Master Plan for Delhi 2021-Suggestions **ZONE-J**

To,

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of India on Page 7, Times of India, Delhi edition of Feburary 18,

2012.

Subject: Suggestions regarding demarcation and clear cut definition of

Ridge/Regional Park boundaries at the earliest in Zone-"J".

Dear Sir:

As per the Master Plan of Delhi 2001 the entire Ridge/Regional Park is to be preserved at its pristine glory because of the Historical importance of one of the oldest Mountain System of India i.e. Aravali Range. In the Master Plan of Delhi 2021 it has been stated that there is a discrepancy in the boundary of the Ridge/Regional Park, till the time the Regional Park land use plan stated in Master Plan 2021 shall continue. If one sees the current boundary of the Regional Park barring the Haryana Border the upper boundary is made haphazardly without giving any criteria of Homogeneity.

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- 1. There is a clear cut boundary of Asola wildlife sanctuary which has been bounded by their boundary wall and is well protected. In the rest of the area clear cut demarcation needs to be made either following the contour profile, physical feature or the village revenue boundary. While doing this a uniform boundary of Ridge/Regional Park could be established.
- 2. The protecting of Ridge & Regional Park should be given a paramount importance as such this is the only lung space not only for Delhi but parts of Haryana.
- 3. The importance of this Ridge/Regional Park when we see the current enforcement mechanism by DDA whereas the same area towards Haryana has been totally denuded and there is no trace of Aravali range towards Haryana side. It is therefore in this context the protection with clear cut boundary should be one of the ultimate priority in Master Plan 2021.
- 4. In view of rapid colonization/commercialization which is inflicted in Delhi and NCR region protection of this heritage to its pristine glory needs to be taken care of by *immediately* demarcating its clear boundary so that there is no confusion at any level.

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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