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MCD opposes separate body for development of Walled City

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NEW DELHI: Reacting to reports that the State Government was deliberating on formation of a Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation to improve the conditions of the Walled City of Delhi in view of the upcoming Commonwealth Games, the Mayor has dubbed the move as the Government's latest tactic to "interfere" in the working of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

New body

The new body would primarily take care of various structures existing in the area which are important from the archaeological and heritage point of view and will also be responsible for general uplift of the area.

Confidence

Delhi Mayor Kanwar Sain said: "In case the Government wishes to take up any work directly concerning the MCD then it must take us into confidence and consult us in advance before embarking on any such project. We are already in the process of implementing some projects for the development of Shahjahanabad and Old Delhi areas under the Chandni Chowk Redevelopment Project and the Jama Masjid Precinct Redevelopment Project among others."

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“If any of the functions of Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation are seen as usurping the rights of the MCD, then we would fundamentally object to that as we are confident that we can discharge any work entrusted to us in a timely and efficient manner. We hope that this new body would only supplement the work which we are already undertaking,” he added.