

The following were present :-

1. Chairman.
2. Member (Administration).
3. Director General Works.
4. Director Horticulture.
5. Director Planning.
6. Deputy Director (R.P.).
7. Deputy Director (Arch.).
8. Statistical, Programming & Coordination Officer.

1. Problems of certain Widows of Abadi Ratta Hotar - acquired by the C.D.A.

The Director of Horticulture stated that people were still living in a number of acquired "abadia". The cattle owned by these people were damaging the plantations done by his Directorate. The Director, therefore, desired that these people should now be evacuated. During discussion, the following points were made :-

- i. These people own buffalos and their only means of livelihood is sale of milk.
- ii. Some of these people were widows belonging to village Ratta Hotar, who had seen the Chairman sometime ago.
- iii. On humanitarian grounds it was earlier desired by the Chairman that some solution of their problems be found. At that time a proposal for the establishment of a dairy farm on the old site for the National University was under negotiation. It was, therefore, proposed that if these people could possibly be allowed to live in that area, they could keep their cattle and supply milk to the dairy farm.
- iv. That proposal was discussed with the party with whom negotiations were being progressed. The party appreciated the proposal and agreed to accommodate about 200 families, but this party's project for establishing the dairy farm did not materialize.
- v. CDA could not dole out any land acquired by it in Islamabad.
- vi. CDA had no legal obligation, but could help these evictees on moral & humanitarian grounds only, if possible.

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- vii. They could be offered residential plots in the eustees' colony (Sectors 1-9 & 1-10) at a low price of Rs. 9/- per sq.yd; but even that price was too high for them, particularly the widows.
- viii. The National Park area of the Master Plan was meant to cater for rural housing also. That planning should now be done in suitable areas, and some land earmarked for such people.
- ix. It would not be justified to displace certain people by acquiring their land in Islamabad in order to rehabilitate other eustees.
- x. These people were an important source of milk supply in Islamabad. They were, therefore, helpful in that respect and were needed in Islamabad till such time as proper dairy farms are established.
- xi. The Commissioner, Rawalpindi had also indicated willingness to allot reclaimed land to the widows.

DECISION

The Board decided that the D.D.(R.P) should examine the possibilities of accommodating these families, particularly the widows, in some acquired villages. The areas where they could possibly be accommodated should be marked on the plan, and shown to the Board very early. The Director of Horticulture was asked to supply a list of such cases in respect of Ratta Notar.

2. Design of railing at East view point (Shakarpran) in the N.S.C.

The Deputy Director (Arch.) presented the schematic design of the railing. During discussion, the following points were made :-

- i). The railing was proposed by the Japanese landscape designer. In fact he had presented a costlier design before the Board on 24.5.1966; which was not approved due to its high cost. In that meeting the Board had decided that a G.I. pipe railing be provided and the Director Planning was asked to prepare a design and put it up to the Board with cost estimates.
- ii). The railing was proposed as a part of landscape design and was also required to protect children & cars from falling down the hill.
- iii). There was no necessity of a railing because a proper cul-de-sac had already been provided for the parking of cars. On such points where a remote possibility of the children falling down exists, thick hedges blending with the overall landscape design could be provided.

DECISION

The Board decided that the proposal to provide the railing should be dropped.

3. Schematic plan for covered garages - Secretariat Buildings Phase-1.

The D.D.(Arch.) presented the schematic plan of the covered garages for Phase-1 secit. buildings. During discussion, the following points were made :-

- i). The portion of garages meant for C & D blocks, was too far away from these blocks. The distance was estimated to be about 2,000 ft.
- ii). Underground garages could be provided on the site earlier considered for multi-storey garages behind block 'D'.
- iii). The blasting of rock on the site at (ii) above would damage blocks C & D. Manual rock cutting would be very expensive and time consuming.
- iv). Alternatively, garages for about 50 to 60 cars (double row) could be tucked in the rock across the rear service road, adjacent to the cooling tower. Though rock cutting would be involved on this site also but it would be comparatively cheaper than for the site in (ii) above.

DECISION

The Board approved the sites for 134 garages near blocks A & B, and for 50 to 60 garages near the cooling tower as in (iv) above. The D.D.(Arch.) was asked to expedite the designs.

4. Islamabad Club.

The schematic plan for the club was presented and explained by the Deputy Director (Architecture). After detailed examination, the Board approved the plan with the following modifications :-

- i). Adjacent entry & exist gates should be provided at the place where the entry gate has been proposed.
- ii). The squash racket court, where noise and disturbance would be created, was quite near the main building. That should be removed away towards the corner.
- iii). The proposed pavilion should be combined with changing rooms & showers, which should be sited adjacent to the swimming pool.
- iv). The structure containing the badminton hall and change rooms etc. could be kept in the plan for construction in the next phase. At present the big multi-purpose hall in the main building could be used for badminton.

The D.D.(Arch.) was asked to revise the proposal accordingly and bring it up before the Board in the next meeting. The design should also be put up before the government design committee for approval.

(v). The D.D. should follow -----