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**Suggestions for mid-term review in Delhi Master Plan 2021
(Clause No. 15.4 under Mixed Land Use)**

Respected Sir

I write this to you to review certain points listed in Delhi Master Plan 2021.

As according to 15.4 clause under Mixed Land Use, certain activities are not allowed from Retail Shops, even basic necessity materials such as Coal and firewood too.

It must be taken into consideration that according to Indian tradition & culture 'coal and firewood' are some of the basic raw products needed for everyday use, be it an occasion like marriage in our house or an auspicious event like Hawan in our temples or unforeseen event like Death and its sacred cremation according to Hindu Tradition.

In every activity of our society and according to our traditions & culture Coal & Firewood is not only necessary but an inevitable product that we need for our daily lives.

In winters, people burn charcoal in their houses for elderly and small babies for their survival from extreme winters on small angeethis

The same charcoal and hard coke is used as a fuel for tandoors in the Dhabas and Restaurants for preparation of food.

Now, I must add that Dhabas and Restaurants are some of the activities which are allowed in the retail shops from mixed use, and these will also bear a burnt if these activities are not allowed.

Firewood and charcoal is also used by local 'Press Wallahas' (Iron men), who iron the clothes of the local residents to earn their living.

Hence it must be stated that many businesses are dependant and are based on these very raw materials for their own survival, and these businesses will suffer a lot and will eventually themselves be forced to close down in the absence of the availability of these raw materials like coal and firewood around their vicinity.

Moreover, the charcoal used is a smokeless fuel, it is not a highly inflammable as it needs a certain high temperature to catch fire and produces negligible pollution.

Therefore, it is highly suggested to review the clause wherein, these activities should be allowed from mixed land use, with the due consideration and planning.

Kind Regards

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