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"Submit your registration form at the venue of Open House meets."

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 -
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and then He finally sculpted His best, ~ He created man and gave him a heart...

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30 April 2012

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 benefitted 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:

- kk) 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;
- ll) at least permit the shops existing on these unnotified roads at the time of notification of the Master Plan;
- mm) such a permission will not create any big problem because such shops are few in number;
- nn) 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,

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P.S.
In view of the fact that Govt. is contemplating regularization of several unauthorized colonies the justification for extending sanction to the existing shops till 2007 becomes more moral & humane. Thanks

I am certain of nothing but of the holiness of the Heart's affections - John Keats
Above all and in all, be sincere - Vivekananda

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RESPECTED SHRI JAIPAL REDDY JI
HON'BLE MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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Sub: Some Suggestions about the Flaws in the Master Plan 2021 - Request for Permitting Commercial Activity at least on Ground Floor on the existing shops on all 80 ft. (18 mtr. & above) wide roads

Respected Sir,

Good wishes and greetings!

I wish to bring to your kind notice that while Master Plan 2021 has brought a great relief to a large number of traders a part of the traders have **suffered an unfortunate neglect** and are still living in atmosphere of uncertainty and fear. These traders have their shops on the so far un-notified roads. You are, therefore, requested to kindly **look into** the fate of these neglected business persons and **save them from misery and suffering.**

The Logic for making the above request:

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 excitement and enthusiasm, 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 notification. It is in this context that I find the criterion of 70% or 50% for the commercial/mixed land use rather **anomalous 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 **death of closure**, those with **less business activity is like condoning a greater wrong and punishing a lesser offence.** For the same fault 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 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 & suffering to **thousands of business families who have already suffers heavy financial losses and are finding it hard to pay their loans and debts.**

Regularisation of Colonies

When the Govt. can adopt such a liberal and generous attitude towards regularising hundreds of unauthorised colonies, a slightly liberal **humanitarian approach** can spare the misery and tension of hundreds of businessmen who are worried about their families and future. Therefore, I 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 and regularising the existing shops seems to be the 'only' desirable step; this may at least be done in case of shops in C,D,E,F categories which are owned primarily by middle/lower income people.**

A Personal Note

You must be aware of the tragedy and trauma of Partition and how people rebuilt their 'lives' by their toil and struggle offering their sweat and blood to make provisions for themselves and their children. Whereas the Master Plan has brought some relief to many, those unfortunate one who could not come in the safety circle are languishing in misery and privation because of sealing and closure. God has gifted you not only with Administrative skill and vision but also endowed you with concerns of society and human ethics. Mercy is higher than justice. So is a broad and generous humane approach which ensures maximum good of the largest number. The Govt. has already made several amendments and modifications in the Master Plan by which it has given several concessions. The above request of mine can also find some room in the generous approach that govt. has adopted.

With warmest regards,

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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.

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Hon'ble Mahamahim Rashtrapati Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam with Dr. Madan Mohan Chopra, National President, All India Freedom Fighters Samiti (R), his son Dr. Vikram Chopra (C) and grandson Mr. Vivek Chopra (L) at Rashtrapati Bhawan

देश, समाज और मानवता के प्रति हमारा कर्तव्य

(23 मार्च, शहीद भगतसिंह, सुखदेव, राजगुरु बलिदान दिवस की पुण्य स्मृति में)

- विक्रम चोपड़ा

मैंने अपने जीवन में 'निष्काम' शब्द से सुन्दर कोई शब्द नहीं पाया। निश्चय ही 'प्रेम' और 'करुणा' मानव हृदय कोष के सुन्दरतम शब्द हैं और इन दोनों के बिना जीवन निस्सार एवं निर्मूल्य है। किन्तु 'निष्काम' शब्द अपनी सम्पूर्ण व्यापकता में इन दोनों - 'प्रेम' व 'करुणा' - को अपने में समेट लेता है। प्रेम के बिना आप सेवा नहीं कर सकते और करुणा के बिना निष्काम भाव नहीं आ सकता। भक्ति भी जब अपने गहनतम रूप में आ जाती है और भक्त समर्पण-आत्मसमर्पण की चरम सीमा को छू लेता है - जब अहं का नामोनिशान तक मिट जाता है तब सच्ची निष्काम भावना का उदय होता है। जहाँ 'स्वार्थ' व्यक्ति को अधोपतन की ओर ले जाता है वहाँ 'निस्वार्थता' उसके उत्थान का मार्ग प्रशस्त करती है। निस्वार्थता की चरम सीढ़ी को छूना ही निष्काम भाव में डूबना है - यह डूबना ही तरना होता है - 'अनबूड़े बूड़े तरत' - 'अर्थ न धर्म न काम रुचि गति न चहों निर्वान, जनम जनम रति राम पद ऐहि वरदान न आन' - जब भक्ति स्वयं में ही लक्ष्य हो जाय - जब सेवा स्वयं ही सिद्धि हो जाय - 'कर सेवा पा मेवा' नहीं बल्कि सेवा ही मेवा है - जैसे दहेज की लालसा भी इतना बड़ा कलंक है कि इसकी इच्छा मात्र भी पापमय है - इसीलिए दहेज की इस कालिमा को मिटाने के लिए 'दुल्हन ही दहेज है' का दृष्टिकोण अपनाने को कहा गया है। मैं तो कहता हूँ कि 'दहेज' शब्द ही इतना कलंकित है कि इसका प्रयोग ही निषेध हो जाना चाहिए - इसीलिए 'दुल्हन ही दहेज है' न कहकर 'दुल्हन ही जीवन धन है' कहा जाय - तभी नारी का उचित सम्मान होगा। इसी प्रकार गहरी निष्काम भावना - 'सेवा ही मेवा है' से भी ऊपर उठकर 'सेवा ही सौभाग्य है' - 'सेवा ही वरदान है' का दृष्टिकोण बन जाती है - फिर इंसान सोच उठता है - 'एक बार इस राह पे मरना सौ जन्मों के समान है' और सर्वस्व अर्पण करके भी देशभक्त नतमस्तक ही रहता है - अमर शहीद राम प्रसाद बिस्मिल के शब्दों में -

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खून से लिपटा हुआ अपना ही सर लाया हूँ मैं

बहुत पहले एक फिल्म में एक गीत सुना था - "वो जो औरों की खातिर जिये मर गये - सोचती हूँ उन्हें क्या मिला?" "उन्हें क्या मिला?" का जवाब किसी के पास भी नहीं है - ICS में टॉप करके भी संघर्ष की चिता में कूदने वाले महर्षि अरविन्द और नेता जी सुभाष बोस से कोई पूछे कि उन्हें क्या मिला - कोई 15 साल के खुदीराम बोस से पूछे कि उसे क्या मिला? कोई 21-22 साल के भगतसिंह, सुखदेव, राजगुरु, अशफ़ाक और चन्द्रशेखर से पूछे कि - उन्हें क्या मिला? 63 दिन उपवास रखकर लाहौर जेल में प्राण देने वाले जतिनदास से कोई पूछे कि उसे क्या मिला? तो शायद उसका उत्तर वे भी न दे सकें - क्योंकि न तो वे भाग्यवाद में विश्वास रखते थे और शायद न ही पुनर्जन्म में फिर भी एक ही जन्म और उसे

के लिये प्रेरणा के स्रोत बन गये। 'सूरज न बन पाये तो बनके दीपक जलता चल' इन्हीं विशेष सूर्यों से प्रेरित होकर अनेकों दीपक बन गये। महाकवि बंकिमचन्द्र की सुंदर ललकार "तीस कोटि जन कल कल निनाद करा ले, के बोले मों तुम्हीं अबलें?" जन जन में उत्साह और विश्वास पैदा हो जाता है - इसी मशाल को लेकर देशभक्ति के परवाने आगे बढ़ते गये और लोग यूँ मिलते गये और कारवाँ बढ़ता गया। चलने के समय शायद वे अकेले थे पर गुरुदेव टैगोर के शब्द "एकला चालो रे" ने जैसे लोगों को झकझोर दिया और लोग यूँ आते रहे और कारवाँ बनता गया। जैसे गांधी जी निकल पड़े थे डांडी यात्रा पर और उस लघु प्रयास ने महा आन्दोलन का रूप ले लिया, जो बाद में 'क्विट इंडिया' के रूप में फलीभूत हुआ। ये बातें तो उन हुतात्माओं की हैं जिन्हें अमरत्व की प्राप्ति हुई। परन्तु जिस प्रकार सेना में परमवीर चक्र और महावीर चक्र वाले सैनिक ही नहीं लड़ते अन्य वीर भी अपने प्राणों की आहुति देने की भावना रखते हैं। कवि Milton के शब्दों में - "They also serve who stand and wait" ऐसे अनेकों स्वतंत्रता सेनानी थे जिन्हें शरीर को होम करने का सौभाग्य तो नहीं मिला पर जिनके समर्पण और त्याग भावना में कोई कमी नहीं थी।

मेरे पूज्य पिताजी मदन मोहन चोपड़ा भी राष्ट्र की एक विभूति थे। बचपन से लाला लाजपत राय, शहीदे आज़म भगत सिंह, नेताजी सुभाष बोस, मौलाना अबुल कलाम, पंडित नेहरू के साथ कार्य करने का सौभाग्य मिला - काश्मीर में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाने का सुअवसर मिला और स्वतंत्रता के पश्चात् 1969-70 में 'अखिल भारतीय स्वतंत्रता संग्राम सेनानी समिति' का गठन कर देश के द्वारा देश के उपेक्षित और तिरस्कृत किन्तु सम्मान व श्रद्धा के पात्र स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को इकट्ठा किया और विश्व वंद्य राजा महेन्द्र प्रताप, पं. परमानन्द जी झांसी, श्री राजा राम शास्त्री, डा. हरे कृष्ण मेहता तथा द्विजेन्द्रनाथ बोस जैसे महापुरुषों का प्रेम व आशीर्वाद मिला और इन सबके प्रयासों से ऐसे द्वार खुले कि आज लाखों स्वतंत्रता सेनानी भाई और बहनें सम्मान पेंशन के द्वारा सुख और सम्मान का गरिमामय जीवन व्यतीत कर रहे हैं। ये सब सेनानी निःस्वार्थ भावना के कारण ही उपेक्षित और तिरस्कृत रहे जबकि स्वार्थी और पदलोलुप लोग सत्ता को हड़पने की होड़ में ही लगे रहे। इस निःस्वार्थ और निष्काम भावना की अति सुन्दर अभिव्यक्ति इन पंक्तियों में हुई है :-

हम न सोचें हमें क्या मिला है, हम यह सोचें किया क्या है अर्पण।

फूल खुशियों के बँटे सभी को, सबका जीवन ही बन जाये मधुबन।।

बस एक बार जीवन 'मधुबन' बन जाये तो फिर आनन्द ही आनन्द है। पुष्प प्रत्येक अंग से सुन्दर है। हीरे में चमक ही चमक है - अन्दर से भी, बाहर से भी। If we cannot be a moon let's be a star- even a small star - एक महान कवि के शब्दों में -

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our life sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

सौभाग्यशाली हैं वे लोग जो ऐसे माता-पिता की संतान हैं जिनका जीवन समर्पण व न्यौछावरता की भावना से ओतप्रोत हैं। हमारा यही सौभाग्य हमारा दायित्व भी बन जाता है और हमें विनम्रता से भरकर आत्मिक उत्कर्ष की प्रेरणा देता है ताकि हम देश और समाज के प्रति अपने कर्तव्य का निर्वाह कर सकें।

जिस प्रकार प्रत्येक व्यक्ति की उसके 'परिवार' की धारणा अलग है - निजी स्वार्थ से 'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्' तक की यात्रा चिन्तन की व्यापकता की द्योतक है, उसी प्रकार 'कर्तव्य' की परिभाषा भी हर व्यक्ति की अपनी-अपनी है। मात्र अपने लिए सोचने वाले व्यक्ति से लेकर महात्मा बुद्ध जैसे सम्पूर्ण सृष्टि की चिन्ता करने वाले व्यक्ति भी हैं। एक सुन्दर विचार के अनुसार प्रत्येक व्यक्ति संसार के प्रत्येक व्यक्ति