

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS & WILDLIFE
A-BLOCK, 2ND FLOOR, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE,
NEW DELHI-110002.**

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Dated:- 05.09.2023

MINUTES OF TREE AUTHORITY HELD ON 30.08.2023 AT 3:00 PM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (E&F) CUM CHAIRMAN OF THE TREE AUTHORITY, GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI-REG.

As mandated under section 7 of Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994(DPTA, 1994) and in compliance of the Order dated 31.07.2023 of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WPC No. 7253/2023, a meeting of Tree Authority was convened on 30.08.2023 at 3:00 PM under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary (Environment & Forests), Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

The following members/invitees were present in the meeting:-

1. Sh. C.D. Singh, PCCF, Govt. of NCT of Delhi - Invitee
2. Sh. Saurabh Sharma, CF, Govt. of NCT of Delhi – Invitee
3. Sh. Raghwendra Kumar Singh, Director (Hort.) MCD - Member
4. Dr. Vinod Kumar Verma, Deputy Director (Hort.) NDMC – Member
5. Sh. Arvind Kumar, SDM (HQ), Govt. of NCT of Delhi- Representative of Divisional Commissioner.
6. Sh. Amit Anand, DCF (P&M/HQ-LO), Govt. of NCT of Delhi – Member Secretary

Chairman of the Tree Authority welcomed all the members and Member Secretary placed the agenda items of the meeting before the Authority. The deliberations and decisions taken on each Agenda Item are as below:-

• **Agenda item No. 1:- Progress on Green Action Plan 2023.**

Member Secretary of the Tree Authority presented the details on plantation under Green Action Plan since last meeting:

Year of Green Action Plan	Total Target (in lakh)	Total achievement (in lakh)
2021-22	33.19	34.95
2022-23	42.93	47.64
2023 up to August, 2023.	52.59	36.20

The details are attached herewith.

Tree authority was also informed about increase of Green Cover in Delhi as per ISFR of FSI in 2021 from 21.87 % in 2019 to 23.06 % in 2021.

• **Agenda item No. 2:- Tree Transplantation study**

Member Secretary of the Tree Authority informed that the report of survival rate of transplanted trees is awaited from Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun. However, an internal committee i.e Tree Transplantation Monitoring Committee was constituted by the Hon'ble Minister (E&F), Govt. of NCT of Delhi. The Tree Authority was of the view that the



success of Transplantation can only be evaluated after completion of minimum of 2 consecutive summer and winter seasons. However, as per the assessment of implementation & effectiveness of the Delhi Tree Transplantation policy, 2020, representative sites were taken across divisions and overall survival rate of over 35% has been observed.

It was decided that to ensure better quality output at competitive costs, more transplantation agencies should be empaneled for carrying out transplantation in NCT of Delhi. The process of empanelment to be made totally online and given wide publicity.

- **Agenda item No. 3:- Adoption of Trees.**

Director (Hort.) MCD and Member of the Tree Authority informed that MCD has already operationalized an online portal for adoption of trees. It was decided that the Department of Forests and Wildlife, GNCTD shall study and assess the tree adoption policy of MCD for extending it to the entire Delhi. The required proposal may be placed in next meeting.

- **Agenda item No. 4:- Strengthening of Tree cell for functioning of Tree Authority**

It was decided that the already existing Tree cell of Department of Forests and Wildlife, GNCTD shall extend secretarial services to the Tree Authority. It was also decided to engage one Senior Project Associate through ICSIL in State Budget after the approval of competent authority for analysing research proposals received, presenting research work submitted and undertaking research work in the Department.

- **Agenda item No. 5:- Guidelines for identification of land for Compensatory Plantation.**

Member Secretary of the Tree Authority informed that if the applicant has to take permission for felling / transplantation upto 10 trees, Forest department takes up plantation work in Land under its control. Tree authority noted the decision of Department.

It was also decided that Department shall accept proposals of eco-restoration as part of compensatory plantation after the approval of competent authority even though this may not result into any addition or increase in Green Cover/Forest cover in Delhi. To implement this, Department shall ask all land-owning agencies to identify lands for eco-restoration.

- **Agenda item No. 6:- Guidelines for felling / pruning for government land and revision of existing guideline.**

Member Secretary of the Tree Authority informed that the file of draft guidelines (Annexure-I) has been submitted to the Government for seeking approval under section-33 of Delhi Preservation of Trees (DPTA), 1994. The Main features of the draft guidelines:-

- Process of intimation under section-8 of DPTA, 1994.
- Process for application in case of trees standing on govt. Land.
- Reduction in processing time
- Process of disposal of timber.
- Provision for training.



It was decided that the timeline for disposal upon receiving the complete application should not be more than 15 working days for improving both Ease of Living and Ease of doing business. All required policy, trainings, manpower and infrastructures may be put in place before next meeting of Tree Authority.

- **Agenda item No. 7:- Monitoring of Compliances against permission granted.**

Member Secretary of the Tree Authority informed that DPTA e-forest Portal is enabled to receive compliances online from all users. Tree authority directed to undertake training of applicants as per requirement and enhance the compliance submission on portal.

Further, to enforce monitoring of compliances, Department of Forests and Wildlife, GNCTD shall maintain the status of compliances against permission granted for felling / transplantation of trees and present the same in the regular quarterly meetings of the Tree Authority.

- **Agenda item No. 8:- Undertaking awareness program about provisions of DPTA, 1994.**

Member Secretary of the Tree Authority informed that Department of Forests and Wildlife, GNCTD has developed a portal for training all stakeholders on Delhi Preservation of Trees Act (DPTA), 1994.

It was decided that following the tutorial videos are to be placed on portal on:

- Provisions of DPTA, 1994 in English and Hindi.
- How to get approval for felling of trees?
- How to judge a tree dangerous and action to be taken thereafter?
- How to react if threat to a tree or damage to tree is detected?

It was also decided that the Training cell of Department will identify best practices around the world on Nursery technology, Avenue plantation, Tree management and Tree Transplantation and curate training programs for Executive Staffs to get exposure at early stage in their careers and contribute effectively.

- **Agenda item No. 9:- Inviting universities for undertaking critical study of the proposals of development approved till date.**

Member Secretary of the Tree Authority informed the as per article of 7(g)-

“Duties of Tree Authority include undertaking critical study of the proposals of various government departments and private bodies for construction of buildings, roads, factories, irrigation works, laying out of electric, telephone, telegraph and other, transmission lines with regard to protection of existing trees and planting of more trees, wherever possible.”

It was decided that Universities from India and abroad after the approval of competent authority will be invited to undertake critical study regarding-

- ❖ Trees and matter incidental to their health for ensuring their ecological role.
- ❖ Ways of reducing trees affected during planning of project.
- ❖ Identification of areas for plantation of trees.
- ❖ How to promote Agroforestry for Compensatory Plantation?



Department will ensure development of online mechanism for this and wide publicity among the colleges/Universities in and around Delhi.

- **Agenda item No. 10:- Carrying out census of the existing trees**

Member Secretary of the Tree Authority informed the following parameters have been identified for carrying out tree census of the existing trees:-

Tree ID No.	Height
Location-Road / Plot/ Garden	Girth at 30 cm from ground
Land Type-Pvt. /Govt.	Health of tree
GPS Coordinates	Photos- Tree, Bark, Leaf

It was decided that Tree census will be first done in all isolated patches and Green areas/city forest of Department of Forest and Wildlife and data to be presented in next meeting of Tree Authority.

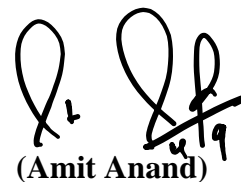
- **Other Items discussed with permission of chair:**

It was decided that:

- Delhi Tree Preservation Rules, 1996 to be reviewed in view of experiences of operation in 27 years, new technologies, requirement of Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business.
- All efforts to be made for infusing new technologies in management of Trees across Delhi.
- Green Jobs required for Tree management to be identified and trainings to be organised accordingly.
- Training cell to be strengthened.

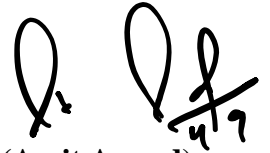
The chairman insisted that the meeting should be held without fail in last week of third month as mandated in the DPTA, 1994. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(Amit Anand)
Member Secretary
(Tree Authority)

1. Sh. Madan Lal, Hon'ble MLA, Kasturba Nagar, AC-42 Assembly Constituency, 47, Bapu Park, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi-110003.
2. Ms. Bhawna Gaur, Hon'ble MLA Palam, WZ-507A, Main Road, Raj Nagar-I, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110077.
3. Principal Secretary (E&F), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 6th Floor, C-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi-110002.
4. PCCF / HOD, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Department of Forests and Wildlife, Vikas Bhawan, ITO, New Delhi-110002.
5. APCCF & CWLW, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Department of Forests and Wildlife, Vikas Bhawan, ITO, New Delhi-110002
6. CCF (Admn.), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Department of Forests and Wildlife, Vikas Bhawan, ITO, New Delhi-110002.
7. DCF (HQ) & MS (TA) for necessary action.
8. Deputy Commissioner (Divisional Commissioner), 5, Sham Nath Marg, Delhi-110054.
9. Director (Hort.) MCD (South / North), Civic Centre, Delhi.
10. Director (Hort.), MCD (East), Anand Vihar, Delhi.
11. Director (Hort.), NDMC, Palika Kendra, New Delhi.
12. Tree Cell (HQ) for placing the minutes on DPTA e-forest portal.



(Amit Anand)
Member Secretary
(Tree Authority)

Plantation Report of 2021-22

	Greening Agency	Target Allotted during 2021-2022			Mar-22		Achievement Upto March 2022		Achievement for the year 2021-22					
					Achievement During March 2022									
		Total Target	Trees	Shrubs	Trees	Shrubs	Trees	Shrubs	Trees and Shrubs Total					
	Plantation													
1	Forest Department													
	Central Division	50,000	50,000	0						0	0	50000	0	50,000
	West Division	1,20,000	70,000	50,000						30,470	0	79630	0	79,630
	South Division	2,00,000	50,000	1,50,000						58	4252	97158	26380	1,23,538
	North Division	30,000	5,000	25,000						0	0	5900	25000	30,900
	ETF	2,00,000	2,00,000	0						0	0	245246	38000	2,83,246
	Sub Total (A)	6,00,000	3,75,000	2,25,000	30,528	4,252	4,77,934	89,380	5,67,314					
	Other Greening Agencies of the State													
2	DDA	6,00,000	2,00,000	4,00,000	NIL	NIL	125290	3,93,199	5,18,489					
3	South MCD –	2,00,000	50,000	1,50,000	1382	9469	40,854	1,09,668	1,50,522					
4	North MCD -	50,000	20,000	30,000	0	0	20,000	30,000	50,000					
5	East MCD -	80,000	20,000	60,000	2421	0	21,058	39,017	60,075					
6	Education	1,00,000	1,00,000	0	0	0	101980	90,532	1,92,512					
7	DSIIDC	33,000	18,000	15,000	262	1974	11702	8,363	20,065					
8	Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board	18,448	448	18,000	0	0	350	6,000	6,350					
9	Delhi Metro Rail Corporation	10,000	4,000	6,000	0	0	3,133	920	4,053					
10	NDPL (TATA	10,000	10,000	0	0		14,800	0	14,800					
11	BSES	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	29,957	0	29,957					
12	PWD (NCT Delhi)	3,00,000	10,000	2,90,000	160	0	10091	3,77,839	3,87,930					
13	C.P.W.D	60,000	20,000	40,000	0	0	13408	19,357	32,765					
14	N.D.M.C.	5,06,783	3,828	5,02,955	543	126502	2582	5,71,869	5,74,451					
15	Delhi Jal Board	50,100	3,000	47,100	213	23456	13135	1,15,800	1,28,935					
16	Northern Railways	14,300	14,300	0	0		17256	0	17,256					
17	DTC	1,000	1,000	0	0		1290	0	1,290					
18	Deptt. of Env.	1,000	200	800	0	0	1000	0	1,000					
19	Delhi Cantonment Board	13,150	150	13,000	0	0	103	17,672	17,775					
	Sub Total (B)	2067781	494926	1572855	4,981	1,61,401	4,27,989	17,80,236	22,08,225					
	Plantation Total (A+B)	2667781	869926	1797855	35,509	1,65,653	9,05,923	18,69,616						
	Plantation Total (X) (Trees +	26,67,781			2,01,162		27,75,539							
Free Distribution of Saplings														
Forest Department														
	Central	1,00,000	25,000	75,000	4,638	0	1,54,664	0	1,54,664					
	West	1,00,000	25,000	75,000	3,535	0	1,41,339	105	1,41,444					
	South	2,00,000	50,000	1,50,000	1,445	0	62,978	0	62,978					
	North	0	0	70766	0	70,766					
	Total	4,00,000	1,00,000	3,00,000	9,618	0	4,29,747	105	4,29,852					
Total for Forest Department (Trees + Shrubs)		4,00,000			9,618		4,29,852							
	Delhi Parks and Garden Society	2,50,000	2,50,000	0	14,176		2,90,257	0	2,90,257					
	Delhi Cantonment Board	1,500	1,500	0	0		0	0	0					
Total Distribution by other Agencies		2,51,500			14,176	0	2,90,257							
Total Species Distribution (Y) (Trees		6,51,500			23,794		7,20,109							
(Trees + Shrubs+ Free Dist.) Grand Total (X)+(Y)		33,19,281			2,24,956		34,95,648							

Plantation Report under Green Action Plan 2022-23										
	Greening Agency	Target Allotted during 2022-2023				Plantation Achievement 2022-23				
		Total Target	Trees	Shrubs	#Bamboos/ Hedge*	Trees	Shrubs	#Bamboos/ Hedge*	Total	(%)
	Plantation									
1	#Forest Department									
	Central Division	62,000	40,000	20,000	2,000	12,547	21,675	7,443	41,665	67
	West Division	1,02,000	25,000	75,000	2,000	41,340	17,700	1,978	61,018	60
	South Division	1,40,000	55,000	75,000	10,000	93,900	90,775	10,000	1,94,675	139
	North Division	80,000	60,000	20,000	0	61,800	15,000	0	76,800	96
	ETF	6,00,000	1,20,000	4,80,000	0	2,26,242	4,80,000	0	7,06,242	118
	Sub Total (A)	9,84,000	3,00,000	6,70,000	14,000	4,35,829	6,25,150	19,421	10,80,400	110
	Other Greening Agencies of the State									
2	DDA	7,00,000	2,50,000	4,50,000	NA	68131	4,78,955	0	5,47,086	78
3	MCD	5,85,417	85,060	5,00,357	NA	1,14,299	4,07,849	0	5,22,148	89
4	Education	1,50,000	40,000	1,10,000	NA	96393	1,77,553	0	2,73,946	183
5	DSIIDC	31,444	12,270	19,174	NA	11977	30,190	0	42,167	134
6	*DUSIB	13,000	1,000	2,000	10,000	1000	2,000	10,000	13,000	100
7	Delhi Metro Rail Corporation	2,500	1,500	1,000	NA	586	305	0	891	36
8	NDPL (TATA Power DDL)	10,000	10,000	0	NA	12,889	0	0	12,889	129
9	BSES	30,000	11,170	18,830	NA	30,000	0	0	30,000	100
10	PWD (NCT Delhi)	3,55,550	5,000	3,50,550	NA	5,120	3,81,457	0	3,86,577	36
11	C.P.W.D	22,000	6,000	16,000	NA	6,003	24,691	0	30,694	140
12	N.D.M.C.	5,02,847	2,847	5,00,000	NA	2,843	7,54,743	0	7,57,586	151
13	Delhi Jal Board	87,300	3,400	83,900	NA	5,678	97,607	0	1,03,285	118
14	Northern Railways	15,000	9,000	6,000	NA	6,694	20,276	0	26,970	180
15	DTC	1,292	534	758	NA	625	949	0	1,574	122
16	Deptt. of Env. (Horti.)	1,000	200	800	NA	400	600	0	1,000	100
17	Delhi Cantonment Board	10,150	150	10,000	NA	152	16,730	0	16,882	166
18	Irrigation Flood Control	5,400	0	0	NA	6,668	0	0	6,668	123
19	National Highway Authority of India	7,192	0	0	NA	7,192	0	0	7,192	100
	Sub Total (B)	25,30,092	4,38,131	20,69,369	10,000	3,76,650	23,93,905	10,000	27,80,555	110
	Plantation Total (A+B)	35,14,092	7,38,131	27,39,369	24,000	8,12,479	30,19,055	29,421		110
	Plantation Total (X) (Trees + Shrubs, Bamboos/Heidge)	35,14,092				38,60,955				
Free Distribution of Saplings										
Forest Department										
	Central	154664	154664	NA		1,63,009				105
	West	141339	141339			1,80,560				128
	South	62,978	62,978			73,598				117
	North	70,766	70,766			71,400				101
	Total	429747	429747			4,88,567				
	Total for Forest Department (Trees + Shrubs)	4,29,747				4,88,567				114
	Delhi Parks and Garden Society	2,50,000	2,50,000	NA		3,14,694				126
	CPWD	1,00,000	1,00,000	NA		1,00,000				100
	Total Distribution by other Agencies	3,50,000				4,14,694				118
	Total Species Distribution (Y) (Trees + Shrubs)	7,79,747				9,03,261				116
	(Trees + Shrubs+ Free Dist.) Grand Total (X)+(Y)	42,93,839				47,64,216				111

Target for Green Action Plan 2023						Achievement upto August 2023				
SN	Agency	Tree	Shrubs	Bamboo/Hedge	Total	Tree	Shrubs	Bamboo/ Hedge	Total	(%)
Plantation										
1	Central	100,000	125,000	25,000	250,000	33189	10287	73397	116873	46
	West	275,000	125,000	25,000	425,000	103236	0	21181	124417	29
	South	600,000	125,000	50,000	775,000	609,685	0	60,000	669,685	86
	North	100,000	125,000	25,000	250,000	90,000	0	0	90,000	36
Total of Forest Department		1,075,000	500,000	125,000	1,700,000	836,110	10,287	154,578	1,000,975	59
2	DDA	300,000	550,000	0	850,000	166,891	587,578		754,469	89
3	MCD	200,000	324,965	0	524,965	52,547	133,826	186,373	372,746	71
4	NDMC	10,000	500,000	0	510,000	3,188	500,000		503,188	99
5	PWD	76,000	254,800	0	330,800				221,952	67
6	Education (School)	100,000	175,000	0	275,000	58240	134068	0	192,308	69
7	Higher Education	100,000	0	0	100,000				0	0
8	NTPC	100,000		0	100,000	3491	26820	0	30,311	30
9	DSIIDC	19,440	40,711	0	60,151	5,959	16,324	10,000	32,283	54
10	DJB	920	30,900	0	31,820	840	15589	800	17,229	54
11	BSES Rajdhani (BRPL)	17,930	12,070	0	30,000	3540	2835	0	6,375	21
12	CPWD	4,000	22,500	0	26,500	2629	19021	0	21,650	81
13	Northern Railways	0	20,000	0	20,000				0	0
14	DUSIB	500	12,000	0	12,500				0	0
15	Delhi Cantt.	150	10,000	0	10,150	32	9768	17712	27,512	271
16	NDPL	10,000	0	0	10,000	5	2,450		2,455	25
17	NHAI	10,124	50,000	0	60,124	7,010	1,300	50,000	58,310	97
18	DMRC	2,000	500	0	2,500	1239	191	0	1,430	57
19	IFCD, GNCTD	1,926	0	0	1,926				0	0
20	Department of Env. (Hort.)	0	1,500	0	1,500	200	1,300		1,500	100
21	DTC	780	495	0	1,275				0	0
Total of Greening Agencies		953,770	2,005,441	0	2,959,211	305,811	1,451,070	264,885	2,243,718	76
Plantation Total		2,028,770	2,505,441	125,000	4,659,211	1,141,921	1,461,357	419,463	3,244,693	70
Free Distribution										
1	Forest Department				300,000				255,905	85
2	DPGS				250,000				119,693	48
3	CPWD				50,000					0
4	DMRC								65	
Distribution Total					600,000				375,663	63
Grand Total					5,259,211				3,620,356	69