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The Planning Department,  
(Master Plan Review Section)

Delhi Development Authority, Delhi.

OFFICE OF THE DIR (Plg.)  
MPR/TC, D.U.A. N. DELHI-2  
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Sub: Public suggestions for mid-term review of MASTER PLAN for DELHI -2021.

Regarding New LAJPAT Rai Market (P.G.Market) Chandni Chowk, DELHI-6.

Dear Sir/Madam.

With reference to your public notice regarding Public suggestions for mid-term review of MASTER PLAN for DELHI -2021 our suggestions and submissions are as under:

1. That these shops were allotted to the displaced persons in 1958 with the area of 184.90 sq. ft. (13' height + 2' parapet wall height) and included 4' platform for the purpose of rehabilitation of the migrants to provide them a source of sustenance.
2. That the allottees were granted the lease-hold rights in the year 1981 by the Land & Development Office under the Ministry of UDA. At present a many shops have been converted into free hold also.
3. That in sixties and seventies, the business volume was not much and the space allotted was sufficient for the storage purpose.
4. Over the years, with the development of watch, clock, cycle & cycle parts and electronics industry in Delhi and its adjoining areas, our market has emerged to be one of the leading wholesale markets in watches and electronics. Our market contributes handsomely to the public exchequer in the form of ST and I. Tax. It also provides employment to thousands of persons directly/indirectly.
5. After five decades, the two generations have also joined their fathers and grandfathers in the business. The volume of the business has increased many folds, while the space required by the storage purpose is the same, as five decades earlier.
6. The L&DO has sanctioned first floor to Azad Market, additional construction has been allowed in Sarojini Nagar Market and basement has been allowed in Khan Market for storage purposes. So many other facilities like this have also been given to the various markets in Delhi.
7. The UD Ministry/L&DO in the meeting on 29.2.1993 had decided to provide our market the extra space in the shape of merging the 4' platform within the construction of the shop area and also providing a loft by increasing the height of the roof or allowing to sunken the floor by 2-3' for storage purpose.
8. As around and nearby our market many projects are taking place like Pedestrian subways connecting to RED FORT(already in use) , A multi level CAR PARKING opp. RED FORT (about to complete in few months) , A recent Underground Metro Rail Project(starting very soon) etc. but only our NEW LAJPAT RAI MARKET (P.G.Market) is deprived of all modernisations.

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In support of our above prayer, we request you to consider the following ground realities:-

- i) The height of the Jain Mandir and Gauri Shankar Mandir just adjoining our market is above 50'.
- ii) The plinth of old Lajpat Rai Market is 10' above the road, thus, making the total height of the roof in Old Lajpat Rai Market 25' approx. which is 9' more than our requirement.
- iii) Distance of our market from the boundary wall of Red Fort is more than appx. 600 Meter
- iv) There is no encroachment of a single inch in our market on public land.
- v) There is no hindrance to public movement as ours is a wholesale market and only the customers concerned with the trade visit the market.

We, therefore, pray to kindly make a permanent policy to provide us additional storage space, as under, which will not only solve our problem but also lead to a uniform and planned structure for all the shops in the area:

- i) Increase the roof height upto the level of parapet wall, i.e. 18' approx.
- ii) Merger of 4' platform in the construction area of the shop; the cost of the land has already been paid to the UD Ministry.
- iii) A loft anywhere within the shop area for storage purposes.
- iv) Sunken the floor by 2-3'
- v) Basement for storage purpose only. Which has been approved by the M.C.D.

In the light of the above, it will be seen that what we want is a little bit of storage space which is the requirement of the day.

We would also request you to grant us a PERSONAL HEARING to represent our case and requirements in detail.

Thanking you,

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New Lajpat Rai market