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Dear Sirs,

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Following are few another suggestions relating to Delhi Master Plan 2021:

1. Vacant lands of DDA should be allowed to be used by children for play ground till the actual intended work on these lands starts.

There are many vacant land exists in Dwarka and many parts in Delhi in which no actual construction or any development is done. Many DDA lands near residential colonies remain vacant for years. These lands are mostly used to dump thrashes, waste material, construction waste (malba) etc.

Master Plan does not provide concrete plan as to where and how to provide play grounds to children.

Some of DDA's lands which is vacant for long time and there is no immediate proposal of commencing works on these vacant lands should be developed as play ground and children should be allowed to use these vacant lands for playing sports like cricket or football etc. However, DDA can always put conditions on usage of these lands for sporting activity by children for temporary period.

4. Provision for Night Shelter for Poors in Winter: MPD 2021 is silent on this issue. Even Supreme Court has expressed grave concern about lack of night shelter facility available in Delhi for poor in winter.

Government buildings and lands Empty Parking lots etc. which is laying vacant for long duration or are under litigation can be used for night shelters (with the permission of court) for poor during winter in order to provide relief to poor and homeless, destitute during

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winter in order to short out the issue of space crunch by the Government. Master Plan should expressly provide such measures.

With best regards,

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On Wed, May 30, 2012 at 11:32 PM, Baban Prakash <babanprakash@gmail.com> wrote:

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Subject: Review of Delhi Master Plan 2021 - Suggestions

Dear Sir,

I thank you for inviting suggestions from public on Delhi Master Plan 2021 in order to review the said plan to meet with changing needs of society.

According to me, the current Master Plan 2021 has completely neglected to address some of the few very important, basic and sensitive aspects dealing many people in general and some people in particular. My following suggestions would be drawing your attention on these aspects:

1. **Lack of adequate separate Toilets for Men and Women on Public Streets, Public Buildings, and Market places, DDA Pockets, Parks has become a matter of concern as there is huge gap between what is available as essential toilets facilities on Streets, in Public Buildings, Public Places, Markets, Public Workplace etc. and what is desirable.**

Ladies toilets are almost non-existence on most of the streets in Delhi.

In the Delhi Master Plan 2021, provision of common basic services like toilets, water points, etc. have been termed as *critical focal points*, however, the same has been viewed merely concerning with informal sector for employment generation [Para 20(J)]

In my view, the current Master Plan's approach of keeping provision for toilets facility with informal sector on employment generation point of view is very restrictive, narrow, inappropriate and insensitive.

Provision for basic facilities such as adequate, clean and separate toilets for men and women cannot be left in the hands of private body/market forces to be decided by them that whether providing toilet facility in any Public Place is economically viable or not or, whether construction and running of toilets would generate employment or not. Such a restrictive and approach must be avoided.

As we know that provision for Toilets is not only essential for public convenience but also has sensitive and medical aspect also (especially in respect of women. According to biological reasons, women require usage of toilets twice that of men). It is very well known that by of retaining the toilet or urinal for long time, it can cause serious ill effect on certain parts of human body.

The Master Plan must recognise the fact that provision for separate toilet is very basic requirement of every human being in Public Places and Workplaces. State must provide separate and adequate number of toilets in every Streets, Public Buildings, Market Places, Parks, DDA Pockets.

Master Plan should clearly state that State shall provide clean and separate Toilets facility in Public Places, Public Buildings, Workplaces, Markets, DDA Pockets, Parks etc. in adequate numbers. The State shall take public consultation in respect of locations of Toilets in Public Places.

1. **2. NO Toilet Room/block available (No Toilet facility for security guards) in any of DDA's Pockets:**

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DDA has built Guard Room for security guards in all its Pockets but does not provide Toilet Facility its security guards in any of its Pockets.

Security Guards provide security to DDA property and residents in DDA Pockets without having separate Toilet Facility available for them in DDA Pocket.

Master Plan 2021 is silent on this very important issue.

In today's rapid social and economic change, there is also increased level of insecurity in society. In view of increased security concerns by residents living in DDA Pockets, DDA has built Guard Rooms in each of its Pockets; however, there is NO Toilet Room with Toilet facility exits in DDA Pockets.

It is highly incomprehensible that if a Guard Room can be built for security guards for security purposes then why there is NO Toilet Room/block for security guards. Where will these security guards go to attain their call of nature in absence of Toilet facility in their workplace? Is DDA not permitted to build Toilet Room/block in its Pockets? Who will provide Toilet facility for security guards in DDA Pockets?

Currently, Delhi Master Plan 2021 is silent on these above questions. Master Plan must recognise that for every Guard Room provided by DDA in its Pockets, it is equally essential to provide Toilet Room/Block along with such Guard Room. Merely constructing the Guard Room does without Toilet facility therein does not serve its very purpose and utility.

Sir, I hope you will give due consideration on both these suggestions in view of the importance they carry in our society.

Thank you for your time and patience while going through my suggestions. As mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,

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