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Subject : Suggestions for Mid-term review of Master Plan-2021 Issue- Physical Infrastructure- water

Sir,

The planned expansion of Delhi through various housing projects is done in such a manner that would imperil the water security of the city. Since the 1980s, almost all the water schemes for these projects, whether of VasantKunj, Rohini, Dwarka or others, have been approved on the condition that DDA or the project proponent would arrange water from alternate sources like tubewells. This has always kept the city in a crisis situation and deficit in its water budget. This has also adversely affected the groundwater regime of the city. Almost 100 MGD of water, as per official records, is pulled from ground by DJB to meet the ever burgeoning demand.

There may come a time when our resources may fall too short of the demand and create a collapse like situation for the city.

Considering the gravity of the matter DJB has also written to you. I have record of two such communications asking you to restrain from more projects.

We suggest that new construction projects be only given a go ahead after the water supply is in place. No project be allowed to go ahead merely on approval of Water Scheme on basis of alternate sources like tubewells.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely, For Natural Heritage First

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