

Minutes of the Airfield Environment Management Committee Meeting Held on 17.01.2013 at Wright Brothers, Project Office, New Udaan Bhawan, IGI Airport

Venue: Wright Brothers, Project Office, New Udaan Bhawan, IGI Airport

Date: 17 Jan 2013

Time: 1530 Hrs

Airfield Environment Management Committee (AEMC) meeting was convened on the 17th Jan 2013 at 1530 hours in the Wright Brothers, Project Office, New Udaan Bhawan, IGI Airport

The list of participants of meeting is attached as Annexure I.

Mr. Marcel Hungerbuehler, Chief Operating Officer, DIAL, welcomed Mr. Sanjiv Kumar, Secretary (Environment) Govt. of NCT Delhi and Chairman, AEMC and the attendees of the meeting.

With due permission of the Chair, Dr. M. Muthukrishnan, AGM (Environment), DIAL made a presentation detailing the actions already taken and those required to be taken by each Agency as well as the status as per Action Taken Report (ATR) with respect to AEMC meeting held on 26.04.2012. To enhance effectiveness, action point were divided in to 4 categories and discussed.

- A) Issues requiring Immediate Action & Legal Improvement.
- B) Issues requiring Urgent One Time Action (Animal & Sewage).
- C) Issues requiring Constant Attention & Legal Improvement (Garbage).
- D) Bird management System & Infrastructural Improvement.

The Actions taken on all the individual action points were reviewed with interaction of concerned departments and DIAL.

Pending issues of previous meeting were discussed as mentioned below:

A) Issues requiring Immediate Action & Legal Improvement

1) Illegal waste dumping & De-skinning of Animals at Rangpuri Pahari (Action: Delhi Police, SDMC, DGCA, DDA, and DIAL)

DIAL informed that de-skinning and slaughtering was observed and communicated to Delhi Police, MCD, Dept. of Environment, DGCA, and DDA. Huge quantity garbage is being dumped.

Chairman directed the concerned departments to respond and take necessary action immediately. MCD Veterinary team told that they have written to Delhi Police to lodge an FIR. DIAL responded that they have also visited SHO, Vasant Kunj.

Chairman further directed that a joint visit with area Deputy Commissioner, SDMC may be made to assess the problem, work out a solution and take necessary action with the help of Delhi Police. Chairman also directed to identify the land owning Authority and the same may be directed to remove the waste from the area. Frigorifico Allana Ltd., Chief Contractor operating at Ghazipur may be requested for taking care of dead animals.

2) Illegal Meat Selling in Indra Market – R. K. Puram and irregular removal of garbage /slaughter waste from drain/area by MCD. (Action: SDMC, DDA, DIAL, Delhi Police)

DIAL informed that Boundary Wall has been built but is not effective in preventing animal remains waste from being thrown in the drain and there is need to add wire mesh & cover the drain (Holes & excavations in the walls). As per last survey (December 2012), Pariah Kite activity has increased & garbage bins do not have covers.

MCD veterinary department representative responded that they have conducted regular raids along with Delhi Police, SDMC, DEMS responded that covers have been provided on the bins. DDA informed that the boundary wall has been constructed.

The Chairman directed that a long term solution should be worked out and various options such as:

- i. Removal of entire market in the area, irrespective of the meat shop, under joint action by SDMC, DDA, Delhi Police and DDA,
- ii. Communication of concerned agency with the community for creating awareness on proper waste management,
- iii. Provision for more waste collection bins and increasing frequency of removal of waste so as to control waste littering into the drain,
- iv. Raising of the boundary wall etc may be considered by concerned Departments / Agencies to solve this problem.

3) Removal of illegal meat and fish shops and animal waste from Dabri More. (Action: MCD, DIAL, Delhi Police)

DIAL informed that Shopkeepers are operating in same area. Illegal butchering is also evident. Waste management around the area needs to be made better as even with shops being allocated; if waste management is not improved then problem remains same. No waste management system was observed during audit.

DIAL also informed that they are going for regular monitoring along with MCD. Possession letters of new shops have been issued for most of shopkeepers. Delhi Police informed that force has been provided to challan/prosecute offenders. MCD responded that they are regularly challaning offenders.

The Chairman directed that the suggestions as given under agenda point above are to be considered and implemented.

B) Issues requiring Urgent One Time Action (Animal & Sewage)

4) Relocation of Blue Bulls to Asola Bhati Sanctuary

DIAL informed that Blue Bulls need to be relocated at the earliest. DIAL has raised matter with Dept of Forests & Wildlife. Special site survey conducted which showed that blue bulls require relocation. Regular interactions are happening with Chief Wildlife Warden to finalize the Agency and start relocating the Blue bulls. Agencies are not yet identified for same. Special meeting would help to take immediate action on blue bull relocation.

Chairman said that separate meeting shall be convened with Forests and Wildlife Department for resolving the said issue.

5) Sewage from Mahipal Pur and Ranguri flowing towards airport and accumulates (Action: PWD, DDA, DJB, DIAL)

DIAL informed that urgent action is required as the sewage is attracting birds & can pollute ground water. DIAL has written to concerned Agencies to come for site visit. No response has been received from any agency.

DIAL also informed that in the next monsoon it will block the water flow, which is flowing towards airport to ensure the safety of airport operation.

Chairman directed to call a separate meeting with DJB, SDMC, DDA, DPCC and DIAL to discuss upon the issue. Chairman also directed the concerned department to field check the problem before the meeting.

C) Issues requiring Constant attention and Legal improvement (Garbage)

6) Garbage Disposal around Dwarka Area (Action: SDMC)

DIAL informed that they have been doing monitoring in Dwarka area and vicinity. Locations and timelines of waste removal had not been provided to DIAL by MCD.

DIAL raised issue of unauthorized dhalaos in evidence in Dwarka area.

Chairman directed DDA to deploy more bins in Dwarka & asked SDMC to be more active in removing waste materials and increasing the frequency of waste collection and disposal and also give action plan.

7) Wastewater logging and solid waste Dumping near Nasirpur and cleaning of drains near DDA Flats Nasirpur (Action: SDMC and I&FC Department)

DIAL informed that they have conducted joint survey with I&FC Department during May 2012 in which I&FC Department agreed that drain is under their jurisdiction and also agreed to take necessary actions to clean it. DIAL has been corresponding with I&FC Department to take necessary measures to clean the drain.

The drain is full of garbage, needs to clean and cover the drain. Garbage being dumped inside & outside drain rather than at nearby dhalao. Area needs to strengthen waste management in nearby colonies.

I&FC Department told the Chairman that due to space restriction, it's difficult to clean the drain & stop dumping activity.

Chairman directed SDMC and I&FC Department to go for joint inspections and give the report and plan for the removing the materials from the drain and ensure that materials are not dumped again by establishing the systems.

8) Garbage dumping in open near Manglapuri Bus Terminal and illegal meat shops in Manglapuri. Action (Action: SDMC, Delhi Police)

DIAL informed that new Dhalao has been constructed. Joint surveys are being conducted. Alternate site for dhalaos have been identified by DIAL. Action has been taken against offenders by Delhi Police & SDMC. SDMC informed that daily cleaning is done at Dhalao.

DIAL informed that newly constructed Dhalao is usually overflowing with waste. It needs increased frequency of garbage removal. Illegal meat and fish shop are still operating. There is a need to strengthen waste management in nearby colonies.

Chairman directed SDMC to give action plan, locate alternative sites and also increase frequency of waste removal from dhalaos.

9) Garbage dump and illegal meat shop at Shahbad Mohammadpur Village (Action: SDMC)

DIAL informed that garbage lifted a few times by SDMC. Survey is being conducted regularly but bins have not been provided at any point.

DIAL emphasized that garbage is scattered in all areas, there is a need for door to door collection & frequent garbage removal.

Chairman directed SDMC to increase the frequency of waste removal and place more bins in the required locations.

D) Bird management System & Infrastructural Improvement

10) Cleaning of drains in Dwarka Zone. (Action: DDA, SDMC)

DIAL informed Chairman that metallic sheet & fencing of drain is completed. Chairman appreciated the work done by DDA. SDMC needs to ensure proper removal of garbage/ provide bins as point near drain in Sec-8 is utilized for dumping.

Chairman appreciated improvement and advised SDMC and DDA for more regular & frequent cleaning and inspection.

11) Proper maintenance of waste dump sites (Ghazipur)

DIAL informed that site is away from IGI airport but has significant Pariah Kite activity. Proposed use of solid waste in energy plants & redevelopment of site shall help in reducing bird menace.

Chairman directed DIAL to take up the matter with ILFS, EDMC and DAMB over the issue.

12) Bird Concentration over Sadar Bazar – Regular garbage disposal in Sadar Bazar area & illegal meat slaughtering (Action: SDMC, Delhi Police)

DIAL informed that site is away from IGI airport but has significant Pariah Kite activity. Shops and drums are stacked with animal remains & associated materials. Animal remains found lying on road showing lack of animal waste removal.

SDMC officials informed that defaulters have been prosecuted/ challaned. SDMC conducted raids to control open sale of fish & poultry. Delhi Police has responded that staff has been briefed to check illegal meat slaughtering in their beat areas.

Chairman directed DIAL to communicate with the concerned Authority. Chairman also insisted for mass awareness campaigns in said area by concerned Departments / Agencies. Further, SDMC should increase the frequency of waste removal and study the area for any technological solutions.

13) Bijwasan Area (Bharthal Village) (Action: SDMC)

DIAL informed Chairman that no bins placed due to which garbage/waste is scattered. Waste collection work needs to be improved. Door to door collection frequency needs to be improved. Covered waste bins required in the area.

Chairman directed SDMC to place bins and increase the frequency of waste removal.

14) Data Base collection about drains near the airport funnel area and areas requiring redevelopment (Action : DIAL)

DIAL informed Chairman that this point has been closed & report sent to Dept. of Environment.

15) Removal of animal waste from Pankha road drain (Action: I&FC)

I&FC informed that tenders have been given for the repairing of the wall and drain will be covered.

16) Bird activity at Cantonment Area

DIAL informed Chairman that Cantonment Board should facilitate DIAL representative for site visit for on spot assessment and advice measures for improving situation.

At the end Chairman concluded & emphasized on following additional measures to be taken:

- Future action plan should be synchronized from all Agencies.
- A small Working Group should be constituted for working out effective solution to core issues requiring urgent action. Working Group to meet frequently
- Concerned departments should nominate nodal officer for all location so that they work as a team and could be contacted for immediate action as airport funnel area issues may directly impact safe aviation.
- Local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) may be roped in to create mass awareness.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
