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**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI  
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
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NEW DELHI - 110002**

F.No. 12(198)/2024/SNA/UD/ 555-559

Dated:- 04/11/2025

**ORDER**

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of NCT of Delhi is pleased to reconstitute the "State Names Authority" (SNA) Committee as under:

1	Hon'ble Chief Minister, GNCTD	Chairperson
2	Chief Secretary, GNCTD	Member
3	Addl. Chief Secretary/Pr. Secretary/Secretary (Urban Development), GNCTD	Member Secretary

The Authority may invite any special invitees for any meeting of State Names Authority, on need basis, as decided by the Chairperson.

The functions of the said committee shall be as under:-

- Research and investigation into the names of geographical entities falling wholly within the boundaries of the NCT of Delhi and standardization of their names and spelling in the State language.
- Giving names to new villages/townships/ & other geographical entities.
- Scrutiny of proposals for alteration of existing names and processing them in accordance with Govt. of India letter No. 130/53-public dated 11.9.53. Such proposals for change of names will only be referred to Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Publishing a list of standardized geographical names and ensuring their use by the Govt, agencies and public concerned.
- Acting as a clearing House for information pertaining to geographical names.

f) Transliterating geographical names falling outside the NCT of Delhi into the State language according to the system of transliteration approved by the Government of India.

g) Co-ordination and co-operation with the adjoining States in standardization of names.

Guidelines for naming/renaming of roads, streets, parks, institution, building/villages/towns, colony etc. and installation of statue/memorials to be followed by State Names Authority, Delhi is placed at Annexure "A".

By Order and in the name of  
Lieutenant Governor of NCT of Delhi

Secretary (Urban Development)  
Government of NCT of Delhi

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**GUIDELINES FOR NAMING/RENAMING OF ROADS, STREETS, VILLAGES, TOWNS ETC. AND INSTALLATION OF STATUE/MEMORIALS TO BE FOLLOWED BY STATE NAMES AUTHORITY, DELHI**

1. A State Names Authority has been constituted by the Hon'ble LG vide Order No. F.No.13/41/84/UD/3226-3258, dated 07.05.1999 (page 52/c) read with order No. F.No.13/41/84/UD/14576-14604, dated 09.09.1999 (page 53/c) to decide on naming/renaming of roads, streets, villages etc. and installation of statues/memorials. The State Names Authority has the following terms of reference:

- a) Research and investigation into the names of geographical entities falling wholly within the boundaries of the State or the Union of Territory and standardization of their names and spelling in the State language.
- b) Giving names to new villages/townships/& other geographical entities.
- c) Scrutiny of proposals for alteration of existing names and processing them in accordance with Govt. of India letter No.130/53-public dt.11.9.53. Such proposals for change of names will only be referred to Ministry of Home Affairs.
- d) Publishing a list of standardized geographical names and ensuring their use by the Govt. agencies and public concerned.
- e) Acting as a clearing House for information pertaining to geographical names.
- f) Transliterating geographical names falling outside the State or Union Territory into the State language according to the system of transliteration approved by the Central Govt.
- g) Co-ordination and co-operation with the adjoining States in standardization of names.

2. The Jurisdiction of the Authority extends to all roads, streets, parks, colonies and other geographical entities in the National Capital Territory of Delhi except those vested in MCD or NDMC.

**3. NAMING OF ROADS, STREETS ETC.:**

- i) Request for naming a park, street, road, colony etc. should come from a group of persons such as Association, Manch, Sangh, Group etc. and not from any single person. The entity should normally be registered under

the Societies Registration Act. RWAs under Bhagidari Cell can also send proposals.

- ii) After preliminary scrutiny, the proposals will be sent to the concerned Deputy Commissioners of the Revenue districts as well as the Land Owning Agencies, who will give their views within 30 days. Thereafter proposals will be scrutinized by a sub committee of SNA chaired by Principal Secretary (Urban Development)
- iii) Only proposals recommended by the sub committee will be placed before the State Names Authority. Every proposal should be accompanied by a brief write up about the accomplishments of the individual whose name is proposed.
- iv) If any road, park, street, building etc. has already been named after a particular dignitary, then a fresh proposal for naming any other place after the same dignitary will normally not be entertained.
- v) The service rendered by the nominee to the nation and particularly to Delhi will be the major guiding principle for taking a decision.
- vi) A road, street, park etc. should be named as far as possible in the area where the particular dignitary resided.
- vii) Names of living persons will not be entertained.
- viii) While considering names of foreigners (of International standing) the views of Ministry of External Affairs should be obtained.

#### 4. RENAMING OF ROADS/STREETS ETC. :

- i) The names of existing streets, roads etc. will normally not be changed. Only new streets, roads etc., will be considered for being named after eminent personalities.
- ii) Names, which are a part of history, will not be altered.
- iii) All proposals for re-naming will be referred to Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India in accordance with instructions in letter-dated 27.09.1975 (Annex-I).

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### MCD ROADS/STREETS

The DMC Act, 1957 under Section 42 (q) states that the Naming and Numbering of streets and premises is an obligatory function of the Corporation. Section 327 (a) provides that "the Commissioner may with sanction of the Corporation determine the name or number by which any street or public place vested in the Corporation shall be known". Hence all MCD roads/streets and parks may be named by MCD as per the rules and guidelines of the Corporation, keeping in view the instructions issued by Govt. of India from time to time. (Annex-I-IV)

6.

### NDMC Roads/Streets

The NDMC Act, 1994 under section 11 (q) states that the naming and numbering of streets and premises is an obligatory function of the council. Section 231 (a) provides that "The Chairperson may with the sanction of the Council determine the name or number by which any street or public place vested in the council shall be known". Hence all roads and streets falling in NDMC area may be named as per the rules and guidelines of NDMC, keeping in view the instructions issued by Govt. of India referred to in para 3 above.

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### CHANGES IN THE NAMES OF VILLAGES, TOWNS ETC. :

- i) Changes in the names of villages, towns etc. should be discouraged as far as possible. No change should be agreed to unless there are compelling reasons to justify it and all proposals should be referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs before any change is made. The guidelines framed by Ministry of Home Affairs vide letter no. 130/53-Public dt. 11/09/1953, letter no. 11/7/2004-M&G dt. 11/04/2005 and letter no. 39/11/60-Pub.1 dt. 28/12/1960 (copies at

Annex-II-IV) may be kept in view while making recommendations for change in names of Villages, Towns etc.

- ii) Unless there is some very special reason, it is not desirable to change a name which people have got used to.
  - iii) Names of villages etc. having a historical connection should not be changed as far as possible.
  - iv) Change should not be made merely on grounds of local patriotism or for linguistic reasons, e.g. villages etc. should not be renamed after national leaders merely to show respect to them or for satisfying local sentiment in the matter of language etc. An exception can, however, be made in the case of Martyrs where the name can be suitably added to the name of a place sought to be changed, if a request is made by the State government to that effect and there is general recognition of the role of the Martyr in national life.
  - v) In selecting new names, care should be taken to see that there is no village or town etc. of the same name in the State and Neighborhood.
  - vi) While recommending any change, the State Governments should furnish detailed reasons for proposing a change in the name and also for selecting the new name.
- ii) Where an ancient place has fallen into decay and with that the old name has also disappeared the ancient name should be restored.

#### 8. INSTALLATION OF STATUES/MEMORIALS :

The Government normally does not install statues. If at all this is done, there should be an organization to initiate such proposals and ready to bear the cost of installation of statues etc. Such organizations are also required to fulfill the following terms and conditions, before the request is considered by the State Names Authority:-

- i) Cost of the work relating to the statue, including cost of fabrication, transportation and installation should be borne by the organization.
- ii) The organization should obtain clearance of the Delhi Urban Arts Commission and Chief Architect, Central PWD regarding the size of the statue, metal used and design of the Pedestal.

- iii) It will be the responsibility of the organization to have proper landscaping of the area in consultation with the local authorities i.e. NDMC/MCD.
- iv) The sponsoring organization shall bear the cost of maintenance of the statue and its surroundings.
- v) The organization will have no claim on land on which it is permitted to install the statue and the ownership of the land will continue to vest in the land owning agency.
- vi) The statue shall be installed in accordance with the site plan to be obtained by the organization from the Chief Architect, CPWD.
- vii) As regards, the site for the statues, traffic roundabouts shall normally not be considered.
- viii) Normally sanction for installation of second statue will not be considered. However, if the first statue installed is not easily accessible or prominently visible to the general public, a proposal for installation of a second statue may be considered.
- ix) Every proposal for erecting any kind of statue in Delhi should be accompanied by an NOC from the land owning agency before being considered by the State Names Authority. Final approval in all such cases will be accorded by the Union Ministry of Urban Development.

The Authority may invite any historian, academician or eminent citizen to participate in its discussion.

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