

Draft Minutes of Special General Meeting of Delhi Printers' Association held on January 6, 2024.

As decided during the Executive Committee Meeting of Delhi Printers' Association held on 16.12.2023, DPA had organised a Special General Meeting at HKS Surjeet Bhawan on 6th January 2024 to present the matter of DPA's Printers Bhawan at Naraina in front of the members and seek their views on the action planned about the future of the Bhawan.

DPA President Mr. Prakash Dass welcomed the members and the team of the supporter of the event Electronica Finance Limited (EFL). He requested the Hon. General Secretary of DPA



Mr. Puneet Talwar to introduce the Electronica Finance Limited to the audience. Mr. Puneet Talwar gave a brief description of the progress made by EFL Company during its 30-year existence. He then invited DPA Treasurer



Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal to present a bouquet to team EFL. Welcoming the EFL team, DPA Treasurer Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal presented a bouquet to them. After that Mr. Puneet Talwar invited the Team Raftarr of Electronica Finance Limited to give their presentation. Mr. Ankan Goel, Zonal Business Head and Mr. Shivam Gupta, Regional Product Manager of EFL, gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the financial schemes and other activities of EFL. They explained how micro and small entrepreneurs of the association could



benefit from the different schemes and customised plans of EFL. After the presentation, various queries raised by DPA members were answered satisfactorily. Mr. Atul Goel, immediate former President of DPA joined the President, Hon General Secretary and Treasurer in presenting a memento to the EFL team.

After the EFL presentation Mr. Puneet Talwar invited DPA's senior former President Mr. Vijay Mohan to address the audience on the agenda item of the meeting. Mr. Vijay Mohan greeted



everyone and said that all the General Meetings DPA conducted so far were solely aimed for the betterment of the printing fraternity, but for the first time the members had been requested to assemble there for discussing the future of the 70-year old Delhi Printers' Association. Mr. Vijay Mohan informed that DPA has a building at A-21/10, Naraina Industrial Area Phase-II, New Delhi-110028 popularly known as 'Printers Bhawan'. The old stalwarts of DPA had built

Printers Bhawan with their sincere efforts and sacrifices. Moreover, emotions of several members also remain attached to this building. While throwing more light on the history of the building Mr. Vijay Mohan said the association used to run 'DPA Technical Training Institute' in the building where it conducted printing oriented training classes for needy students for a number of years. After institute's closure several efforts were made to make financially beneficial use of the building but none materialised. On the minus side, not only the 30-foot wide road in front of the building is narrow for passing of vehicles, but a 'burgad' tree in front of the building also poses a grave danger to the Printers Bhawan and nearby buildings. Over the years, the tree has become so huge that it has pierced through the boundary wall of the Bhawan and its roots have now started affecting the foundation of the building. DPA's consistent efforts to get the tree removed did not succeed so far since the concerned authorities point out that the tree stands on the road outside Printers Bhawan and that the Supreme Court has also banned felling of trees.

Through the personal pains taken by former President Mr. Arun Berry, DPA was able to turn the building into a freehold property in 2010. After that, in order to earn from the Bhawan, DPA tried to look for suitable tenants but they rejected the accommodation citing lack of parking space, tree in front of the building and the slim width of the approach road. However, with the active support of Mr. Vijay Mohan himself, DPA was able to rent out the ground floor to The Janata Cooperative Bank Ltd. (JCBL) about 14 years back. A few years later, at the request of DPA, the bank agreed to take the basement of the building also on rent. With the rent income DPA has been able to meet its routine expenses to a great extent.



Further, Mr. Vijay Mohan told that the financial position of the association not being sound enough and in the absence of a surety that DPA would be able to get suitable tenants for the

upper floors, it was not considered advisable by successive EC bodies to spend a sizable amount on carrying out the extensive renovation work which the building demands. Regrettably, DPA has an asset of a 506-yard building at a prime location but it cannot be utilised for improvement of its financial position. After a couple of brainstorming sessions for finding an acceptable solution held among seniors, it was decided to replace Printers Bhawan with another building - by selling the Bhawan at Naraina and buying another alternative building at a better location by using the sale proceeds. It is hoped that for the new building DPA might easily find suitable tenants so that its increased revenue could provide multiple opportunities to the association for organising member-friendly events at short intervals.

Mr. Vijay Mohan said Delhi Printers' Association had called the Special General Meeting to



seek valuable views, opinions and permission of its members on the proposed plan of action to be taken about its Printers Bhawan. He said he had briefly explained the background story and the future plans related to the Bhawan to the members. Then he invited the assembled members to speak on this important topic freely. As nobody raised any objection he requested those members, who were in favour of the sale of Printers Bhawan and purchase of another

property at a better location, to raise their hands. Everybody in the audience stood up and raised their hands in support of DPA's decision.

Senior former Presidents Mr. Mahinder Budhiraja and Mr. Arun Berry spoke from the podium that they were in full support of this workable decision for the betterment of DPA. Former President Mr. Deepak Arora also stood up in their support. Mr. Shreel Lunkar of Uphar



Technologies Print & Publicity went to the podium and after supporting DPA's decision he suggested that in the new building the association should hold Designing classes as well as events of different types in collaboration with the Ministry of MSME.

At the Special General Meeting it was unanimously decided to authorise Mr. Vijay Mohan to take best possible steps and appropriate decisions, in consultation with Office Bearers and senior members of the association, for the growth of DPA and benefit of its members. Mr. Vijay Mohan thanked everyone for standing by him and said that with the joint efforts of his colleagues he would endeavour to take Delhi Printers' Association to newer heights of all-India level.



The Vote of Thanks was given by Treasurer Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal. He expressed his gratitude to everyone for backing the decision of the DPA functionaries.



The event concluded with refreshments.