

Statement of 500+ petitioners - RA - 20th December 2021

We, as Aurovilians want to very clearly state that:

- 1- There is no questioning about the galaxy model. The galaxy is the model that was given by The Mother as a vision for the city that was to become Auroville.
- 2- There is no questioning about Auroville becoming a city. A city at the service of the Truth, a city that will host human unity, a tool to develop our consciousness.
- 3- There is no questioning about the value of the Master Plan.

There is a questioning on the HOW, on the methods chosen to go ahead with the marking and the clearing of the Crown road.

- 1- There was no work order
- 2- There is no detail development plan
- 3- There was no communication and dialogue
- 4- instead, there was heavy machinery, police, paid hand force, blocking of community expression and internal process, blocking of the voice of the Residents Assembly.

We would like to acknowledge that the recent events have been a huge wake up call, and an impulse to move forward.

While we entirely disagree on the methods used, we are together today to look on how to move and keep developing Auroville according to Mother's plan. Understanding that Auroville is not just another city to be built with buildings and machines, but Auroville is to be the cradle for a new consciousness, a new way of doing things. We are here for the Integral yoga, this plan needs to be manifested in an integral way.

We need some time for this, and this is why, in the afternoon of the 5th of December 2020, after the night when bulldozers accompanied by the police were brought in at 1 am to cut their way through, the request to have a Resident's Assembly decision making process was signed by more than 500 residents.

The movement should be from within towards external manifestation, and not a top to bottom imposition, as written recently in a Statement of Members of the International Advisory Council:

“in Mother’s own saying, the manner in which Auroville is built is as important, possibly

more, than the outcome: “It’s not when Auroville has been completed that matters: it’s

the nations’ COLLABORATION in creating something – but creating something founded on the TRUTH instead of a rivalry in Falsehood’s creation”.

Mother India has recognized the greatness of this project and has welcomed its manifestation on its land, here, in Tamil Nadu. We have a constitution described in the Auroville Foundation Act, Act of parliament passed in 1988. We feel deep gratitude for being allowed to experiment here.

What we are requesting at this point is that the ground realities are taken into account while moving forward. That there is dialogue and trust. We are much more powerful in our capacity to manifest if we are together, and if we are fueled by dialogue and trust.

Once this part is done, then the different professionals and actors, workers can move ahead in the building of the city.

We need to see what is bridging the concept of the Galaxy plan and its physical manifestation and agree on a detailed Development Plan before we start bulldozing.

We need to be informed and consulted on decisions concerning land use, mobility plan, construction methods, acquiring of the missing land, taking into consideration the water bodies and natural geological reality of our plateau and bio region.

In short, we believe it is high time for the community to take a break and work on this Development Plan within a reasonable time frame. We see the Crown as an opportunity to create unity if people come together to discuss and agree how best it can be built; but not when it is unilaterally imposed.

Also, we believe this would be the best way to bring back some rational and some peace in the present debate and a way to find a third position where we could work to build the Unity and brotherhood we all aspire to live.

We need to remember we are in Auroville for Unity in Diversity, for Human Unity, peace and harmony for a society that supports and fosters growth of consciousness for all.