

Summary of decisions proposed to be taken by the Board

Proposed by the Working Committee

1. Request the hon'ble Minister of Education (formerly Human Resource Development) to appoint a Secretary to the Auroville Foundation and appoint members of the Auroville International Advisory Council.
2. Instruct the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, to send the minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Board of August 26th, 2019, held in New Delhi, to the Working Committee for information to the Auroville community.
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Governing Board to invite Dr B.V. Doshi to do through his organization an assessment of the present status of planning in Auroville; and to propose a way forward including a suitable organizational structure.
4. Authorize the Chairman of the Governing Board to write to the Minister of Education:
 - a. requesting that the Minister of Education informs the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu about the need to respect the Master Plan of Auroville and requesting that the Chief Minister may give the appropriate instructions or a Government Order that the master plan that is to be made for the area including Auroville provides for the recognition of the Auroville Master Plan and explicitly stipulates that land use plans for the Auroville Master Plan area should follow the zoning regulations of the Auroville Master Plan;
 - b. requesting that the Minister of Education informs the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu about the need to acquire all lands within the City Area of Auroville and that he may issue an order to this effect;
 - c. requesting that the Minister of Education may permit the sale or exchange of outlying lands as proposed by Auroville Foundation Secretary Mr. N. Bala Baskar in 2014.
 - d. requesting the Minister of Education approved a grant or a long-term interest-free loan to purchase the remaining lands in the City Area of Auroville;
5. Authorize the Chairman of the Governing Board to write to the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu requesting stronger statutory protection for Auroville; approve current and future requests for land acquisition for the lands in the City Area of Auroville; and assign the peramboke lands of within the City and Greenbelt areas of Auroville to the Auroville Foundation.
6. Authorize the Chairman of the Governing Board to write to the Minister of Education for an order on the applicability of the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) to the Auroville Foundation. Alternatively, the Board may issue an order regarding the implementation of this Act.
7. Authorize the Chairman of the Governing Board to write to the Minister of Education requesting the finalization and gazetting of the amended Rules of the Auroville Foundation.

Proposed by the FAMC, items that need the GB decision/approval:

8. Approval for the creation of the Auroville City Trust.
9. Approval for the creation of the Auroville Farm Trust
10. Decision if the unit Aquadyn may enter into an agreement with an outside company Ishaan Networks, a Pvt Ltd Company, for the sale of 50% of the right to share Aqyadyn's patent, including the right to exploit, by the purchaser, that patent in virtually any "...business arrangement as the case may be." - anywhere in the world.

Proposed by the FAMC, items that need the GB response:

11. The FAMC and the Working Committee request that the Board officially communicates to us the composition of the Finance Committee of the Auroville Foundation as well as its role and responsibilities.
12. The FAMC and the Working Committee feel that the working groups of Auroville could work more effectively if minutes of the Finance Committee are shared with us. We kindly request the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting that was held in Delhi.
13. We kindly request the Board to instruct the Secretary in Charge to provide the FAMC and the Working Committee with copies of all sanction letters for GOI grants so that we can act efficiently and responsibly.
14. In reference to the 2020-21 Government of India Grant in Aid, we kindly request to know as soon as possible from the Auroville Foundation Finance Committee what has been approved in both the Capital and General categories. This is required for us to execute this grant responsibly and effectively. Note that we have now entered the third quarter of this grant.
15. We have received a copy of the 6 March 2020 minutes of the IFD which states that "Spending for capital projects can only be incurred after the project along with the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been approved by the Competent Authority in the MHRD". It is not clear who this Competent Authority is and what is the procedure that we must follow.
16. We can appreciate the concern of the Secretary (in-charge) about over reliance on Government of India grants. However, the decision to halt the regular maintenance of Bharat Nivas at this particular moment and with insufficient warning has resulted in the retrenchment of workers during the Covid crisis. We request the Governing Board to inform the Secretary in Charge that Finance Committee approval constitutes sufficient approval without further deliberation.
17. The FAMC has been shown a document from the MHRD in which the Integrated Finance Division has made several important observations and decisions regarding the process to follow for approval of GOI Grant in Aid. The FAMC understands these observations and decisions and would like to effectively implement them, but finds it difficult to communicate this to our community because we have not been provided with the official minutes. We urge the Board to help us obtain these vital minutes.

Proposed by the Land Board

18. Requests the appointment of a Government Surveyor
19. Request for protection for members of the Land Board
20. Request to be assisted by appropriate offices for the patta transfers and regularization of land documents
