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MINUTES OF MEETING

Subject: Minutes of the meeting with respect to Airfield Environment Management Committee held on 27.06.2017 at Delhi Secretariat.

A meeting of Airfield Environment Management Committee was held at Delhi Secretariat on 27th June 2017 under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary (Environment) on the behalf of Secretary (Environment), Govt. of NCT of Delhi. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure 'A'**

At the outset, the Special Secretary (Environment) welcomed all participants and requested the DIAL representative to set the context and give the presentation on the agenda of the meeting. DIAL Wildlife In-Charge gave the detailed presentation wherein the action points for the concerned areas were discussed as follows:

1) Illegal waste dumping and de-skinning of Animal at Rangpuri Pahadi

It was brought to the notice of the Committee that joint inspection of Rangpuri Pahadi area is being carried out comprising of representatives of DIAL & DDA and site visit report is being communicated to DDA, SDMC & DGCA periodically with a copy to Environment Department. However, there is no improvement in the status of the area. The illegal dumping of the waste is still continuing without any restriction. Sewage drain water is also being diverted from Mahipalpur K block of unauthorized colony which further aggravates the issue of bird concentration.

The DDA official intimated that ownership of said land is disputed and matter is raised to Land Allotment department. Therefore, the cleaning of the area is getting delayed. Expressing concern, Special Secretary (Environment) stated that the area being subjudice does not prohibit the cleaning of the area in the interest of public safety. Further, he stated that issue is long pending and since land allotment department also falls under DDA jurisdiction, the delay is not justified and should have been addressed by this time. The DDA officials agreed for taking up the matter with appropriate authority for initiating the cleaning work on priority. Special Secretary (Environment) also advised to explore the idea of constructing dhalao at identified locations.

(Action: DDA / SDMC)

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2) Regular removal of garbage and slaughter waste from drain by SDMC and illegal meat selling in Indira Market – R K Puram.

It was pointed out that illegal meat shops operating in the area were demolished with support of MCD and Delhi Police. DDA, the land owning agency was requested to erect wall to avoid re-encroachment in the entire area. The work is yet to be started. In absence of boundary wall or wire mesh, there is possibility of re-encroachment. Also waste is being dumped in drain and it is learnt that meat shops are operating during odd hours.

Special Secretary (Environment) advised DDA to barricade the area and SDMC to provide more garbage bins and increase the frequency of garbage cleaning. He also advised that garbage collection point should be confined to barricaded area. Special Secretary (Environment) also guided to take support of Delhi Police for removing encroachment, if required.

The representatives of DDA and SDMC agreed to take action accordingly. The representative of Delhi Police also stated that all necessary support shall be given to Government agencies whenever requested including filing the FIR under relevant acts and night patrolling of area will be carried out to check the meat shops operating in odd hours.

(Action: DDA / SDMC /Delhi Police)

3) Garbage dump at Shahbad Mohmmadpur/ Bagdola Village

The Shahbad Mohamadpur area lies next to airport perimeter wall and any garbage accumulation increases direct threat to aircraft safety. It was pointed out that huge amount of garbage is being generated on daily basis and same is thrown in open area. The plastic garbage bins provided are not adequate and frequency of garbage clearance needs to be augmented. DIAL had offered to provide large waste containers for better waste management but MCD has no mechanism to clear such containers. There is an urgent need for provision of underground dhalao to be made in the said area so that garbage gets collected in a confined manner.

Special Secretary (Environment) directed SDMC Najafgarh Zone for augmenting the frequency of cleaning of the area and that cleaning record should be registered in their routine log book and copy of such recording should be shared with DIAL and Environment department. SDMC official informed that matter regarding construction of dhalao is under process.

(Action: SDMC)

4) Hawkers on Runway 27 approach road from Hanuman Temple (IAF) to Terminal 1

It was pointed out that presence of hawkers on Runway 27 approach road results in increased bird concentration and wild life presence in the vicinity of Airport which is serious threat to flight safety.

DIAL briefed that garbage and food waste generated by hawkers result in increased bird concentration and such complaints are raised in safety meeting by aviation community.

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Special Secretary (Environment) directed Delhi Police to support in making frequent patrolling and removal of hawkers from critical area. The ACP, south west district Dwarka ensured matter will be raised with concerned district Police official and needful will be done accordingly.

(Action: Delhi Police and Delhi Cantonment Board)

5) Bharthal Village

Special Secretary (Environment) was informed about garbage being dumped at various locations in open in Bharthal village. Two such sites have been identified in coordination with DDA and MCD officials. DDA is waiting for design and measurement approval from MCD side.

Special Secretary (Environment) directed SDMC to provide the requisite design to DDA at earliest so that construction work may be started and also increase the frequency of garbage clearance. Special Secretary (Environment) advised that letter would be sent to Railways from Environment Department, Government of NCT-Delhi seeking support for cleanliness of area that is under Railways jurisdiction.

(Action: SDMC/DDA, Indian Railways and Department of Environment)

6) Garbage disposal around Railway track and Mahipal Pur area

It was informed that regular waste removal and provision of covered bins are required in the above area as it falls in approach/ Take off path of aircraft. The area is also visited by DIAL along with SDMC officials during its periodic surveys. However, no support from Indian Railways has been forthcoming for addressing the issue.

Special Secretary (Environment) advised that letter would be sent to railways from Environment Department, Government of NCT-Delhi seeking support for cleanliness of area on both side of track that is passing close to western side of the IGI Airport between Palam and Bijwasan village.

(Action: SDMC/DDA and Indian Railways and Department of Environment)

7) Garbage dumping in open area in Mangla Puri, Bus Terminal and illegal meat shops operating in the area.

Special Secretary (Environment) was informed that the situation has slightly improved in the area but increase in frequency of garbage removal will further improve the situation. However, meat shops are still operating which are main cause of concern and attracts lot of birds.

Special Secretary (Environment) directed SDMC to increase the frequency of waste removal and SDMC assured that it will be taken care of.

(Action: SDMC /DDA/ Delhi Police)

8) Waste water logging / solid waste dumping and cleaning of drain near DDA flats Nasir Pur.

DIAL informed that garbage dumping near the drain is controlled to an extent by fence work and Iron Gate installation restricting the dumping of garbage dump by general public adjacent to drain.

Special Secretary (Environment) directed SDMC and I&FC to strengthen the waste management and ensure waste material are not dumped in open and adopt proper waste management techniques.

(Action: I & FCD/ DDA/ SDMC)

9) Cleaning of Drain in Dwarka Zone:

It was informed that after cleaning of drains, the silt/ sludge is left by the side of drain which not only attract birds but also liable to be wash back into the drain in case of rain. The same need to be removed on real time basis.

Special Secretary (Environment) directed DDA to take necessary action in the matter to address the problem.

(Action: DDA)

10) Garbage and construction waste dumping in open area in Jai Hind camp opposite Vasant square Mall Vasant Kunj

Special Secretary (Environment) was briefed about the area as new point and it was requested to instruct DDA and MCD to have better waste management in this area. DDA and SDMC official agreed that after joint inspection, cleaning will be carried out in the identified pockets.

(Action: DDA/ SDMC and DIAL)

11) Obstacles in Flight path

It was brought to the notice of Special Secretary (Environment) that DIAL has carried out obstacle survey around IGI Airport and carried out joint site visit to show identified obstacles to concerned agencies but requisite support is lacking. DIAL requested support in finding the ownership details of the identified buildings/ land. It was requested that since MCD/DDA has a record of ownership, the same may be shared with DIAL. DIAL has already requested MCD/DDA for providing the details.

Special Secretary (Environment) advised that matter should be escalated to higher authorities of concerned departments.

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At the end, Special Secretary (Environment) concluded by appreciating the efforts of all agencies and asked them to continue working to improve the situation.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



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