

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS & WILDLIFE
2ND FLOOR, A-BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-02**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD HELD ON 08.03.2019 AT 4:00PM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY, DELHI & CHAIRMAN, RMB

The meeting of Ridge Management Board was held on 8th March 2019, Friday at 4:00PM under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary cum Chairman RMB. The list of attendees is attached.

At the outset, the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & Member Secretary, RMB welcomed all the Board members and briefed about the agenda items for the current meeting.

Thereafter each agenda was discussed by the Board and decisions were taken as listed below:

1. Agenda Item 1(A): Demarcation of Ridge Forest area along with fencing of the demarcated area

As desired by the Chairman in the last meeting, a detailed status report, filed jointly by the DCF(South) and DC(South), regarding the demarcation and fencing of Southern Ridge Forest area was put before the Board.

The Chairman asked that the total length of boundary walls constructed and the quantum of forest land protected as a result of the same should also be indicated, along with the length of boundary walls proposed to be constructed and the area to be protected as a result. The Chairman also asked for uniformity in compilation of maps of all villages demarcated as a result of the current exercise and directed that the final maps be made available to all Departments/stake holders so that Ridge Area can be taken into account at the project planning stage itself.

The Chairman desired the next meeting of RMB should be convened in the first week of April to discuss about the updated status of demarcation & fencing of the Southern Ridge.

Status of demarcation and handing over of forest land as on 07.03.2019:-

S.N	Title	Area (Bigha- Biswa)	Remarks
1.	Total area of Ridge/ Forest land in Southern Ridge	71310-18	--
2.	Total area demarcated with TSM	70941-02	Area notified excess than available in the Revenue Record: 369-16 Bigha-Biswa i. Tughlakabad: 294-10 Bigha- Biswa ii. Pul Pehladpur: 0-05 Biswa iii. Rajokari: 5-0 Bigha-Biswa iv. Rangpuri: 15-01 Bigha-Biswa v. Mahipalpur: 55-00 Bigha- Biswa
3.	Total area of Forest Land handed over to the Forest Department	65464-04	5476-18 Bigha-Biswa area not handed over as explained below: i. 178-10 Bigha-Biswa area under stay in Court cases ii. 1995-13 Bigha-Biswa area under Tattima proceedings in the Court of RA/SDM. iii. The cases to be settled by the Forest Settlement Officer/ADM: a. 245-04 Bigha-Biswa private area notified, b. Area allotted to the Govt. Depts. 3057-11 Bigha- Biswa.
4.	The area under stay in court cases	1358-11	The list of Court cases already annexed in detailed status report as annexure R1.
	a. Stay after area handed over to the Forest Department	1180-01	--
	b. Stay prior to handing over	178-10	--
5.	Area under Min Khasra nos. where Tattima proceedings initiated in the RA/SDM Court (Hence	1995-13	The list of Min Khasra nos. already annexed in detailed status report as annexure R2.

	not handed over)		
6.	The cases to be settled by Forest Settlement Officer/ADM:	3671-11	
	a. The private area notified as Forest land	245-04	The list of Khasra nos. already annexed in detailed status report as annexure R3.
	b. The area notified in excess than area available in the Revenue Record	369-16	The list of Khasra nos. already annexed in detailed status report as annexure R4.
	c. Area allotted to the Govt. agencies	3057-04	The list of Khasra nos. already annexed in detailed status report as annexure R5.
7.	Boundary wall constructed	i. Boundary wall length-11196 meters ii. Fencing-1500 meters	The village wise detail already annexed in detailed report as annexure R6.
8.	No. of pillar fixed	3071	The village wise detail already annexed in detailed report as annexure R6.
9.	No. of Geo-coordinates on the map	7873	The village wise detail already annexed in detailed report as annexure R6.
10.	Total area under encroachment	7042-04	Village wise list of encroachments are enclosed as annexure R7 to R23. 2355 Bigha encroachment removed. The list of Khasra nos. from which encroachment removed are enclosed as annexure R12(A) and R13(A). The lists of encroachments are forwarded to the Special Task Force (STF) under chairmanship of Vice-Chairman DDA for immediate action and arrangement of necessary Police Force. The religious structures under encroachments are referred to the Religious Committee, Delhi for necessary action.

The Chief Secretary desired to update and modify the above table to calculate exact area of forest land under possession of Forest Department excluding encroachments mentioned above which will be removed in due course.

Agenda Item 1(B): Capacity Building for protection and monitoring of ridge area

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR PROTECTION AND MONITORING OF RIDGE AREA										
S. N	Name of Items	Specification	Quantity						Estimate (Rs. In lakhs)	Remarks
			Rate (Rs. lakh)	North	South	West	P&M	Total		
1	Security Guards	Annual contract extendable to 5 years (2019-2023)	9.24	12	99	36	0	147	1358.28	The Ridge area measures 7784 hectares and is under constant threat of encroachment. Since there are only 3 Rangers, 15 DROs and 77 Guards for the entire NCT of Delhi additional manpower is required for active patrolling of Ridge areas, to be deployed in 3 shifts on daily basis. Payment at minimum wages.
2	Project Associate (Land, Survey Demarcation)	Annual contract extendable to 5 years (2019-2023)	24	0	2	1	1	4	96	For dealing with survey and demarcation work for Ridge Areas (At a remuneration of Rs. 40000 per month for 5 years)
3	Project Associate (Legal)	Annual contract extendable to 5 years (2019-2023)	24	0	1	0	0	1	24	For dealing with legal work related to land matters in Southern Ridge (At a remuneration of Rs. 40000 per month for 5 years)
4	Portacabins for Beat office	Fully Furnished with solar panels	10	0	3	3	0	6	60	To be set up in Southern Ridge areas for stationing staff during duty

										hours	
5	Mahindra Bolero Camper PS 4WD type MUV	Vehicle Engine Capacity 2523CC, Fuel Type: Diesel,	6.25	1	3	2	0	6	37.5		For patrolling in the Ridge areas falling in the jurisdiction of each Division
6	Field Vehicle	Maruti Suzuki Ertiga type vehicle	9	0	1	0	1	2	18		Requirement of 1 vehicle for DCF (Protection and Monitoring) and DCF/ACF of territorial Division for field visits
7	Tractor	Fuel type: Diesel, Engine type: Naturally aspirated, watercooled with direct fuel injection Power rating: 50HP and above	7	1	2	2	0	5	35		For hauling nursery materials, water bowser and operating auger for plantation, and for hauling confiscated material for offence/encroachment cases.
8	Tractor Trolley and other attachments	Payload capacity: 5 tonnes	2.5	0	2	1	0	3	7.5		For hauling nursery materials and confiscated materials during encroachment removal.
9	Water Bowser along with pump facility	Capacity: 5000 litres	2.5	1	2	2	0	5	12.5		For plantation activity in Ridge Area and also for use in firefighting.
10	Motorcycle	Bullet 350cc Military colour scheme	1.3	3	10	10	0	23	29.9		Due to shortage of field staff, motorcycles are required for patrolling, protection and other field works.
11	IT Equipment	Computers with Unix based	1.5	2	2	2	4	10	15		For performing basic tasks related to mapping based

		Operating System capable of operating QGIS, ArcGIS and Erdas Imagine (i7 processor, 8GB RAM, 256GB SSD HDD, Intel integrated graphics)								on data provided by Departmental GIS Cell established with West Div
12	Drivers	Annual contract extendable to 5 years (2019-2023)	10.18	2	9	5	1	17	173.06	For driving 6 Bolero Campers, 2 Ertigas, 5 Tractors, 1 existing gypsy and 3 reserve
Total (Rupees in Lakhs)									1866.74	

The above proposal was discussed and keeping in view the need for taking up measures for protection of Ridge forest area, the above stated proposal of Forest Department for the amount of Rs. 18.67 crores was approved by the Board. The Board directed that ex-servicemen be taken as security guards from RajyaSainik Board, and that hiring of drivers should also be attempted from RajyaSainik Board in the first instance, subject to availability.

2. Agenda Item 2: Construction of World Class Skill Centre and Delhi Skill University at village Jaunapur, South Delhi

(UA: Department of Training and Technical Education)

The PCCF informed the Board that the said proposal is for construction of World Class Skill Centre and Delhi Skill University at Jaunapur by Department of Training and Technical Education over an area of 15.02 Ha. The proposed construction involves development of Academic Block, Admin Block, Hostel facilities, Workshop and recreational facilities.

As desired by the Board, the site was inspected by the Forest Department jointly with representatives of Revenue Department and User Agency. It was

reported that the proposed construction area (Part-1 and Part-2) is falling within Southern Ridge; Part-1 (8.905 ha.) has 17 nos. of standing trees and Part-2 (5.348 ha.) has 24 nos. standing trees.

Keeping in view the fact that the allotment of Khasras for the said project has been done before the completion of Final Demarcation of Ridge forest area, the Board decided that if the user agency is able to demonstrate availability of equivalent land for compensatory plantation as per requirements of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 along with geo-coordinates, the proposal may be considered for recommendation to CEC subject to the following conditions:

- i. The User Agency shall obtain necessary permission for diversion of forest area for non-forestry purposes as per provisions under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- ii. The User Agency shall make arrangement for mutation of an equivalent Non-Forest land in favor of Forest Department in lieu of diversion of Forest area under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Accordingly, the user agency was asked to present the details of land for compensatory plantation in the next meeting of the RMB.


The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



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Distribution:

1. All RMB members.
2. All representatives of User agencies as per list of participants.
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