

Master Plan for Delhi 2021-Suggestions

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Subject: Suggestions regarding Review of Master Plan for Delhi – 2021 as solicited by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.

Madam;

There exist a discrepancy and an exact physical boundary of the Regional Park in Delhi has not been identified by the Forest Department so far. Following is stated in paragraph 9.2.2 of the Masterplan for Delhi 2021 about the boundary issue:

“Subject to verification, the area of Regional Park is 7777 hectares. Part of this has been notified as Reserve Forest under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 vide Notification dated 24.5.94 and 02.04.96. There are discrepancies between the area notified and the physical boundaries of the total area owned by various agencies - DDA, CPWD, NDMC, MCD, Forest Department and the Ministry of Defence. Till the exact boundaries are identified by the Forest Department, the boundary indicated in the Master Plan for Delhi (land use plan) as Regional Park shall continue.”

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The Masterplan for Delhi 2021 was notified on 07.02.2007 by the Ministry of Urban Development and more than 5 years has elapsed since its notification however the identification and verification of Regional park boundary has not been completed by the Forest Department yet. It is worthwhile to mention that many development, infrastructure and policy related crucial decisions relating to the future growth of Delhi has been pending and struck because of non-verification and non-identification of the boundaries of the regional park. It is quite disheartening to note that the year 2021 is fast approaching and forget implementation of MPD2021 many crucial policy decisions and land identification are yet to be taken/completed.

SUGGESTIONS

It is therefore suggested that:

- 1) A fix time duration between 3-6 months is fixed for the Forest Department to complete the identification/verification of the physical boundary of the Regional Park.
- 2) The time duration fixed for the identification/verification of the Regional Park boundary by the Forest Department may be mentioned in the Master Plan for Delhi 2021.
- 3) The Masterplan 2021 should contain such provisions such that the responsibilities should be fixed and the Forest Department completes the identification/verification of the Regional Park boundary within the stipulated time limit.
- 4) Responsibility should also be fixed with the officials of the DDA, CPWD, NDMC, MCD, Forest Department, the Ministry of Defence and other land owning agencies so that they co-operates fully with the Forest Department and the identification/verification of the Regional Park boundary is completed within time.

- 5) The time limit should also be fixed for the decisions on various policy matters such as farm-house policy, land pooling policy so that the development work takes off quickly and in right earnest.

I do hope that my suggestions as submitted above will be considered exhaustively while undertaking the review of the Master Plan for Delhi 2021.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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