

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS & WILDLIFE
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RIDGE MANAGEMENT BOARD HELD ON
31.12.2021 AT 3:00 PM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY,
DELHI & CHAIRMAN, RMB

The meeting of Ridge Management Board was held on 31.12.2021, Friday at 3:00 PM under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary cum Chairman RMB via Video Conferencing. The list of attendees is attached.

At the outset, the PCCF & Member Secretary, RMB welcomed all the Board members.

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

1. Agenda Item 1: Development of Delhi Cyclewalk by DDA

(UA: DDA)

The Board was apprised that a proposal has been submitted by DDA for development of Delhi Cyclewalk. The project aims to make the city of Delhi friendly for cycling and walking within the greens of the city by widening and repurposing existing tracks and in some cases adding new tracks. The entire project is divided into 5 Phases with a total length of 201 Km.

Phase 1- 36 km

Phase 2 - 65 Km

Phase 3 - 46 Km

Phase 4 - 25 Km

Phase 5 - 29 Km

The current proposal is for seeking permission for development of Phase-I with a length of 36 km (29 Km on ground and 7 Km elevated). In the current phase it connects many educational institutions, business districts, industrial districts, residential districts and health districts. As per DDA's proposal width of the proposed track varies from 4 m to 6 m. DDA has proposed that they will upgrade the existing tracks/ pathways into cyclewalks/ footwalks without felling/ transplantation of any tree and without breaking of additional Forest land falling in

Ridge Reserve Forest/ Protected Forest/ Morphological Ridge/ Deemed Forest/
Eco Sensitive Zone.

The Length of the proposed cyclewalk passing through Forest areas in Phase I of the project is as below:

1. Southern Ridge – 1.46 Km
2. South- Central Ridge- 6.92 Km
3. Jahapanah City Forest- 6.03 Km
4. Morphological Ridge – 5.36 Km

Total : 19.77 Km

After detailed discussion, the Chairman desired that DDA in consultation with the Forest Department should prepare a Management Plan of the entire layout of Cyclewalk which would be in compliance of all the rules and regulations as well as the orders issued by Hon'ble High Court and Hon'ble NGT. The Management Plan should then be placed before the Ridge Management Board for consideration.

2. Agenda Item 2: Review of process for final notification of Forest Land under Section 20 of Indian Forest Act, 1927

The Member Secretary placed the progress of final notification of Forest Land under Section 20 of IFA, 1927 before the Board members.

a. Status of Encroachment removal:

	Village	Total Area as Reserve Forest		Total encroachment identified as on 05.04.2019		Encroachment removed in 2019-2020		Encroachment removed in 2020-21		Encroachment removed in 2021-22		Encroachment left for removal
		Bigha-Biswa	Ha.	Bigha-Biswa	Ha.	Bigh-Biswa	Ha.	Bigha-Biswa	Ha.	Bigha-Biswa	Ha.	
1	Aaya Nagar	4028-9	337.05	172-00	14.39	2-00	0.16	4-00	0.33	0	0	13.9
2	Chhattarpur	594-4	49.71	253-08	21.20	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.20

3	Nebsarai	590-01	49.36	264-09	22.12	0	0	1-10	0.12	0	0	22
4	Sahoorpur	3306-15	276.66	238-03	19.92	53-19	4.51	0	0	0	0	15.41
5	Devli	5631-03	471.14	452-14	37.87	0	0	0-1	0.004	0	0	37.86
6	Asola	9268-13	775.48	675-00	56.47	13-13	1.14	48-12	4.06	83-16	6.93	44.34
7	Bhatti	12845-12	1,074.76	477-14	39.96	0	0	0	0	3-0	0.25	39.71
8	Maidangarhi	5055-16	423.00	79-05	6.63	28-08	2.37	2-00	0.16	0	0	4.1
9	Saidulajab	302-06	25.29	109-04	9.13	03-00	0.25	2-00	0.16	0	0	8.72
10	Satbari	1625-03	135.97	183-17	15.38	60-00	5.02	0	0	0	0	10.36
11	Jaunapur	3855-18	322.61	287-05	24.03	113-13	9.50	2-15	0.23	4-0	0.33	13.97
12	Deramandi	10821-18	905.44	399-8.5	33.41	127-09	10.66	32-00	2.67	8-12	0.71	19.37
13	Tughlakabad	6491-16	543.15	403-07	33.74	0	0	20-17	1.74	4-8	0.40	31.6
14	Pulpehladpur	680-18	56.96	246-03	20.59	1-7	0.11	1-7	0.11	2-8	0.2	20.17
15	Rajokari	3318-15	277.67	216-00	18.07	37-02	3.10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	14.96
16	Rangpuri	1793-17	150.08	255-19	21.41	54-00	4.51	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	16.89

17.	Ghitorni	732-14	61.30	42-12	3.56	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3.56
Total		70943-18	5935.63	4756-8.5	397.88	494-11	41.33	115-02	9.5	106-02	8.87	338.12

b. Status of Boundary wall construction:

Boundary wall constructed during Financial Year 2021-22

S.No	Village	Length (in m)	Remarks, if any
1.	Ayanagar	525	Boundary wall constructed since April, 2021 to till date.
2.	Dera Mandi	1,881	
3.	Tughlakabad	550	
4.	Pul Pehladpur	1,677	
5.	Jonapur	272	
6.	Asola	1,105	
7.	Chhattarpur	334	
8.	Nebsarai	520	
9.	Rajokari	NIL	
10.	Rangpuri	NIL	
11.	Ghitorni	NIL	
Total		6,864	

c. Status of cases disposed off by FSO:

Total Cases – 60 (4 new cases)

Disposed off: 32

Pending : 28

d. Status of Notification under Section 20 (2nd Phase):

S.no	Village	Area (in Ha)	Status
1.	Saidulajaib	19.72	Draft Notification has been prepared and have been sent to Revenue Department for comments.
2.	Sahoorpur	26.90	
3.	Maidangarhi	67.49	
4.	Ayanagar	68.05	
5.	Chhattarpur	32.53	
6.	Devli	65.80	
7.	Pul Pehladpur	56.91	
8.	Satbari	32.80	
9.	Nebsarai	18.84	Draft Notification is under

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10.	Asola		process and will be sent to Revenue Department for comments next week.
11.	Bhatti	113.91	
		26.50	Under process
12.	Tughlakabad	202.42	
13.	Jonapur	110.75	
14.	Dera Mandi	190.87	
15.	Rajokari	42.50	
16.	Rangpuri	35.89	
17.	Ghitorni	58.75	
Total		1170.63	

3. Agenda Item 3: Capacity Building for protection and monitoring of ridge area

a. Career progression of Sr. Project Associates/ Project Associates engaged through Ridge Management Board

The Ridge Management Board approved the following policy in order to ensure career progression for Project Associates/ Sr. Project Associates working with the Department of Forests & Wildlife, GNCTD, engaged by the Ridge Management Board, who over the years gain experience while working in various aspects of conservation of Ridge area and also to prevent attrition of trained personnel in the Department. Under the said policy, there will be 04 slabs based on experience of Project Associates. An annual increment of 8% on the consolidated remuneration would be given to all Project Associates. The details are as below:

S.No.	Qualification and Work experience (Individuals having completed courses in Environmental Studies, Urban Planning, Forest Management, Social Work, Sustainable Development, Development Studies, and Water Resource Engineering or practical experience in the above fields would be preferred. Experience shall be counted on the basis of full time work experience in a Govt. Department in the field of Forestry, Wildlife, Natural Resource management, Environment.)	Proposed designation	Proposed remuneration including ICSIL charges (in Rs.)

1.	<p>Post Graduate with 0-2 years of full time work experience in a Govt. Department. OR B.Tech/ BE/ B Arch Degree with 0-2 years of full time work experience in a Govt. Department.</p> <p>For Legal Project Associate- LLB with 0-2 years of full time work experience.</p>	Project Associate	60,000
2.	<p>Post Graduate, with 2-4 years of full time work experience in a Govt. Department OR B.Tech/ BE/ B Arch Degree with 2-4 years of full time work experience in a Govt. Department.</p> <p>For Executive Project Associate (Legal) - LLB with 2-4 years of full time work experience.</p>	Executive Project Associate	70,000
3.	<p>Post Graduate, with 4-6 years of full time work experience in a Govt. Department. OR B.Tech/ BE/ B Arch Degree with 4-6 years of full time work experience in a Govt. Department.</p> <p>For Senior Project Associate (Legal) – LLB with 4-6 years of full time work experience.</p>	Senior Project Associate	80,000
4.	<p>Ph.D. with 02 years full time experience in a Govt. Department OR Post Graduate with minimum 06 years full time work experience in a Govt. Department.</p> <p>For Lead Project Associate (Legal) – LLB & LLM with minimum 6 years of full time work experience.</p>	Lead Project Associate	1,00,000

The Project Associates working in the Department would be categorized as Project Associate, Executive Project Associate, Senior Project Associate and Lead Project Associate based on their experience of working in a Govt.

Department including Forest Department. Their remuneration would be based on their new designation as per the above stated policy.

b. Capacity building for protection and monitoring of the Ridge Area

The Board also approved the following items for capacity building and strengthening of protection of the Ridge area:

S. No	Name of Items	Specification	Nos.	Estimate (Rs. In lakhs)	Remarks
1	Security Guards @ Rs. 20,000/- each	Annual contract extendable to 5 years (2022-2027)	53	636	The Ridge Management Board has earlier engaged 147 nos. of Security Guards for protection of Ridge Forest areas. Since Security Guards are available for duty on 26 days in a month, a total of 200 nos. of guards are needed for round the clock monitoring of Ridge and Forest areas.
2	Motorcycles @ Rs. 2.7 Lakh each	Royal Enfield 350 cc motorcycles with dual channel ABS along with ISI mark full face helmet (02 for each motorcycle), Protective riding gear, siren and plates of Forest Department. 3 year maintenance contract.	100	270	The Department has conducted exams for recruitment of 211 Forest Guards, results of which will be declared shortly. It is proposed to purchase these vehicles for patrolling, protection and other field works of Ridge Forest areas.

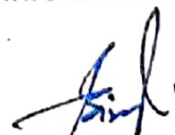
3	Field Vehicle @ Rs. 25 Lakh each	Diesel vehicle SUV of 2000 cc and above (Scorpio, XUV 700, Mahindra Alturas, Innova, Tata Safari etc.) 4X4 (4 wheel drive) with accessories like footmats, covers, tyre inflator etc. (3 year maintenance contract)	5	125	Regular patrolling is required to be done in Forest areas where movement of sedan type vehicles is not possible. Hence it is proposed to purchase 4x4 SUV vehicles which are suitable for such areas. Also, keeping in view the threat to field staff due to encroachment removal drives, purchase of such vehicles is mandatory.
4	Mini Tractor with trolley @ Rs. 10 Lakh each	Any leading automotive brand	2	20	For hauling nursery materials, water bowser and operating auger for plantation, and for hauling confiscated material for offence/encroachment cases.
5	Computers @ Rs. 1.5 Lakh each	Integrated Computers capable of operating QGIS, ArcGIS and Erdas Imagine (i7 processor, 16 GB RAM, 512 GB SSD HDD, Intel integrated graphics)	10	15	For performing basic tasks related to mapping.
6	DGPS system @ Rs. 25 Lakh each		1	25	DGPS systems are essential for accurate mapping of ridge and forest areas as the process of Section 20 notification is underway.
7	Electric Vehicles @ Rs. 25 Lakh each	Huyndai Kona, MG ZS EV	4	100	Vehicles required for officers to carry out monitoring and administrative work.

7	Lead Project Associates @ Rs. 1,00,000 each (Including ICSIL charges)	Annual contract extendable to 5 years (2022-2027)	2	120	Over the time, the executive functions of the Board have increased as final notification of Ridge area under Section 20 is being carried out. Also, as removal of encroachment is being done, the number of legal cases has increased manifold. Large no. of plantations are also being carried out in compliance of directions of Hon'ble High Court, it is proposed to recruit well experienced post graduate candidates having experience of more than 6 years of working in a Government Department.
8	Drivers @ Rs. 22,000/- each	Annual contract extendable to 5 years (2022-2027)	10	132	Well trained drivers in proper uniform for driving 10 Field vehicles.
			Total	1443	


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Distribution:

1. All RMB members.
2. All representatives of User agencies as per list of participants.
3. Member Secretary, Central Empowered Committee for kind information.


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ATTENDANCE SHEET

Meeting of the Ridge Management Board under the Chairmanship of the
Chief Secretary, GNCTD

Venue: Conference Room of the Chief Secretary

Date: 31.12.2021

Time: 3:00 PM

S.No.	Name, Department & Designation
1.	Sh. Satya Gopal, Addl. Chief Secretary (E&F)
2.	Sh. Ishwar Singh, PCCF
3.	Sh. Manish Kumar, Vice Chairman DDA
4.	Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma , Pr. Secretary (Finance)
5.	Sh. Nisheeth Saxena, Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden
6.	Sh. Amit Anand, DCF (South)
7.	Sh. Mandeep Mittal, DCF (HQ)
8.	Sh. Rajeev Kumar Tiwari, Pr. Commissioner (Hort.), DDA
9.	Sh. R.K. Singh, Chief Engineer (South Zone), DDA
10.	Dr. Kalpana Khurana, Addl. Commissioner (Landscape), DDA
11.	Sh. Deepankar Singh, Sr. Architect (UP & DUHF), DDA