...

Vikram Chopra

Co-ordinating Editor
The Shakespeare Data Bank Illinois

Preferred Mailing Address:

C-2/117, Janapuri,
New Delhi-110058.
Tel: 2550-9351, 2550-6238
Fax: 2561-0323
chopra_vikram@rediffmail.com

Department of English
A.R.S.D. College
(University of Delhi)
Dhaura Kuan, New Delhi-110021.
Tel. 2467-3436, 2467-1390

21 June '07

Dr. Man Mohan Singh

Honble Prime Minister of India
North Block, N. Delhi

Dear & Respected Dr. Man Mohan Singh,

One is filled with a sense of pride and
pride to think that our great country is being
led by such a worthy Prime Minister like you.
May our country achieve more and more excellence
in various fields of economic & social development.

I am enclosing my submission regarding
the proposed Master Plan for Delhi. There are some
fundamental flaws in the concept which deny
the basic right of livelihood to quite many, though
overall the Plan aims at general good. I have
even some suggestions which will end the discrimination
between rich and poor, happiness and
discrimination, injustice and fraud. Welfare of the
welfare of the largest number.
I hope my submission will receive
your kind attention and you will kindly mark them
for appropriate consideration. With kind regards
and nothing but of the holiness of the Heart's affections - John Keats

Above all and in all, be sincere - Vivekananda

Vikram Chopra

DR. MANMOHAN SINGH JI,
HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA
7, RACE COURSE ROAD,
NEW DELHI.

Sub: Some Suggestions about the Flaws in the Master Plan 2021 - Request for Permitting Commercial Activity at least on Ground Floor on the existing shops on all 80 ft. wide (18 mtr. or more) wide roads.

Most Respected Sir,

Good wishes and greetings!

I wish to bring to your kind notice that while Master Plan 2021 has brought great relief to a large number of traders, a part of the traders have **suffered an unfortunate neglect** and are still living in an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear. These traders have their shops on the so far un-notified roads. You are, therefore, requested to kindly **look into** the fate of these neglected business persons **and save them from misery and suffering.**

The Logic for making the above request:

The business atmosphere in Delhi till only last year, was quite relaxed and open and people were undertaking business ventures with a carefree assurance. As the entire atmosphere in Delhi's business world was charged with enthusiasm and excitement, people most of them middle class people, **invested their life-time savings to open a shop for their children as well as for their old age comfort.** The new law that came into effect in 2007 cannot, in fact, **should not upset the lives and existence of the already established premises.** Canons of social fairness only demand that any govt. policy should come into effect from the date of notification. It is in this context that I find the criterion of 70% or 50% for the commercial/mixed land use rather **anomalous and discriminatory.** Even presuming that it was wrong on their part to use a residential premises for a commercial purpose, then allowing roads with a **greater misuse** and subjecting to the **death of closure**, those with **less business activity is like condoning a greater wrong and punishing a lesser offence.** For the **same fault one guilty person rejoices in his festivities while the other sulks in misery.**

India is a free democratic country and every individual has a right to earn his livelihood and the right to **live with dignity and honour** without being subjected to any kind of **discrimination and injustice.** Whether there are 4 shops or 40 on a road, **the nature of offence is the same.** The total number of shops on the un-notified roads will hardly constitute a miniscule portion

(perhaps just 1%) of the total commercial activity in Delhi. The Govt. may put a **ban on the opening of new shops to check further commercialisation** but to order the sealing or closure of the existing ones is going to bring untold misery and suffering to **thousands of business families who have already suffered heavy financial losses and are finding it hard to pay their loans and debts**

Regularisation of Colonies

When the Govt. can adopt such a liberal and generous attitude towards regularising hundreds of unauthorised colonies, a slightly liberal **humanitarian approach** can spare the misery and tension of hundreds of businessmen who are worried about their families and future. Therefore, I feel that while Govt. may **take a strict, even rigid stand against encroachments** on public land, and punish gross violations of other kind, **granting a one-time amnesty and regularising the existing shops seems to be** the 'only' desirable step: this may at least be done in case of shops in C,D,E,F, categories which are owned primarily by middle/lower income people.

A Personal Note:

You must be aware of the tragedy and trauma of Partition and how people rebuilt their 'lives' by their toil and struggle offering their sweat and blood to make provisions for themselves and their children. Whereas the Master Plan has brought some relief to many, those unfortunate one who could not come in the safety circle are languishing in misery and privation because of sealing and closure. Because of your long tenure and your deep involvement in the affairs of the people you are one of the few who understand Delhi's problems thoroughly. God has gifted you not only with Administrative skill and vision but also endowed you with concerns of society and human ethics. Mercy is higher than justice. So is a broad and generous humane approach which ensures maximum good of the largest number.

A few suggestions regarding the Master Plan 2021 are also enclosed for your consideration.

With warmest regards,

(Dr. Vikram Chopra)

Dr. Vikram Chopra
Dept. of English
A.R.S.D. College (retd.)
University of Delhi
Res. C-2/117, Janakpuri,
New Delhi-110058.
Mob.9971006824