

No. EXC/MTG/139.

BOMBAY METROPOLITAN REGION  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,  
Plot Nos. C-14 & C-15,  
Bandra-Kurla Complex,  
Bandra (East),  
BOMBAY- 400 051.

Date : 13th May, 1992.

The minutes of the Hundred and Thirty-Ninth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority, Held on the 29th April, 1992 are enclosed.

*S. V. Asgaonkar* 13/5/92  
( S. V. ASGAONKAR )  
SECRETARY,  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To :

- The Chief Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra, General Administration Department, Mantralaya. - Chairman
- Shri Charles M. Correa, Correa Consultants Pvt. Ltd., 9, Mathew Road, Bombay-400 004. - Member
- Shri Shirish B. Patel, SPA Consultants Pvt. Ltd., 41, Nagindas Master Road, Bombay-400 023. - Member
- Dr. P.G. Patankar, Consulting Adviser, Tata Consultancy Services, 'Nirmal', 9th Floor, Nariman Point, Bombay-400 021. - Member
- The Secretary (I) to the Government of Maharashtra, Urban Development Department, Mantralaya. - Member
- The Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra, Housing & Special Assistance Department, Mantralaya. - Member
- The Municipal Commissioner, Bombay Municipal Corporation. - Member
- The Managing Director, CIDCO, Bombay. - Member
- The Metropolitan Commissioner, B.M.R.D.A. - Member

INVITEES :

- The Secretary (II) to Government of Maharashtra, Urban Development Department, Mantralaya.
- The Legal Adviser, B.M.R.D.A.

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MINUTES OF THE 139TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
B.M.R.D.A.

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DATE : 29TH APRIL, 1992 (WEDNESDAY)  
TIME : 10.00 A.M.  
PLACE : Chief Secretary's Committee Room,  
5th Floor, Mantralaya.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Shri S. Ramamoorthy, - Chairman  
Chief Secretary to Government.  
Shri Charles M. Correa. - Member  
Shri Shirish B. Patel. - Member  
Shri D.T. Joseph, - Member  
Secretary (I) to Government,  
Urban Development Department.  
Shri R.C. Sinha, - Member  
Managing Director, CIDCO.  
Shri P. Subrahmanyam, - Member  
Metropolitan Commissioner,  
BMRDA.

INVITEES :

Shri A.G. Borkar,  
Chief, T&C Division, BMRDA.  
Shri V.K. Phatak,  
Chief, Planning Division, BMRDA.  
Shri K.B. Diwadkar,  
Chief, T&CP Division, BMRDA.  
Shri V.D. Borkar,  
Chief Engineer, Engineering Division, BMRDA.  
Shri P.M. Kale,  
Director, Engineering Services & Projects,  
Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay.  
Dr. S.B. Katoley,  
Deputy Secretary to Government (Tech.),  
Environment Department.

Shri S.V. Asgaonkar, Secretary, Executive Committee, BMRDA.

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ITEM NO. 1 : Revision of the Regional Plan -  
Major issues for consideration.

Shri V.K. Phatak, Chief, Planning Division, presented the background note highlighting major issues posed for the consideration of the Executive Committee.

Reacting to the background paper, the Chairman felt that the issues were rather complex and that it was necessary to discuss them in a larger forum before the Executive Committee could take decision on them.

Shri R.C. Sinha, Managing Director, CIDCO wanted to know about the likely impact the new liberalised industrial policy of Government of India would have on the development of the Region. He felt that if the current restrictions on industrial development in the region continued, industries would surely turn away from BMR and would go to neighbouring States. Referring to the question of coordination in the infrastructure investment, he said that proper coordination of infrastructure investment can avoid some wasteful expenditure and duplication of efforts by different agencies. He pleaded for granting adequate powers to BMRDA to be able to coordinate such investment effectively.

Supporting the above view, Shri Shirish Patel felt that unless BMRDA had powers to allocate funds for infrastructure investment, desired coordination in the investment was not likely to be achieved. He suggested that at least funding for all World Bank projects in the region should be routed through BMRDA. Referring to other issues raised in the background paper, Mr. Patel observed that they were relevant and should be addressed while revising the Regional Plan. According to him preparation of a mere land-use plan was not adequate.

Shri D.P. Joseph, Secretary, UD, observed that the Regional Plan was a product of MRTP Act and its scope and content was defined in the Act. He felt that BMRDA's role as an implementing and coordinating agency for the Regional Development should not be mixed with its role as a regional planning agency especially under the MRTP Act. He said that granting more effective powers to BMRDA for coordination of regional development, such as powers for allocation of funds for infrastructure investment or for project clearance

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were unlikely to be acceptable to other departments and agencies as it would be seen as excessive concentration of power in a single agency.

Reacting critically to some of the restrictive policies, such as, those relating to sick and obsolescent industries, Shri Charles Correa said that such policies were throttling the City's development and were having atrophying effect on the city's economy. He went on to emphasise that cities were recognised as generators of economic wealth and hence growth of economic activities must continue to be permitted. He suggested that new types of jobs which cannot be located elsewhere should be permitted in Bombay. He also welcomed some of the new ideas presented in the background paper such as promoting international finance and business centre, technology park, etc.

After some discussion, the Executive Committee decided that the subject should be discussed in another meeting at which urban experts, economists and representatives of the industry should be invited. Metropolitan Commissioner agreed to submit a list of such experts for the approval of the Chairman. It was also decided that such meeting should be held preferably on a holiday to allow sufficient time for the discussion.

ITEM NO. 2 : Bombay Urban Infrastructure Project

Consideration of the item was again deferred.

The Meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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