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Sub: Reference your advertisement in TOI/HT dated 02-05-2012 inviting suggestions for "Review of Master Plan for Delhi 2012."

Dear Sir,

We thank you earnestly for inviting suggestions from Delhities in order to achieve the vision of making Delhi a world class city by 2021. Population of Delhi has increased manifold in past decades, this has put lot of burden on old infrastructure which needs to be upgraded and made safe and compatible with needs of the citizens.

We wish to bring to your notice following issues regarding DDA colonies.

1.LISTING OF HOME RUN BUSINESSES

Master plan allows functioning of certain businesses in residential colonies

like,parlours,tailors,astrologers,guest houses etc

Any person wishing to start a home run business should inform the authorities so that it is listed in the official records for security purposes and also this would ensure filing of tax returns by the owners of such businesses as it puts burden on civic infrastructure of the city.

2.LIFTS IN DDA COLONIES

Residents face a problem in this as ground floor residents have encroached on the land by building rooms or toilets as a result the common area cannot be used for installation of lifts .DDA/MCD should ensure smooth implementation of this by removing encroachments for common facility.

3. MIXING OF RAIN WATER WITH SEWAGE WATER

In many places due to non existing rain water system in old DDA colonies the outlets have been linked to Sewage system which causes a back flow during rainy season and also is one of the causes of Yamuna action plans failure. This should be checked and rectified by sanitation inspectors and civil department.

4.ABSENCE OF SEWAGE SYSTEM IN SLUMS AND UNAUTHORISED COLONIES.

Govt has given legal sanctity to slum dwellers by issuing voters cards and installing electricity meters, but has done nothing to provide proper sewage system which becomes originating point for many epidemics. Govt should make Delhi slumfree by providing alternate site or one room units be constructed on existing sites with proper sewage system and cost be recovered from the allottees.

5 MULTISTORYED FLATS IN PLACE OF OLD DDA FLATS

.Few years back RBI colony flats were declared structuraly unsafe, some of the DDA colonies were built with same design Masjid moth flats being one of them. A survey of structural safety with an option of building highrise multistoryed flats with provision of community center should be looked into. More dwelling units can be accommodated in the same area with better facilities. Paid parking lots under parks should be developed, it would also discourage people from parking their vehicles for free on public land.

6.FLYOVERS

Sound proofing panels be made mandatory on flyovers which are in close proximity to residential areas. Provision of paid parking under flyovers where ever possible.

7. Solar water heating system be mandatory on new commercial buildings.

8.MCD or GOVT schools as NIGHT SHELTERS for HOMELESS.

Provision of allowing some MCD or GOVT schools as night shelters for homeless especially under severe weather conditions. This is being done in some European countries. This would help save expenditure on building night shelters and maintanance cost as existing infrastructure can be used.

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You are requested to kindly consider the suggestions in the interest and long term benefits of residents of Delhi.

Best wishes

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