

AUROVILLE-BULLETIN

Mother's message given 2-4-1970:

"METTEZ VOUS TOUS D' ACCORD.

C'EST LA SEULE MANIERE DE FAIRE DU BON TRAVAIL."

Avec mes bénédictions.

La Mère.¹²

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A general committee has been stated to which Mother gave the name: Administration Committee. The Committee is comprised for the moment of: Andre, Anjani, Dayanand, Laljibhai, Malik, Navajata, Roger, Suresh with Wil acting as secretary. Shyamsundar will be available for juridical matters. The committee will be extended as the need arises with those representing special other aspects of Auroville. The committee started March 15th and meets every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. in the Auroville-Office. The recommendations of the committee are by consensus of all members and are then approved or changed by the Mother. If the recommendation cannot be unanimous, the different solutions will be presented to the Mother and Her decision shall prevail. The minutes of each meeting are put before the Mother.

EXTRACTS OF THE MINUTES.

Working committees have started:

THE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Is comprised of Dayanand, Gerard, Mercier, Allan, Seshadri, with Dayanand as secretary and meets every Thursday at 5p.m. in the Auroville- Office.

12 "YOU MUST ALL AGREE.
THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO DO GOOD WORK."
With my blessings.
The Mother"

THE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

Is comprised of Suresh and Harish Hindocha, Bouma, Malik, Bhatt and Murthy with Malik as secretary. This committee meets every Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Auroville-Office.

THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSTRUCTION

Is comprised of Roger, Piero, Gloria, Ranganathan and Neeta with Roger as secretary and meets every Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Auroville-Office. If necessary, notes and suggestions can be put before the Administration Committee addressed as follows: To the secretary of the Administration Committee, Wil, Auroville-Office.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

The scope of the committee is Agriculture, Horticulture, Dairy, Husbandry, plantation crops, soil conservation and erosion control. An Agricultural Fund has been started to which specific donations are directly credited and from which funds can be drawn.

Those who desire to do agriculture or any given subject mentioned within the scope of the committee should inform the committee by the 15th May 1970, for the new agricultural season in the prescribed proforma. For further details please contact Dayanand, secretary of this working committee.

Important conditions are that the land belongs to Auroville, that a part of the profits or produce should be given to Auroville or used for the benefit of Auroville, and that the area is open for assessment by the Agricultural Committee.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Top-priority will be given during the next three months to see that concentrated efforts are made to prepare detailed plans, drawings and estimates for the entire Auromodel project; Residential accommodation for Auroville-workers must be provided for on the site as soon as possible.

The Auroville Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation of the general plan of Auroville and for the Execution of all construction as per the plan working in conjunction with the C.A.A.

The committee will be assisted in this task by technicians, architects, engineers and organizations who are ready to offer their collaboration within the framework of the ideals of Auroville.

Architectural and engineering offices will be established to take up the "Technical disciplines" of the various stages of work listed as follows:

A. Preparatory stage.

Participation in the detailed study and implementation of the new living conditions, methods etc.

Defining suitable habitations and constructions according to needs and available funds.

Study of projects devoted to beauty and aesthetics.

Establishing experimental research concerning building materials, constructions methods, sources and total requirement for water supply, electricity etc.

Establishing economical structures in construction and training craftsmen in various trades of construction.

B. Project Study.

Detailed study of the various aspects by experts in the fields of water supply, transportation, geophysics, economics, etc. in collaboration with the committee to finalise the lay-outs

C. Urban.

Drawing, relating to all construction in Auroville.

D. Construction.

Planning and supervision of all construction in Auroville.

Industrial Committee

An industrial fund will be started as soon as possible, the legal aspects are being taken up for study.

A paper "Economical activities in Auroville" is being prepared which could be used as a circular letter that could be issued to industrialists desirous of starting industries in Auroville.

The feasibility for starting a hand-made [paper] factory is being studied.

Miscellaneous

Transport – Reorganization of transport is under consideration.

Communication – As the necessity for a general information letter is generally felt Rob, who has been approved by the Mother to try, is asked to put one together.

Quotation

THERE ARE SOME LIVING WHO ARE ALREADY DEAD.

THERE ARE SOME DEAD WHO ARE STILL ALIVE.

THE MOTHER

Suresh Hindocha archive, undated, probably March 1970

[The following is mentioned in Gilles Guigan's compilation:]

Draft brochure on industrial activities in Auroville.

Auroville Archives, June 1970

Visitors: On 25.6.70 Dr. Triguna Sen, Union Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals, and Mines and Metals.

Bulletin p.131, 25.6.1970

[Typed conversation. Possibly answers to a proposed questionnaire regarding the UN's World University.]

K.: The new socio-economic order will be spiritual in character and will be ushered in by spiritual means by working sincerely and one-pointedly for the realisation and manifestation of the Divine Consciousness in physical life.

Very good.

(...)

Q.: What are the definite proposals for the economic ills of the country?

K.: To enthuse the people with a new light inspiring them to work sincerely and diligently for continuous increase in production; to start new industries and raise the standard of living; to tap fully the resources of the country; to call upon all the capitalists to spend for the nation, instead of remaining indifferent to, or resisting, the welfare of the people; to replace competition and

domination by cooperation and collaboration; to give education and training to the people, in all fields, including the technical, agricultural and economic; to encourage small-scale, self-supporting industries all over the country; to avoid one-sided industrialisation and to insist on every industry or occupation to provide to each individual the joy of work and the leisure to grow inwardly.

To create conditions for full employment; to realise that work is not the means of earning one's living, but to express one's capacities and possibilities, of doing at the same time service to the whole group, which on its side would provide for each one's subsistence and for the field of his work; to create townships all over the country on the lines conceived by the township of Auroville; in such townships, property will belong to no one in particular but to the community as a whole; each individual will be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness; to radiate the light of these townships all over the country so that people may feel inspired to emulate the example of this new life in the whole country and in the world.

Very good, very good, excellent.

Auroville Archives, July 1970

[Entry in Gilles Guigan's compilation:]

"Auropress Trust" was started in Calcutta by Arun Tagore with the object of 'establishing a press for the furtherance of the aims and ideals of Auroville and for its benefit and service.' Paragraph Three of the Trust Deed states that the name of the press started under the Trust shall be "Auropress" and it will carry on the business of printers and publishers and will form part of the Auroville project. The deed was drawn up with 'full knowledge and consent of the Mother', and the Trustees nominated were André Morisset, Roger Anger, Arun Tagore, Navajata, K.C. Patel (S.A.A.) and Sudha Sundaram (S.A.A.).

Auroville Archives, December 1970