

ITEM NO. 03 (A-37)

SUB: Improvement/ Up-gradation of Talkatora Indoor Stadium- Competition Venue for Boxing Commonwealth Games-2010
SH: Construction of new facility block including underground parking. (Permission for cutting 114 trees)

NDMC has been entrusted with the task of improving and up-grading the above stadium for forthcoming Commonwealth Games-2010. The venue brief for Talkatora Stadium was received from OC - Commonwealth Games during December 2006. Based on venue brief, concept plan was prepared and the same was got approved from local body DUAC and OC - Commonwealth Games. As per approved concept plan, a new facility block for player and game families is required to be constructed adjacent to the existing stadium, along with carrying out addition/alteration to the existing stadium. In the lay out plan of new facility block, 114 trees of difference species are falling which are required to be cut.. The Talkatora Indoor Stadium falls under the category of Reserved Forest as such the permission for cutting the trees is required from Hon'ble Supreme Court. The department has initiated the case for the same. Ridge Management Board under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Delhi Govt. has cleared the proposal. After clearance from R.M.B, Proposal was placed before Central Empowered Committee (constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India). The hearing of the Central Empowered Committee took place on 1.10.07. During the hearing, Hon'ble court directed NDMC to convey its consent for following points before the case is cleared by Central Empowered Committee.

1. Strict compliance of conditions stipulated in RMB's clearance.
2. Transplantation of trees in nearby locality as per technical feasibility in addition to compensatory afforestation.
3. Approval of competent authority to be obtained under the F.C. Act 1980.
4. Provision of 5% of estimated project cost to be transferred to Forest department for improvement of Ridge This 5% cost works out to be Rs. 1.74 Crores (on estimated cost of Rs. 34.80 Crores.)
5. NDMC should agree for setting up a Ridge Interpretation Centre in the vicinity for creating awareness/ education among people.

NDMC has conveyed the consent to all the above points being mandatory in nature. However in respect of point No.5, it was stated that NDMC will itself develop the Ridge Interpretation Centre purely of temporary building materials of naturally available materials like Bamboos, Ballies, Thetch, Wooden Post etc. under the supervision of Director (Horticulture) of NDMC.

In view of foregoing, the matter is placed before the council for information and accord of approval in principle for the following.

- a) Approval for transferring 1.74 crores Rupees to Forest Department.
- b) Permission for setting up a temporary Ridge Interpretation Centre wherein plants and other display material will be placed for awareness/ education among people at an approximate cost of Rs. 20 Lakh.

COUNCIL'S DECISION

Resolved by the Council to accord in principle approval for transferring 1.74 crores Rupees to the Forest Department and for setting up a temporary Ridge Interpretation Centre wherein plants and other display material will be placed for awareness/ education among people at an approximate cost of Rs. 20 Lakh.