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Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> August,2012

To

Shri S.K. Srivastav, Vikas Sadan, INA,

Vice Chairman, DDA, New Delhi.

Review of Master Plan -2021.-

Inclusion of Educational facilities under Green Belt alongwith Farmhouse etc.

Sir.

It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate you on assuming the charge of the coveted post of Vice Chairman, DDA. Soon after assuming the charge, you have assured that review of Master Plan-2001, as scheduled by December, 2011, would be completed and for this assurance you deserve all appreciation from Delhites. department has finally taken a citizen friendly action on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2012, by approving the "Farm House" Policy, pending for more than two years, which inter-alia provides:-

(1) Allowing one acre farm houses in green belt as "Country Homes",

(2) Allowing holding of marriage functions in 5 acres minimum area for a farm house,

(3) Allowing to open a Banquet Hall, Resort or Amtisement Park in 2 Hectares minimum plot area.

(4) Allowing to open Naturopathy Clinic, Health Centre in 5000 sq. mtr. minimum area.

The new policy so announced will give a lot of relief to the citizens for holding marriages and other social functions. The concept of "Country Homes" allowed in green belt will also help to ease housing problems a bit.

I would like to bring to your kind notice that the Education Sector is being discriminated vis-à-vis other social sectors covered under public and semi-public facilities as explained in the foregoing paragraphs.

## (a).. Permission to use premises in sub-use zone:-

In the proposed Master Plan 2021 under the heading Green Belt Zone at Sr. No.1, page 61, Poultry Farms, Farm Houses, Plant Nursery, Fire Post, Existing village abadis, already regularized unauthorized colonies, approved Motels have been allowed but the

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educational facilities have been left out thereby debarring thousands of students from the benefits of Higher/Technical Education.

In the meeting held on 22.10.2008 at 10.30 AM in the office of the Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi under his Chairmanship, it was assured that Delhi Government will take up the issue with DDA through Director of Higher Education for allowing land around village Abadi upto 500 sq. mtr to be utilized for institutional purposes as per the notification, in accordance with the provisions of Master Plan-2001. The relevant para of the minutes of the meeting is reproduced as under for your kind perusal:-

"Though the P.P.Srivastava Committee has expressed itself for the best utilization of resources available in the Abadi area, the final view is yet to be taken by the Ministry of Urban Development. Government of Delhi will go with the self-financing institutions and recommend their case to the .Government of India for favourable consideration. At this point of time, Shri Aggarwal said that some provisions which were existing in the Master Plan, 2001 need to be incorporated in the MPD 2021. For example, land around village Abadi upto 500 sq. mtr. could be utilized for institutional purposes as per the notification, in accordance with the provisions of MPD 2021. It was assured that Delhi Government will take up tht eissue with DDA through Directorate of Higher Education."

## (b). Green Belt:-

In the Master Plan-2021 the green belt has been kept upto the depth of one peripheral revenue village boundary along the border of NCT of Delhi, wherever available. This needs to be extended upto one or one and half Kms uni-formally from the border giving the rural population the benefits of development. Therefore, it is requested that the definition of "Green Belt" may kindly be re-drafted by extending the Green Belt upto one or one and half Kms. uniformally from the border.

## (c). Provisions of Master Plan 2001.

It is worthwhile to mention here that in the notification at page 155 of Master Plan-2001 under the heading "A-3-Rural Zone (including A-2) Rural Centre, Public and Semi Public facilities (within 0.5 Km. of the settlement) orchard plant necessary, wireless and transmission, forest and extractive in density in Zone (division) L N & P, the extraction shall be upto the maximum extent of 1.2 depth but it did not find any mention in the Master Plan 2021.

The educational societies in possession of land within 0.5 Km of village settlement, providing educational facilities without permission, are being regularized but the educational societies who treaded the lawful route for establishment of institution after getting permission, have been denied the facility of establishment of institution arbitrarily by DDA etc.

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In view of the aforesaid submissions, it is requested that:-

- (1) Educational facilities be added under activities permitted under Green Belt Zone.
- (2) Educational Societies in possession of land within 0.5 Km of the settlement before the notification of Master Plan 2021 and have been denied the approval arbitrarily may be allowed to establish the educational institution in the rural areas for the benefit of educationally deprived section of rural society. It is worthwhile to mention here that as per provisions of the Right to Education Act there is a need to provide more educational facilities/higher education in the rural areas.
- (3) The Green Belt may kindly be extended upto 1 or 1-1/2 Kms uniformally from the village boundary instead of keeping iupto the depth of one peripheral revenue village boundary along the border of NCT of Delhi,

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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