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Subject: suggestion on MPD-2021- Issue- Urban Extension Projects
Delhi's expansion endangering water security of Haryana

Sir,

We work on water issues in Haryana and are concerned about the future water security in the region. The water needs of Haryana and the supply scenario simply do not match. Presently, the state is witness to dwindling ground table due to urban and agricultural pressures. On one hand, we have to cater to NCR development and, on other hand, we have to cater to food security of the country. Water scarcity has already led to urban rural conflicts when the villagers of Jhajjar district cut off canal supply to Gurgaon to irrigate their fields. The irrigated lands in most of Haryana are witnessing less water in canals. At many places water supply through canals have almost reduced by half, thus affecting the agricultural growth.

The GRACE satellite pictures show the region as a threatened zone with fast depleting ground water table. It's a very panicky situation for all of us as, on one hand, we are required to meet the developmental and food security needs and, on other hand, find resources to match them.

We went through the DDA website and found that you are on an unstoppable path of expansion with urban extension projects for Dwarka, Vasant Kunj and Rohini. And, new peripheral roads are being constructed to cater to the expansion. This planned expansion shows that you are not serious about controlling the expansion of Delhi. It also shows that you have ignored the advice of NCR Planning Board too.

In addition to this, you have no cure to the menace of unauthorized colonies mushrooming every day. At many a places, these colonies are already touching the border with Haryana. Here again, your planned expansion is fuelling these colonies. These unauthorised colonies generally come up after new roads come up or planned colonies come up. The correlation between planned expansion and mushrooming of unauthorized colonies can be seen all over the country. But, Delhi needs to be extra careful, being already overloaded.

Besides the water crunch, you are also not able to handle the sewage problem. Sewage released in the Yamuna have made the stretch of Yamuna after Delhi a sewage canal. The sacred Braj Bhoomi is being desecrated with the filth coming out of Delhi. The contamination is entering the food chain as this polluted water is being used to irrigate fields in the Faridabad region of Haryana.

We were always under the impression that Delhi's planners are serious about controlling the expansion of the city; but, your expansion projects just show the opposite. In a sense, you are directly fuelling the resource crisis in the region with your plans.

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We appreciate that you have adopted a mid-term review of MPD-2021. We request you to address our concerns as above and not jeopardize the water security in the region any further.

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Besides the above, we propose some solutions:

1. Ensure Ecological flow in river Yamuna, at least 50% of its natural flow around the year. Both Delhi, Haryana need to work together on it.
2. Groundwater loss of approx.. 15 to 20 metres can be revived by promoting agriculture forestry on 33% of area and compensate farmers for doing this. Otherwise, we will lose all that we have.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,



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