

A WORKING PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING RESPONSIBLE INTERFACE BETWEEN RA AND OTHER CONSTITUTED GROUPS:

One of the basic weakness in Auroville's organization that has enabled Governing Board and the Secretary to take over the decision making and having caused imbalance in the equilibrium of three main components of the Foundation, namely:

- Resident Assembly
- Governing Board
- International Advisory Council

is lack of an effective system of check and balance and to provide a responsible body of Aurovillian that can guide the socio-economic development of Auroville and also support the physical development of the Town.

With the increase in population over the time, the Resident Assembly will become more and more unwieldy, Auroville will need an intermediate between the RA and Working Committee that is more effective than Auroville Council and can function as an effective legislative and monitoring tool.

Bearing the above remarks in mind, if we can adopt a system that practically meets our aspirations, we may have an effective answer.

The essential aspects, according to my view are:

- a) The functionaries should be fully dedicated and accept responsibility for specifically defined field of activity for the Zone and/or sector on day-to-day basis plus a collective responsibility for management of the ZONE and/or by the proposed Auroville Council and approved by Resident Assembly.
- b) The functionaries must have maturity and should have been residents in the specified area of action for not less than 5 years.
- c) Professional background will be a plus point.
- d) Terms of office : not less than 3 years, preferably 5 years (renewable for additional terms, if the person is found effective & dedicated)

To develop the Intermediate Responsible Body that can effectively guide the developments, may be called the Auroville Council, one can follow the following pattern:

A	CITY			
	ZONE	SECTORS	PRESENT REPRESENTATIVE	EVENTUAL REPRESENTATIVE
(i)	RESIDENTIAL	5	1x5 = 5	5X5 = 25
(ii)	CULTURAL	-	1x5 = 5	5
(iii)	INDUSTRIAL	3	1x5 = 5	3X5 = 15
(iv)	INTERNATIONAL	-	1x5 = 5	5
B	GREEN BELT			
a)	FORESTRY	-	1x5 = 5	5
b)	AGRICULTURE	-	1x5 = 5	5
c)	SERVICE & RECREATION	-		1X5 = 5
TOTAL			6X5 = 30 PERS.	13x5 = 65 PERS.

STRENGTH OF AUROVILLE COUNCIL

PRESENT : 30 PERSONS

EVENTUAL : 65 PERSONS

FUNCTIONS : GENERAL FOR AUROVILLE'S DEVELOPMENT

A	To draw-up code of conduct for various group activities and rules & regulations.
B.	To monitor progress.
C.	Resolution of conflicts.
D.	Coordination with Working Committee on behalf of Resident Assembly.

FUNCTIONS: SPECIFIC IN TERMS OF ZONE/SECTOR BEING SERVED

i)	Assets Management & Maintenance
ii)	Human Resources & Service
iii)	Planning & Development
iv)	Financial Management
v)	Over-all coordination & facilitation

No doubt there will be need for working out more precision in the interface with three major functions viz. FAMC, Working Committee and L'avenir d'auroville, provided the basic principle explained above is acceptable, a small group can develop a suitable document for presentation to Residents' Assembly.

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