**HARD Facts of DUSIB’s Largesse!**

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or the CityMakers (homeless residents) in Delhi, **184 shelters (82 Permanent & 102 temporary) accounts for mere 12.6 % of the proposed space for them under the Master Plan for Delhi – 2021 (MPD - 2021)**.

Only 4890 persons can be accommodated going by the National Urban Livelihood Mission's Scheme for Shelters for the Urban Homeless (NULM-SUH) benchmark of 50 sq.ft. per person (mentioned in our affidavit submitted in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on 14th Nov., 2014). Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) claims to cater to 14584 persons (coming to 16.76 sq.ft per person). A true largess of DUSIB.

For DUSIB as per its affidavit dt 20.2.2014 in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi its 231 shelters (then) provided space for 17079 persons, which comes to 14.53 sq. ft per person (over 3 times less than the NULM-SUH parameter). In the recent newspaper report (Sandhya Times, 25.11.14, p.5), the Director of DUSIB (Night Shelters) informed that as per them the 184 shelters can accommodate 25,000 homeless. **Going by this, the per person space in the shelters will be 9.7 sq. ft.** ([one would have to sit and sleep] not even 15 sq. ft. the railway berth benchmark followed by DUSIB earlier, which was made unacceptable by the Hon’ble High Court of Delhi on 23.3.2014; and way below the 50 sq. ft. per person (under NULM-SUH), finally accepted by the CEO, DUSIB on 2.4.14).

Of the 19,37,520 sq. ft. space required under the MPD – 2021 (4.3 clause: 1 shelter per 1 lakh urban population, each of 1000 sq.mt. [10724 sq. ft. (Clause: 4.4.3 (F), of MPD, 2021)], which can only house 38,750 persons {going by 215 persons who can be accommodated per 1000 sq. mt.}), DUSIB has only 2,44,507 sq. ft. (only 12.6 % of the MPD – 2021 norms) as on date for the shelters. **The shelter space is deficient by 87.4 % of the MPD – 2021 norms.**

And mind you there are not less than 150,000 CityMakers in Delhi. Of which only 4890 homeless persons get shelter. **Amounting to mere 3.2% of the CityMakers in Delhi being provided a dignified shelter.** ***Remaining are left to fend for themselves. Or squeezed into the limited spaces, running the risk of sick building syndrome.***

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The space configuration of DUSIB's shelters is likewise: Large shelters few, small shelters many, defeating the MPD - 2021 norms:

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| **Total Shelter** | **1000 to 800 sq.mt.** | **799 to 500 sq. mt.** | **499 to 300 sq. mt.** | **299 to 200sq. mt.** | **199 to 100 sq. mt.** | **Less than 99 sq. mt.** |
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