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Ref: ECO-Election/CHD2025

Date 08/01/2025

Most Urgent/Via e-Mail

To

- 1. Ms. R. Alice Vaz, IAS**
Chief Electoral Officer
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER-DELHI
Old St. Stephen's College Building Kashmere Gate, Delhi-110006
- 2. Additional District Magistrate (Central) +91 7503890431**
- 3. Mr. Ravi Dhawan,**
CEO, DUSIB

Sub: **Urgent Request not to Vacate Homeless PWDs from Shelter NS Code 176, Shankar Gali for Transformation into a Voter Center Delhi Election 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to the letter issued by the Office of the Electoral Registration Officer, Assembly Constituency-21 Matia Mahal, New Delhi 110002 (No. F.ERO'AC-21/MM/2024/1341-45, dated 4th January 2025), requesting the vacating of the DUSIB shelter at Shankar Gali for its conversion into a Voter Center for AC-21 Matia Mahal.

The shelter in question, NS Code 176, is a government-designated facility specifically catering to homeless Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), with a capacity of 290 persons. It is located at Plot No. 1 and 2, Asaf Ali Road near Police Bhawan, and is classified as an



RCC building (source: [Delhi Shelter Board Occupancy Report] (<https://www.delhishelterboard.in/occupancy-report/ns-detail.php?nsid=176>)). We strongly urge the reconsideration of the proposed action, as it jeopardizes the lives and rights of homeless PWDs and constitutes a violation of legal, policy, and ethical principles on multiple levels.

1. Violation of NULM-SUH Objectives: The proposed action undermines the objectives of the **National Urban Livelihoods Mission - Shelter for Urban Homeless (NULM-SUH)**, a sub-component of the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)**. The core mission of NULM-SUH is to provide shelters equipped with basic amenities, ensuring safety, dignity, and essential services for urban homeless populations, including PWDs.

2. Contravention of RPwD Act, 2016: PWDs are protected under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act). The vacating of a government-designated shelter for homeless PWDs violates the intent and provisions of this Act, particularly:

- Section 7: Protection from abuse, violence, and exploitation.
- Section 24: Social security, rehabilitation, and housing provisions.
- Section 25: Healthcare and rehabilitation services.
- Section 37: Responsibilities of local authorities.
- Sections 40-48: Accessibility to public spaces, transportation, and facilities.



3. Violation of India's International Commitments

India, as a signatory to various international treaties and frameworks, is obligated to uphold the rights and dignity of PWDs. The proposed action runs contrary to the principles of:

- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)
- Biwako Millennium Framework for Action (BMF)
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
- International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
- Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons (1975)
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ILO Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159)

4. Humanitarian Concerns - life threat in Winter Season for the homeless PWDs

Winter in Delhi poses a grave threat to the lives of the homeless, with hundreds succumbing to extreme cold annually. Vacating this shelter would directly endanger the lives of its occupants, particularly PWDs who are more vulnerable due to their physical and mental conditions. Shelters provide them with essential protection, warmth, and dignity—basic human rights that must not be compromised. A recent media report highlights the plight of Delhi's homeless during winters: **Delhi's homeless stare at another winter of discontent** (**The Hindu**, December 2, 2024).



(<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/delhis-homeless-stare-at-another-winter-of-discontent/article68936081.ece>) .

Therefore, we strongly urge the authorities to prioritize the safety, security, and dignity of homeless Persons with Disabilities and refrain from vacating Shelter NS Code 176. Any such action would not only exclude a multiply marginalized group from essential protections but also contravene national laws, policies, and international commitments. We request immediate intervention to ensure the continued operation of this shelter and uphold the rights of homeless PWDs.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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No.F.ERO/AC-21/MM/2024/ 1341-45

Dated: 04/01/2025

To.

<p>1. The CEO, (DUSIB), Govt of NCT of Delhi Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Punarwas Bhawan, IP Estate, Delhi-110002.</p>	<p>2. The Director, DUSIB, Govt of NCT of Delhi Office of the Director, Punarwas Bhawan, IP Estate, Delhi-110002.</p>
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Subject: Request for Vacating/Arrangement of DUSIB Room at Shankar Gali for Voter Centre, AC-21 (Matia Mahal)

Sir,

This is to bring to your attention that the Voter Centre for AC-21 (Matia Mahal) is currently facing a shortage of adequate space for public and office purposes. Essential facilities such as a public waiting area, AERO cabin, meeting area for BLOs, and a store room are either unavailable or insufficient.

With the Delhi Legislative Assembly Election 2025 approaching in the coming months, it is expected that the teams from the Election Commission of India (ECI) and CEO Office will visit the premises frequently. To ensure smooth and efficient election-related operations, additional space is urgently required.

In this regard, it has been noted that one room of DUSIB, located at Shankar Gali, Delhi, is adjacent to this building. We request that this room be vacated/arranged for use by the Voter Centre, AC-21, on an urgent basis. Furthermore, permission is sought to carry out necessary alterations/modifications/construction within the premises to accommodate the operational requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

(Dr. ATUL PANDEY)

Addl. District Magistrate (Central)

ERO, AC-21 (Matia Mahal)

Dated: 04/01/2025

No.F.ERO/AC-21/MM/2024/ 1341-45

Copy for information to:-

1. The DM/DEO, District (Central), 14, Darya ganj, District Central, Delhi-110002.
2. The SDM (Election), District (Central), 14, Darya ganj, District Central, Delhi-110002.
3. The AERO, AC-21, Matia Mahal, Delhi-110006.

C.R.U.

Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board

Sign:

Date: 07.01.2025

(Dr. ATUL PANDEY)

Addl. District Magistrate (Central)

ERO, AC-21 (Matia Mahal)

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, DELHI

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No. F.2(228)/CEO/ER/2019/ 369-3702

Dated: 15/5/2019

To

All District Election Officers,
NCT of Delhi.

Sub: Polling booth shifted for Next Election (Assembly Constituency -21, Matia Mahal Polling booth Nos. 37,38, 39, 40, 41, 42 &47 Night Shelter Handicapped and General).

Madam/Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith copy of an email dated 12.5.2019 received from Shri Sunil Kumar Aledia, Centre for Holistic Development –CHD, which is self explanatory.

In this regard, I am directed to request you to kindly look into the matter as per relevant provisions/instructions of the Election Commission of India and take necessary action accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Encl. As above

No. F.2(228)/CEO/ER/2019/ 369-3702

Copy to:-

- 1.Shri Sunil Kumar Aledia, Centre for Holistic Development-CHD (Email ID: sunilkumaraledia@gmail.com)

Dated: 15/5/2019

(MANOJ KUMAR)
ELECTION OFFICER (ER)



