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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...

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Dated: 12/9/12

30 April 2012
11 Sep '12

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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 benefited 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,

Vikram Chopra

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*Submitted for kind consideration
your*

*kindly reconsider these
justified requests
Thanks,
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

P.T.O.



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Sub: LETTER OF DR. VIKRAM CHOPRA
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A letter dated 30-04-2012 received in this office from DR. VIKRAM CHOPRA is forwarded herewith for action as appropriate.

[PAVAN MALVIYA]
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PMO ID No.1/3/2012-PMP2/392594 dated 08-06-2012

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER : DELHI
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No : CMO/DSG/1910
No : CMO/PGC(E)/2012/211419

Dated : 22-05-2012

To

..Secretary to
Hon`ble Minister of Urban Development
GNCT of Delhi, Delhi Sectt., New Delhi

Subject: Some Suggestions About The Measter Plan

Dear Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a representation in original recieved from Shri./Smt./Ms. Dr. Vikram Chopra, dated 15/05/2012, on the subject cited above for further necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

(Varun Kapoor)

Consultant (Public Welfare)

Email : osdcmpg@hub.nic.in

Dated : 22-05-2012

No : CMO/PGC(E)/2012/211419

Copy to Shri./Smt./Ms. Dr. Vikram Chopra,C-2/117 Janakpuri Delhi dated 15/05/2012.With the request to contact the above department for redressal of his/her grievances/requests..

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May 11, 2012

Dear Sh. G. S. Patnaik Sir

I am forwarding herewith a representation made by Dr. Vikram Chopra regarding his suggestions about the Master Plan which is under review. I find the suggestions quite logical and just.

I know Dr. Chopra personally. He belongs to a patriotic family which has served the country with distinction and honour.

I request your good-self for incorporating the suggestions after due consideration and suitable action.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

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For the kind attention and consideration of Ministry of Urban Development,
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Some Important Suggestions for the Master Plan-2021

Every nation and city has its own culture. Delhi being a centre of commercial activities from its very inception, is not only the commercial capital of India but of the whole Asia and it has generated enormous revenue that has contributed to the growth and strength of Indian Economy. Business not only strengthens the backbone of the Economy of the country but also provides the much-needed employment to crores of people. Some of the businessmen have brought great glory and honour to India. The likes of Dhirubhai Ambani, Laxmi Chand Mittal, Aditya Birla, Ratan Tata, Azim Premji, Narayan Murthy have enhanced India's prestige in the comity of Nations. *Most of them had very humble and modest beginnings. Let's not be too harsh on the businessmen and traders of Delhi and let them have some respite and a reasonable opportunity to habilitate themselves, to enable them to be a part of Delhi's economic growth and India's prosperity. Only a comprehensive solution based on the humanitarian considerations can solve the issue.*

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 its notification. *It is in this context that we 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 the death of closure, those with less business activity, is like condoning a greater wrong and punishing a lesser offence. For the same act 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.

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○ When the Govt. can adopt such a liberal and generous attitude towards regularising hundreds of unauthorised colonies, a slightly more liberal and humanitarian approach can spare the misery and tension of hundreds of businessmen who are worried about their families and future. Therefore, we 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 (regularising the existing shops) seems to be the 'only' desirable step.

All this calls for a very fair, sensitive and judicious approach to the entire problem. We, therefore, feel that:

- (i) While Govt. may take a strict even rigid stand against encroachments on public land, granting a one-time Amnesty seems to be the only desirable step. Of course, the govt. can even grant conditional amnesty to curtail excessive commercialisation, a broad generous amnesitic attitude is the need of the hour.
- (ii) Commercial activity at least on Mixed Land use facility should be permitted on all 80 ft. wide (18 mtr. ROW or more) wide roads;
- (iii) While the interests of all the persons living in all the colonies (A,B,C,D,E & F Categories) are vital as are also those of the residents of these colonies. A more liberal, tolerant and humanistic approach towards people running commercial activities in C, D, E & F categories is called for because people in these colonies mainly constitute lower income group who just manage to earn their livelihood by their small savings and hard work.

We are sure that a broad humanistic approach and generous attitude of the Government will make the changes in Master Plan very appropriate and desirable. We shall surely be able to do larger good to the citizens of Delhi without undermining its beauty cleanliness, order and elegance. A judicious combination of maximum relief, comfort and convenience to all is and should be the goal of the Master Plan.

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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.