

**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 14.01.2019 AT 4:30 PM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY, DELHI & CHAIRMAN, RMB

The meeting of Ridge Management Board was held on 14th January 2019, Monday at 4:30 PM under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary cum Chairman RMB. The list of attendees is attached.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary cum Chairman, 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: Demarcation of Ridge Forest area along with fencing of the demarcated area

The Member Secretary, RMB briefed the members that demarcation of ridge forest area is being undertaken in pursuance of the orders of NGT in OA 58/2013 'Sonya Ghosh Vs. Govt. of NCT of Delhi'. The status filed by DCF(South) and DC(South) was also placed before the Board for kind perusal. The Board members were also informed that the Divisional Commissioner is to file an affidavit in respect of the up to date status of demarcation, handing over/taking over and fencing of the Southern Ridge on 16.01.2019. After perusing the joint status report of DCF (South) and DC (South), Chief Secretary desired that a separate meeting of RMB be called exclusively to discuss the status/ progress report on the demarcation of Southern Ridge.

An exhaustive report consisting of the total area of Southern Ridge, area demarcated on the ground, raising of boundary pillars along the demarcated boundary, handing over/taking over of the land between Revenue and Forest Department and erection of fencing & permanent boundary wall should be prepared by the DC in consultation with DCF (South) to give a holistic picture of the entire

issue of demarcation of Southern Ridge. The DC (South) has been asked to prepare map of the entire boundary of the Ridge clearly showing the boundary wall completed as well as the remaining length. The encroachments within the demarcated area should also be reflected on the maps.

The Chairman desired the next meeting of RMB should be convened within next 10 days to discuss about the latest status of demarcation & fencing of the Southern Ridge.

2. Agenda Item 2: Infrastructure development of Army Hospital (R&R)

(UA: R&R Hospital)

The PCCF briefed the Board that the said proposal is from Army Hospital (R&R) seeking permission for undertaking five annual major work projects for up-gradation of Army Hospital (R&R). The detail of proposed projects is as followed:

S.N.	Name of the project	Trees proposed to be felled	Area under Morphological Ridge (in Ha.)
1.	Construction of Single Living Accn DSC Platoon: Three floors (Ground + 02 storey)	16	0.105
2.	Multi Storeyed Parking for 1000 vehicles: Construction of 04 floors (Ground +03) parking for 750 cars and 250 motor cycles	84	0.64
3.	Construction of additional 24 single Officers accommodation : 06 floors (Ground + 05)	30	0.12
4.	Provision of technical accommodation for 200 bedded Oncology Centre: Construction of 07 storeyed building (Lower Ground+ Ground +05)	321	12.95
5.	Construction of new college building and living accommodation for College of Nursing: Administrative Block-04 floors and Hostel Block -04 floors	590	1.05
		1041	14.865

The User Agency has proposed that Compensatory Plantation of 10410 trees in lieu of proposed tree felling of 1041 trees will be done within the premises of R&R Hospital.

Keeping in view the fact that medical facilities are essentially required to strengthen the existing Army Hospital which is in the Morphological Ridge and the User Agency is providing sufficient land for undertaking Compensatory Plantation of 10,410 trees of indigenous species, the Board decided to recommend the proposal to CEC subject to the following conditions:

- i. The User Agency shall deposit 5% of the project cost proportionate to the area falling within Morphological Ridge area to RMB fund on the lines of conditions imposed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP (C) 202/1995 titled T. N. Godavarman Thirumulpad Vs Union of India & Ors. for management of ridge.
- ii. The User Agency shall obtain necessary permission for tree felling as per provisions under Delhi (Preservation) of Trees Act, 1994.

3. Agenda Item 3: Construction of 300 m Baffle Range at Nicholson Range Complex by Rajputana Rifles Regimental Centre

The Member Secretary stated that the said proposal is for construction of a 300 m Baffle Range over an area of 3.55 Ha. in Survey No. 199 by Rajputana Rifles Regimental Centre for firing practice by forces recruits. The proposed construction involves Baffle Range Wall, a Guard Room, a Storage Shed, waiting room for officers, Junior Commissioned Officers and soldiers and a Sentry box. The proposed construction area is part of Central Ridge & Morphological Ridge (Part) and involves felling of 100 nos. of trees.

After detailed deliberations, it was decided that the Board members shall undertake a site visit before taking any decision on the said matter.

4. Agenda Item 4: Construction of Trap and Skeet Range by Rajputana Rifles

(UA: Rajputana Rifles Regimental Centre)

The Member Secretary briefed the Board members that the said proposal is for construction of a trap and skeet range at Survey No. 17, Training area RRRC, Delhi Cantt for firing practice by defence forces and army professional shooters. The

proposed construction area is part of Central Ridge & Morphological Ridge (Part) and involves felling of 41 nos. of trees.

After detailed deliberations it was decided that the Board members shall undertake a site visit before taking any decision on the said matter.

5. Agenda Item 5: Construction of World Class Skill Centre and Delhi Skill University at village Jaunapur, South Delhi

(UA: Department of Training and Technical Education)

It was informed that the 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.

The Chairman desired that a certified enumeration list of trees present within the proposed construction area should be placed before the Board in its next meeting. He also directed that the Dy. Conservator of Forests (South), DM (South) along with the representative of User Agency should conduct a site visit and submit a map showing the exact area of the project falling with the Southern Ridge and Morphological Ridge. The matter is to be placed as an Agenda Item for consideration in the next meeting of the Board.

6. Agenda Item 6: Construction of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade's proposed campus at Maidangarhi Village

(UA: Indian Institute of Foreign Trade)

The Member Secretary briefed the Board that the proposal is for construction of campus of India Institute of Foreign Trade at Maidangarhi village. The proposed area for the project is 22558.59 sqm out of which 4677.58 sqm area is falling inside Morphological Ridge. The proposed construction majorly involves development of Hostel Block, Swimming Pool, Warden Block, Auditorium Block, Admin and Academic Block.

During discussions, the User Agency informed that as per the building plan, the area falling within Morphological Ridge is proposed for construction of main

entrance road and the remaining area will remain as green and will not be put to any construction use.

The Chairman directed the User Agency to submit a certified map showing the exact area falling within the Morphological Ridge which is to be used for construction of entrance road only. The matter may be put up before the Board in its next meeting.

7. Agenda Item 7: Construction of toilet block in Mehrauli Archaeological Park

(UA: DDA)

The said proposal is for construction of a toilet block in Mehrauli Archaeological Park over an area of (30 sqm.) 5m x 6m. The proposed area falls within South-Central Ridge area. No tree felling is involved.

In view of the fact that this is a basic utility project and is in larger public interest, the Board recommended the proposal to CEC subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The User Agency shall also obtain necessary permission for diversion of Reserved Forest Land as per provisions under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

8. Agenda Item 8: Installation of distribution transformers in critical area/locations in Delhi by BSES

(UA: BSES Rajdhani)

It was stated that the instant proposal is for installation of eight (08) distribution transformers in critical areas/locations from BSES Rajdhani Power Limited. The details of the locations are as follows:

S.No.	Location	Ridge/Morphological Ridge
1.	Chatterpur Enclave	Morphological Ridge & Notification 1996/1987
2.	A Block Aya Nagar	Southern Ridge
3.	Ishwar Colony	Southern Ridge
4.	Khadak Village	Outside Ridge & Morphological Ridge
5.	Near Rajender Farm	Outside Ridge & Morphological Ridge
6.	Chatterpur	Notification 1996/1987

7.	G-1 Block Aya Nagar	Southern Ridge
8.	Sagarpur Gali-4 and Geetanjali Park	Outside Ridge & Morphological Ridge

The area required for Installation of one transformer is 20 sqm. No tree felling is involved.

After discussions, it was decided that the installation of distribution transformers can be permitted at the locations mentioned at S.No. 4,5 & 8 as they are not within the Forest area; For the rest of the locations the User Agency was asked to revisit the possibility of installing these transformers outside the Ridge Forest area/ Morphological Ridge area.

9. Agenda Item 8: Conversion of O/H line with U/G XLPE cable from Bhoop Singh Colony Mor, Rajpur Khurd village and colony to Maidangarhi village, S/Stn, New Delhi

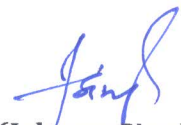
(UA: BSES Rajdhani)

The Board was informed that the said proposal is for conversion of O/H line with U/G XLPE cable from Bhoop Singh Colony Mor, Rajpur Khurd Village and colony to Maidan Garhi village S/Stn. The work will be carried out by digging a trench of 45cm*1m. The underground cable will be laid and the trench will be filled up with excavated soil. The length reported by User Agency is 1130 m. No tree felling is needed for laying the underground cable.

After detailed deliberations, the Board decided to recommend the proposal to CEC subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The User Agency shall also obtain necessary permission for diversion of Notified Forest Land as per provisions under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Ishwar Singh)
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Distribution:

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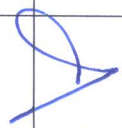


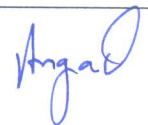
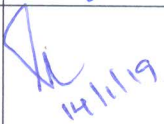




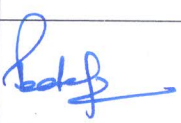
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Venue: Conference Room of the Chief Secretary, Delhi Secretariat

Date: 14.01.2019

Time: 4:30 PM

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