

## **Key Points of the Online Public Consultation for the preparation of MPD 2041 with Residents and RWAs from Jhuggi Jhopri Clusters and Slum Resettlement Area.**

Public Consultation for preparation of MPD-2041 with **Residents** and **RWAs** from **Jhuggi Jhopri Clusters** and **Slum Resettlement Area** was held on **22.10.2020** through digital platform to understand the issues faced by the residents living in **Jhuggi Jhopri Clusters** and **Slum Resettlement Area** and **discuss possible planning solutions**. Total 41 RWAs were registered for the same. Following are the key issues/suggestions of the various representatives:

- **Ms. Bharti** on behalf of **the Azad Foundation, Trilokpuri** was the first participant. The primary issues of the residents were the lack of access to basic physical infrastructure facilities like sewerage, drinking water, toilets etc. They expressed the deficiency in provision of healthcare facilities as the existing healthcare facilities are insufficient and in poor condition. It was suggested to ensure safety of children through provision of crèche/ 'anganwadi' especially required by single working mothers. It was also suggested that there should be a provision to allot affordable housing in favour of women.
- **Ms. Firdaus** from **Seelampur**, apprised that the floating population who do not find appropriate shelter then resort to seeking it on pavements, dwelling/night shelters. The restriction of G+1 needs to be revised and construction of multiple floors must be allowed. Along with the above, multiple incentives should be provided to the residents to enable them to buy their own accommodation in the JJ cluster. The overflowing open drains and parcels of garbage dumped along the streets, creates unhygienic conditions posing a serious health hazard which needs immediate attention and redressal.
- **Ms. Ritu Singh**, from **House no-1546 phase-III JJ cluster Madanpur Khadar south east Delhi** informed that the sewerage system present in the resettlement colony is non-functional. She mentioned that the condition of the roads is poor which gets further deteriorated by instances of water-logging and that there is no parking space in the area making it very congested. Apart from this, people here end up buying drinking water due to the poor quality of water supplied. She suggested that these above mentioned facilities to be provided at the earliest. She further went on to suggest the need for provisions of public toilets near bus stands, especially for women.
- **Ms. Sunita Tannu, Ms. Meera, Ms. Yashoda** and **Ms. Hirawati** from **Madanpur Khaddar** were the next to speak. It was stated that plots as small as 12 - 18 'gaj' have been provided, which are insufficient considering the increasing household size. Hence, the size of plot should be kept as per the family size and ownership rights should be granted with all basic infrastructural facilities. Absence of safe drinking water, sewer lines, healthcare facilities, non operational toilet facilities and access to public transportation were some of the major issues prevalent in the area. To ensure the safety of women and children, facilities like street lights, aganwadis and police booths need to be provided.

- **Ms.Vimla and Ms.Tabassum from Mahila Pragati Manch, Seemapuri** emphasized that in-situ redevelopment should be preferred over relocation of residents to other developed pockets so as to ensure that their livelihood is not lost. It was expressed that the migrant labours that resides in slums should be provided with appropriate accommodation and livelihood. Also, that the MPD 2041 must address the needs of the underprivileged section of the society. Primary healthcare facilities and outreach services are largely absent in the area and should be incorporated in the upcoming MPD- 2041. They suggested the provision of crèche/ ‘anganwadi’ for the ,safety of children while theparents are at work. It was requested to improve access to basic services, such as water and sanitation and to provide safer living environments for women and children in addition to a dedicated space for rag pickers for sorting/segregation of waste.
  
- **Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Lohiya vidhansabha ward, Dilshad Garden** suggested that the nearest metro “Mansarovar Park” should be named after the village ‘Kheda’, to bring recognition for the area as this village has been in existence for many years and that this wouldalso be a sign of respect to the local residents. He added that the provision of affordable housing for the unprivileged should be incorporated in the upcoming MPD-2041.
  
- **Ms. Malavika Narayan, Ms. Shalaka Chauhan, Ms. Avi Majitha, Ms. Ankit Jha, Ms. Swati Janu, and Ms. Muka Naira** of behalf of **Main Bhi Dilli compaing** submitted as following:
  - There is a need to focus on ground realities w.r.t JJ clusters. These resettlement colonies have been existing since the last 15-20 years, but they are severely lacking in basic infrastructure facilities and provision of the same need to be prioritized.
  - JJ clusters should be regularized given that they have been in existence for many years.
  - In-situ redevelopment should be preferred with ownership rights granted and basic infrastructure facilities provided.
  - Make adequate provisions for safe drinking water, sewerage system, educational and health facilities, toilets, day care centers and facilities for the differently abled.
  - Mixed use zoning should be provided so that the place of living and place of work can be near one another, and that the houses should be upgraded within the existing JJ clusters.
  - Land should be reserved for providing housing for migrants.
  - Not all existing colonies have been shown in the land use plan of zone ‘O’. Such colonies (eg. China colony) should also be marked as residential in the land use plan.
  - Dwelling units of colonies in Barapola have bad quality of construction which needs periodic auditing and that the accountability of repair and maintenance should lie on the contractor.
  - Resettlement within 5 kms should be done and that it was not necessary to do it in the fringe areas alone.
  - Midrise housing should be preferred over high rise housing while undertaking in-situ redevelopment of such areas in consultation with the residents on the same.
  - Master plan should also be available in Hindi language for easier comprehension.
  - In Zone ‘O’, parks should not be considered as the greening option, instead urban farming should be encouraged and existing farmers should be allowed to continue their existing farming practice.

- Provision of space allocation and affordable housing for EWS population must be made in the same proportion like as for other income groups it should be included in the master plan.
- **Sh. Kundan Chauhan**, from **Mandawali Patparganj**, apprised that there must be transparency around the roles and responsibilities of various government agencies/ organizations towards JJ and resettlement colonies. He also spoke about the importance of in-situ redevelopment, which ensures a seamless connection between residence and livelihood.
- **Ms. Zareena, Ms. Mumtaz, Ms. Kajli, Ms. Savita, Ms. Rani, Ms. Narayani, Ms. Kanki and Ms. Lakshmi** from **Sawda Ghevra JJ Resettlement colony**. It was apprised that as per MPD 2021, land was given for the colony however no basic facilities have been provided till date. Though the layout plan of the colony has been prepared by DUSIB, the corresponding ownership rights have not been given. There is no proper access to social infrastructure facilities and amenities like cremation ground, police station and hospital. That, adequate provisions should be made for the colony as a place where one can live and work simultaneously. They also mentioned that non-polluting industries should be allowed to operate from the area. Since several issues faced in getting a commercial meter along with a large investment, , shops should be allowed to function from residences.
- **Ms. Veena bhardwaj and Ms. Roshini Diwakar** on behalf of **Mahila Housing Trust**. It was emphasized on the fact that in the master plan as well as the layout plans, the infrastructure facilities (social and physical) should be provided in an area and then the people should be accommodated later rather than doing it vice versa and that this should be carried out within a given time frame. They also mentioned the need for a mandate for reserving green spaces in JJ clusters.
- **Ms. Kaushalya** from **Janta Majdoor Colony**, said that the ownership rights should be given as the colony has been existing since 2006. There is absence of basic infrastructure facilities and amenities such as sewerage and toilets. In addition to these, crèche/ ‘anganwadi’ should be provided for safety of children while that parents are at work. Getting livelihood in the same vicinity is also a serious issue and provisions should be made for providing the same.
- **Ms. Shameema (Sundarnagri), Ms.Lata (Sundarnagri), Kavita (Raghubir Nagar Community), Shruti Batra, Smriti, and Suman Rai** on behalf of **SEWA Bharat** were the next participants to speak. Following are the key points which were collectively expressed by them:
  - In-situ redevelopment should be preferred as people lose their identity, ownership and livelihood when shifted to another place. Also that the land/title deed should be in joint ownership of both the male and the female members in the family.
  - The plots which have been provided in the name of in-situ redevelopment are insufficient considering the household size of 10 to 12 persons.

- Land should be reserved for providing low-cost housing especially for migrants and tenants. In addition to this, the migrant labour should be identified and be given minimum wages.
  - Designated space must be provided for the individuals in this area that who are engaged in vending and hawking activities. Also, Many women are involved in handicraft work like stitching, embroidery, bindi making, for which again space needs to be demarcated.
  - The poor are being ignored in the planning process while it is they who are facing the most difficulties.
  - There is a need to focus on women and child safety, security and health.
  - Community toilets and crèche/anganwadis should be provided on priority basis.
  - Dhalaos to be carefully located as it has direct implications on the health of the residents.
  - There is a need to spread awareness once the forms for applying for DDA plots are available in the public domain.
- **Sh. Pankaj Shah** from **Safdarjang Flyover Basti** talked about the Supreme Court order to remove the JJ clusters from the land along railway tracks. He expressed his concern on the same that considering the high rents in Delhi, people residing in those areas cannot afford accommodation elsewhere. Absence of basic infrastructure facilities and amenities like safe drinking water, community toilets are some of the issues highlighted by him.
  - **Ms. Nirmala Raturi** suggested that in-situ redevelopment should be preferred with transfer of ownership rights along with provision of basic infrastructure facilities. She mentioned that the process of relocation, not only hampers with the resident's livelihoods but also with the education of the children as most of the times, the EWS quota students face problems in procuring admission when relocated. That the provision of crèche/ 'anganwadi' for safety of the children while the parents are at work was expressed and that it should be incorporated while developing these area
  - **Sh. Kailash Bhatt**, from **Bawana JJ Colony** suggested that in-situ redevelopment should be preferred over relocation with ownership rights. He added that once the lease is over, the ownership rights should be granted rather than renewing the lease. Also, naming of colonies should be done carefully so as to avoid targeting a specific group and the words that reflect the earnings of a certain area should not be used to avoid creating opinion amongst others. MPD should be written in a language that is easy to comprehend and understand by all.
  - **Ms. Laxmi, Ms. Hemlata (Meethapur) and Ms. Neetu Meher (Shehari Mahila Kargar Samiti) from Badarpur** were next to speak. The primary issues highlighted by the residents were related to basic infrastructure like water supply, sewerage, sanitation, solid waste disposal and lack of access to public transportation. The existing open drain in the area does not have any fencing or barricades, leading to accidents, hence needing immediate attention. It was suggested that the Bilaspur camp should be provided with proper signages for its identification. They mentioned that the Badarpur main flyover remains waterlogged during rains which disrupts flow of traffic and needs to be looked into. Also, that the ownership rights should be granted as the colony has been existing for the last 40 to 50 years. The absence of parks or community hall for recreational activities was mentioned. It was apprised that toilet facilities should be provided especially for women and that these should

preferably be located near bus stands. They also talked about the higher price per unit of electricity charged on tenants by the landlords & suggested to make provision for separate meters for tenants. There are no street lights in the area and that they should be provided to ensure safety and security of the residents. It was highlighted that roads, parks and bus stops are not maintained properly and are in poor condition which need immediate attention.

- **Ms Juhi Jagori** apprised that the design of JJ colony and similar ‘bastis’ should be included in the master plan and accordingly the planning norms should be formulated.
- **Sh. Sheikh Akbar Ali** on Behalf of **Basti Suraksha Manch** and **Usha Mahuor** from **Gokulpuri** said that in-situ redevelopment with ownership rights should be granted as relocation is a time consuming process. Also, that land should be reserved/ allotted for migrant workers. In addition he mentioned that the waste/rag pickers who otherwise squat along streets, nallahs etc. should be provided with suitable accommodation as well. In Gokulpuri, educational facilities are not available nearby and that there is no anganwadi/ crèche in the area.
- **Ms. Shashi Kaur** suggested that in the surveys carried out by DDA/ DUSIB, instead of household size, dwelling unit size should be considered. Also, that the people should be allotted land rather than flat system. It was suggested that a core committee be constituted to keep a check on the status of redevelopment of such areas with RWAs and representatives from JJ clusters as its members.
- **Sh. Deepak** also suggested that in-situ redevelopment should be preferred with all basic infrastructure facilities. Also, that the government needs to develop a mechanism and put restrictions on development of new ‘bastis’ in its initial stage itself.
- **Sh. Kundan** from **Sifar** felt that in-depth Zonal/local level planning should be done for these area with community participation.

DDA and NIUA thanked all the members for their active and sincere participation in the consultation. It was also requested all the participants to register themselves at [http://119.226.139.196/mpd2041/layouts/Public\\_Suggestion\\_2041/MPDHomeNew.aspx](http://119.226.139.196/mpd2041/layouts/Public_Suggestion_2041/MPDHomeNew.aspx) for suggestions/feedback w.r.t MPD-2041.