

Annual Report of the Secretary *Submitted in 7th Annual General Meeting*

Venue : Puja Pandal

Date : 10 September 2017

Welcome and congratulations to all members present in this 7th AGM of 1B Welfare Association.

Condolence : Before I go into the formal report, on behalf of all members I express the deep sorrow at the demise of one of our fellow member and resident of BC Block, Basudev Mandal and extend the compassion and solace to his bereaved survivors.

Addition to strength of members : Let us recall that the present Committee as instituted in the 5th AGM held on the last 20th September 2015 is completing its 2 years' tenure during which it could hold number of Executive Meeting and number of General Body Meeting apart to discuss the pertinent issues and consolidate our stand thereupon. During the tenure of the present body 64 new members were inducted out of which 47 from BA Block, 13 from BB Block, 2 from BC Block and 2 from BF Block.

Two major achievement involving land matter : We take pleasure getting resolved two of the most major issues during the last year. Firstly, we achieved unambiguous and clear terms with respect to identification of Plot BA-76/1 in favour of our Association by WBHIDCO/NKDA following identification of different plot of land by HIDCO for the newly formed BA Block Cultural Association. This could be achieved through our untiring persuasion with the HIDCO/NKDA and filing a strong Affidavit-in-opposition at the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta against the petition filed by the said new Association. Secondly, our prolonged battle against Sonata Foundation came to an end when the said NGO had dismantled all its sheds and shifted all the cattle, dogs and other animal as per directive of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta.

Voicing against irregularities of NKDA : Nevertheless, so far as the Plot of land BA-76/1 already earmarked by HIDCO for 1B Block Welfare Association identified is concerned, we continue voicing against the improper enclosure of the plot into the 'Sonar Kella Udayan'. Hope the next committee will continue taking up the matter and tracking the same at a regular intervals. If decided legal opinion may also be taken for further course of action. NKDA could not offer any comments so far in spite of our several formal persuasions.

Formal protest was lodged to NKDA regarding its decision on imposition of property tax at a higher rate urging for review of the rate of BAVU ranging from 6% to 10% due to non availability of proper infrastructure viz. non availability of Govt. School and Hospital, inadequate transportation system within the Blocks, poor sewerage systems which usually get

blocked before rainy seasons in absence of proper maintenance, non availability of blockwise community centre etc.

Demanding action against irregularities by other agencies : The instance of irregular erection of BSNL Tower within the green verge at BA Block was strongly taken up by way of mass petition submitted to NKDA. The matter was also discussed across the table when we had demanded the clearance from the Telecom Enforcement Resource and Monitoring Cell of Govt of India, the competent authority for looking after the health hazard problem in the locality for erecting the tower. The said work had remained kept in abeyance. We shall have to keep watch over the development in future on this score. Subsequently, attention and corrective action of NKDA had been strongly solicited regarding excavated earth for prolonged time in the green verge reminding their responsibility for any mishap that might happen particularly during the rainy seasons when the ditch would be full of stagnated water posing perils to the little children who come to play in the park.

In this continuation I like to mention that in response to our pointing out to the excavation of land for prolonged time beside BA-194, NKDA had taken action by way of instruction to the concerned co-operative for necessary action under intimation to our Association failing which they would face penalization.

While emission of polluted smoke from the duct of diesel generator installed at Pride Hotel was formally brought to the notice of NKDA by us, it remains a task before the forthcoming committee to highlight the same before WB Pollution Control Board and if so required to move to court of law. Simultaneously, we the residents require to know the extent of pollution caused to the adjacent residential area.

Indicating issues concerning mainly law and order : These have included (a) Reckless driving in mentioned roads within 1B Block, (b) Criminal activities in the different areas within 1B Block, (c) Unauthorized parking in different areas of 1B Block. And taken up with police administration too.

Social and Cultural observances : It is our pleasure to express that apart from patronizing the Sharodotsav 2016 held with grandeur, the association organized the social and cultural programmes within the expected spectrum in the last year as reported hereunder in brief :

- i) Picnic :. It has been enjoyed by the entire families of participant members.
- ii) Sports : Arranged with colourful events and much of fanfare.
- iii) Medical Camp : Arranged in collaboration with Apollo Clinic at Green Verge of BA Block with enthusiastic participation by members as well as needy people residing at surrounding areas.
- iv) Rabindra-Nazrul Sandhya : It has really been a memorable evening with wholehearted participation and performances by residents irrespective of ages.
- v) Independence Day : Arranged at Green Verge of BA Block on 15th August 2027. Following hoist of the national flag, we received heart touching speeches from our eminent citizens of the 1B area, e.g., Justice Pradipta Roy, Dr. Puspa Ranjan Sarkar and Smt Bharati Kayal.

As per decision of the last AGM, each block was requested to be represented under one umbrella of 1B Block Welfare Association being a parent body with the objective of welfare

activities as all the respective blocks have formed their Cultural Associations. While BD and BC Block had received our formal communication of proposal on this score (BE and BF Association was not formed at that time) BA Block refused to receive the letter. BD and BC Blocks are yet to intimate their formal consent in this regard. The matter, as it appears, will be consolidated taking its own time subject to attitude and good sense of the concerned units and individuals.

My wholehearted thanks and regards to the residents.

Fraternaly yours,

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