

CHARACTER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Delhi Development Act 1957 was enacted upon more than 50 years before. Due to a lot of rapid Socio-Economic changes and emergence of Sub Standard Areas (Unauthorized colonies [Residential & Industrial], Extended Urban and Rural Villages, Census Towns, Jhuggi Clusters, Resettlement Colonies) unending requirements of Traffic & Transportation, specially parking; mix land use and hundreds of mixed commercial streets and roads, there is necessity to bring changes in the **Structure and Functions** of DDA.

PRESENT STRUCTURE

As per section -3 of the Act the Authority has to be chaired by Lieutenant Governor of Delhi with Vice Chairman; Engineer Member & Finance Member from DDA, 2 Representatives of MCD to be elected by councilors, 3 Representatives of Legislative Assembly of NCTD, 3 Persons to be nominated by the Central Govt. of whom one shall be a person with experience of town planning or architecture, Commissioner MCD as ex-officio. 2 suitable persons 1 as a Secretary and 2nd Chief Account officer of the Authority who shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be given by the authority or the chairman.

PROPOSED STRUCTURE

Following more members should be added:

1. Policy / City Planner; from Private Sector,
2. Engineer – in- Chief; Jal Board,

3. Secretary power; Delhi Govt.,
4. Chief Engineer; Irrigation and Floods Delhi Govt.
5. Secretary Urban Planning & Development Delhi Govt.
6. Secretary PWD

PRESENT FUNCTIONS

As per Section 6 of the Act states as under:

The objects of the Authority shall be to promote and secure the development of Delhi according to plan and for that purpose the Authority shall have the power to acquire, hold, manage and dispose of land and other property, to carry out building, engineering, mining and other operations, to execute works in connection with supply of water and electricity, disposal of sewage and other services and amenities and generally to do anything necessary or expedient for purposes of such development and for purposes incidental thereto:

Provided that save as provided in this Act, nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as authorizing the disregard by the Authority of any law for the time being in force.

PROPOSED FUNCTIONS

DDA should have the powers to **(1) CO-ORDINATE, (2) INTEGRATE, (3) EVALUATE, AND (4) MONITORING OF:**

- (i) Planning (Physical & financial)
- (ii) Development (trunk & peripheral)
- (iii) Construction (Public & Semi public buildings & EWS housing)
- (iv) Management (different types of built up and non built up spaces)

OF

1. Physical Infrastructure; Water, Sewerage, Drainage, Solid Waste Management, Power and Telecommunication

2. Circulation Infrastructure; Roads with ROB/ RUB, Tunnel Roads, Elevated Roads, Railways, Metro (elevated, on the surface and underground), Airways. Parking for different types of vehicles, terminals and depots.
3. Social Infrastructure; Health, Education, Security, Safety, Justice and Recreation
4. Shelter Infrastructure; Economic Weaker Section; LIG; MIG; HIG and for Elites
5. Ecological Infrastructure to stop and control water, air, noise and soil pollution
6. Economic Infrastructure to deal with work centres, commercial centres and other working centres.
7. Emergency Infrastructure; heavy floods and earth quakes.
8. Character Infrastructure to complete the activities in time.

3. FUNDING OF THE ACTIVITIES OF DDA

All the Govt. Departments & MCD would pay 1% cost of the project as planning fee to the DDA.

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