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LG, CM Look To Ease Waterlogging Woes

Quick-Response Teams Among Steps Planned

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New Delhi: Lieutenant governor V K Saxena on Wednesday asked the agencies to deploy quick response teams, equipped with all necessary instruments and skills, during the monsoon to answer to the calls regarding waterlogging so that people face least inconvenience.

With the monsoon less than three weeks away, LG Saxena and chief minister Arvind Kejriwal jointly called a meeting of all stakeholders and assessed the preparedness to deal with the problems that arise every year due to heavy downpour. Several areas in the city reported waterlogging and at least one person drowned at an underpass in south Delhi in a heavy pre-monsoon shower a few days ago.

Interestingly, amid the allegations by AAP legislators that the LG was violating the constitutional framework, Saxena had a separate meeting with the chief minister and deputy CM Manish Sisodia before the one on monsoon preparedness. The details of the deliberations are not known.

To ensure that people are not inconvenienced due to flooding of roads, overflowing drains and falling of trees, both the LG and the CM asked the agencies to prepare a long-term plan. While it will take some time to be ready, Saxena directed officials to create properly covered sinkholes of six-eight-inch diameter, lined with perforated pipes, at the waterlogging-prone sites, and also along the drains and DJB sewer lines prone to flooding, so that water could be instantly channelled and used to recharge the groundwater.

In a statement, Raj Niwas said Kejriwal seconded the



LG VK Saxena with CM Kejriwal and deputy CM Sisodia

A RAJ NIWAS STATEMENT SAYS

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idea and directed officials to comply with it. The high-level meeting was also attended by chief secretary Naresh Kumar and officials of DDA, MCD, NDMC, PWD, traffic police and other prominent departments.

Officials said both Saxena and Kejriwal reviewed a presentation made by the agencies concerned regarding the status of desilting of drains, laying of alternate pipelines to transport excess water from chronic sites, and deployment of pumps and vans. "They asked officials to put in place comprehensive long-term measures... to deal with the problems of overflowing and waterlogging rather than dealing with the issue in a 'crisis management mode', as has been happening till now," the statement read.

Officials said the silt from drains would be transported to designated sites immediately.

"The LG has asked this exercise to be photographed and videorecorded and uploaded on the websites of the agencies concerned. Pressurised hosing will be done to forcefully move the silt downstream," said an official. "To prevent roads from caving in, proper compaction will be done after completion of civil works. Officials were also directed to construct concrete-cemented roads at waterlogging-prone locations."

As a long-term measure, the LG and the CM agreed upon a comprehensive study of the drains, gradient and catchment areas so that excess water could be transported for long-term storage. They directed officials "to come up with a time-bound plan for laying alternate pipelines for stormwater drainage. The Drainage Master Plan, pending for years, will be expeditiously finalised," the statement added.

90-day window opened for landpooling applications

New Delhi: A 90-day window has been opened by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for people to apply under its land pooling policy, officials said on Wednesday.

The portal for participating in the policy for 104 villages, was earlier open till December 24 last year, government had informed the Lok Sabha earlier. A new window of 90 days has been opened, starting late May. Also, this period is to allow setting up of a consortium for three sectors under the policy. DDA had issued a notice to set up a consortium for three sectors across two zones, under the land pooling policy, the urban body had said on May 18. The validity of the notice will be 90 days from the date of issue. PTI

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A few good men — and women: Giving trees felled in city a fresh lease of life

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New Delhi: You could say these few individuals weren't barking up the wrong tree when they decided that uprooted trees should be given a chance at taking root again. And that is how some of the trees felled by the fierce storm of May 30 are standing again — and all without the help of officialdom.

Two old Ashok trees knocked down but with their roots intact were salvaged by a resident of Lajpat Nagar. Getting no response from Delhi government's Green Helpline or from apathetic municipal corporation officials, 60-year-old Anuradha Gera, a resident of Lajpat Nagar 3, first turned to YouTube to learn how to revive the trees and then consulted some environmentalists on the matter.

"Several trees had fallen in the storm and they were all being hewn and ferried away," said Gera. "Three trees were uprooted in the park near my house. While one was removed by the civic body, two Ashok trees, both around 10 years old, had their roots intact. I knew I had to restore them."

Gera recalled how many people discouraged her from trying to replant the trees, while others suggested instead that she plant new saplings. "But I have been living close to those trees for years. We don't give up on our family members when they are sick. We take them to the hospital and hope they become well. It was the same with these trees," she smiled.

But restoration was easier said than done. "The civic officials were either helpless or too busy. Some said it was a fu-

GREEN SHOOTS OF HOPE

WHY TREES FALL

- > Cementing prevents water and air from reaching the roots, weakening them
- > During monsoon, the shoot tends to expand, but is obstructed by concretisation
- > Root damage due to maintenance or civic work
- > Wrong or uneven pruning making one side of the tree heavy

Strong winds



Photo: Piyal Bhattacharjee



Two old Ashok trees that got knocked down, but had their roots intact were salvaged by a resident of Lajpat Nagar

ISSUES

When a tree falls, the civic department wants to cut it to clear the roads



Lack of will/different priorities



PROCEDURE TO RESTORE A TREE

Varies from tree to tree; depends on root depth, weight, etc



Cut the tree at least 1-2 feet above the first branches (V or Y section)

Remove all concrete around the base up to 3 feet without damaging the remaining roots

Make shoot lighter

Ensure safety of infrastructure nearby, such as electricity/telecom boxes



Lift the tree using ropes or hydra crane, depending on weight

Put compost and termite repellent under the tree



Place the tree at its original position using crane or rope

Put good earth soil to pack the tree tight

Place a temporary structure/a small wall to support the tree and hold soil above road level

Ensure timely watering



tile task, others were clueless about the tree ambulance," said Gera. "As a first step, with a neighbour's help, I persuaded the municipal horticulture department staff not to cut and cart away the trees."

She then researched how to go about it and was encouraged when the environmentalists she contacted told her the trees could be saved and sent her some videos of successful restoration in the city. "We followed the procedure shown in the videos and also consulted experts whenever we were unsure," the tree lover said. "We

Times View

The city needs more local heroes like them. They need to be felicitated. It will encourage others to take up similar environmental-friendly initiatives.

pruned the branches, cleaned the soil and put fresh manure in the hole before pulling the tree upright with ropes. We then supported the upright trees with wires. They are being looked after by the park gardeners. We have our fingers crossed that they will survive."

According to Verhaen Khanna of New Delhi Nature Society, who, jointly with MCD and DDA, has successfully restored over five large trees, including a 40-year-old Peepal in Maharani Bagh, getting civic officials to agree to help the trees is the primary hurdle. "The most difficult part is to convince officials that the fallen trees can be saved. They are only eager to cart them away. But if I listened to them, then the trees I saved wouldn't be standing upright today," said Khanna.

He said the government's

much publicised tree ambulance hasn't been proactive and the civic authorities often remove fallen trees without assessing their capability to survive.

Green activist Bhavreen Kandhari added, "Shortly after the storm struck on May 31, Delhiites began calling us to help rehabilitate the fallen trees in their localities. However, MCD, which hold primary responsibility for trees, was conspicuously silent. Such bodies anyway don't know how to attend to fallen, injured, root-damaged trees. They simply prune them or cut the fallen trees into timber."

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निगम नई इमारत से आमदनी बढ़ाएगा

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। निगम एकीकरण के बाद अब पूर्वी दिल्ली में निगम मुख्यालय के लिए दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण से खरीदी जमीन का कमर्शियल इस्तेमाल करने की तैयारी में जुट गया है। इंजीनियरिंग विभाग के सूत्रों का कहना है कि इस जमीन पर करीब 17 मंजिल की इमारत बनाई जाएगी। यह इमारत पीपीपी मॉडल पर नहीं बनाई जाएगी।

निगम अपना राजस्व बढ़ाने के मकसद से इसके निर्माण की तैयारी कर रहा है। एकीकृत निगम से पहले जब पूर्वी दिल्ली नगर निगम का मुख्यालय पटपड़गंज में बनाया गया था, तो वह डीएसआईडीसी की जमीन पर था। इसके लिए निगम को डीएसआईडीसी को प्रतिमाह के हिसाब से किराया देना

एस्करो खाते की राशि का भी इस्तेमाल

इंजीनियरिंग विभाग सूत्रों का कहना है कि इमारत के निर्माण के लिए निगम अपने एस्करो खाते की राशि का भी इस्तेमाल कर सकता है और उसके निर्माण के बाद सिविक सेंटर की तरह किसी सरकारी विभाग को किराये पर दे सकेगा। इसके अलावा एकीकृत निगम करोलबाग मल्टीलेवल पार्किंग के निर्माण की भी तैयारी कर रहा है।

पड़ता था। करीब आठ साल पहले पूर्वी निगम ने अपना मुख्यालय बनाने के लिए प्राधिकरण से दस हजार स्क्वेयर फीट से अधिक जमीन खरीदी थी। यह जानकारी देते हुए इंजीनियरिंग विभाग के वरिष्ठ सूत्रों का कहना है कि इस खरीदने के एवज में पूर्वी निगम ने 32 करोड़ रुपये का भुगतान डीडीए को किया था। निगम यह जमीन कड़कड़मा कोर्ट के समीप सीबीडी ग्राउंड में है। वर्तमान में निगम की इस

जमीन का मूल्य करीब 100 करोड़ रुपये माना जा रहा है।

सूत्रों का कहना है कि अब एकीकृत निगम का लाभकारी परियोजना विभाग निगम के राजस्व को बढ़ाने के लिए इस जमीन पर 17 मंजिल इमारत बनाने की योजना तैयार कर रहा है। इस जमीन से जुड़ी फाइल को अतिरिक्त आयुक्त इंजीनियरिंग के तीन दिन पहले आदेश किए जाने के बाद सिविक सेंटर भेज दिया गया है।

Heavy crowds at park drive traffic chaos at Punjabi Bagh crossing

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NEW DELHI: The Bharat Darshan Park has added to the congestion around Punjabi Bagh crossing on Ring Road with hundreds flocking to the park every day, leading to traffic snarls.

Officials aware of the matter said lack of parking for visitors to the park has emerged as one of the main factors leading to traffic jams, especially on weekends, public holidays and evening hours.

To resolve the problem, the engineering wing of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) plans to develop three multilevel parking lots in the vicinity to provide parking space for more than 663 vehicles. The three multilevel parking sites will come up near Punjabi Bagh Club Road, the existing municipal crematorium and inside the Waste to Art park, which was opened in December last year, the officials said.

A senior MCD official said two parking sites have been approved by the standing committee while Delhi Development Authority has handed over 2,300 sqm on Club Road for the third parking lot.

"We have hired a consultant to recommend how to best utilise this space for parking and decon-

gest the stretch," the official said. Currently, visitors park their vehicles on the Ring Road, adding to the congestion on the busy intersection.

"This network of multilevel parkings will also cater to several buildings in the vicinity that witness footfall.

Work on two parking lots will begin this month. Tenders have been finalized and work orders have been issued for two lots. We have started marking the site for the first parking

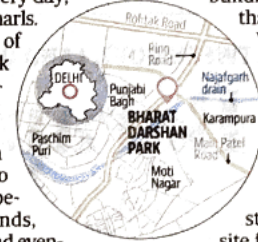
lot near the crematorium on Tuesday. Similarly, the second facility will replace the existing green waste processing centre," the official said.

The municipal corporation runs Punjabi Bagh crematorium, which is the second largest funeral facility in the city. It has a surface parking spread over 5,000sqm area which has space for around 80 vehicles.

"A five-storey puzzle parking is being developed at this site which will increase the vehicle capacity to around 225," official said.

Puzzle parking is an automated system that enables horizontal and vertical movement of spots, to park and retrieve cars.

The second parking lot inside the park will come up in place of the bio-composters.



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4 दिन में 10,123 लोग

तारीख	लोग आए घूमने
3 जून	1492
4 जून	2441
5 जून	4369
6 जून	क्लोज
7 जून	1823
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■ नई दिल्ली: पंजाबी बाग में भारत दर्शन पार्क बनने के बाद रिंग रोड पर पार्किंग की कमी के चलते जाम की समस्या बढ़ गई है। अब एमसीडी ने पार्क के आसपास तीन जगहों पर 700 गाड़ियों के लिए पार्किंग की योजना तैयार की है। पहली पार्किंग पंजाबी बाग स्मशान घाट के पास, दूसरी भारत दर्शन पार्क के अंदर और तीसरी पार्किंग क्लब रोड पर पेट्रोल पंप के साथ लगी डीडीए की जमीन पर बनाई जाएगी।

एमसीडी के अफसरों के अनुसार भारत दर्शन पार्क के उद्घाटन के बाद रिंग रोड पर जाम की समस्या गहराने

लगी है। पार्किंग की कमी के कारण लोग रिंग रोड के फुटपाथ पर ही पार्क के सामने गाड़ियां खड़ी कर देते हैं। ऐसे में पार्क के आसपास तीन जगहों पर पार्किंग की योजना तैयार की गई है।

पंजाबी बाग स्मशान: मौजूदा सरफेस पार्किंग की जगह पांच मंजिला पजल पार्किंग बनाई जाएगी। करीब

5000 वर्ग मीटर एरिया में 225 गाड़ियों के लिए यहां पार्किंग बनाने का प्लान है। अभी सरफेस पार्किंग में 80-90 गाड़ियों को खड़ी करने की ही जगह है। इस पार्किंग के निर्माण के लिए वर्क ऑर्डर भी जारी हो चुका है।

भारत दर्शन पार्क के भीतर: पार्क के अंदर बायो खाद बनाने के लिए जो जगह चिह्नित की गई है, उसी

जगह पार्किंग बनाई जाएगी। यह एरिया करीब 1500 वर्ग मीटर है। इतने एरिया में 6 मंजिला पजल पार्किंग बनाने का प्लान तैयार किया गया है, जिसमें करीब 188 गाड़ियां खड़ी की जा सकती हैं।

क्लब रोड: क्लब रोड पर पेट्रोल पंप के साथ डीडीए की करीब 2300 वर्ग मीटर जमीन है। इस जमीन को हाल ही में डीडीए ने एमसीडी को पार्किंग बनाने के लिए ट्रांसफर किया है। अफसरों का कहना है कि इतने एरिया में करीब 250 से अधिक गाड़ियों के लिए बहुमंजिला पार्किंग बनाई जाएगी। पार्किंग निर्माण के लिए एमसीडी ने एक कंसल्टेंट को नियुक्त किया है।

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{ TALKS ON BETWEEN GOVT, LAND OWNERS }

Key Barapullah extension faces land hurdle

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NEW DELHI: Months after the Delhi government initiated the process to acquire 8.5-acre land for Barapullah Phase-2, the project faces more delays as landowners of Nangli Razapur village contend that the compensation amount is yet to be finalised. The issue has been hanging fire for 5 years, due to which the project, which was to be completed by May 2018, has been held up.

The Barapullah Phase-2 is an extension of the existing elevated corridor, and will provide seamless connectivity between south and east Delhi.

A large part of the project has been completed, but the construction work on a 700m-long stretch is yet to start due to the land acquisition dispute.



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Residents of Nangli Razapur, who have been identified by the government for compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and

Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013, held a meeting with district administration last week to discuss the issue.

Bhopal Singh Chauhan, a farmer and village head, said, "In

the meeting, we told the officials that we should be paid at least Rs 3.15 crore per acre or what the government paid the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to get the land for the project."

Last June, the Delhi government notified the draft Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme identifying the beneficiaries. This is the first land acquisition to be processed in Delhi under RFCTLARR Act, 2013. The land parcels belong to residents of Nangli Razapur village, located near Sarai Kale Khan ISBT.

Rajbir Tanwar, a resident of the village said, "This matter has been pending for years now. The villagers are ready to give their land for the development project, but the government is yet to decide on the compensation amount. We have been asked to give our bank account details,

but we will not do it till the government finalises the compensation amount."

According to a senior Delhi government official, in May end, the government gave notices to people informing them about their share in compensation based on the land parcels they have.

"They have been given time till June 10 to approach the district authorities in case of any dispute with relevant papers. The process is going on as per the land acquisition Act of 2013. So far no decision has been taken on the compensation amount, but it will be decided as per the Act. We have to complete the acquisition process before August-end this year," the official said.

Currently, the Barapullah elevated corridor, known as the Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Setu, connects Sarai Kale Khan in

south-east Delhi to AIIMS in south Delhi.

The road corridor was developed for ferrying athletes during the 2010 Commonwealth Games. The extension will provide signal-free road access between east Delhi and south Delhi.

According to Delhi government's Public Works Department officials, no new deadline has been set for the project as it depends on when they will get the land parcels.

"The structural work of the project is almost complete barring the section where we are yet to get the land. We will need 18 months from the day land is handed over to us to complete the project. Laying of road and other work will be done simultaneously," said the PWD official.

The Delhi government spokesperson didn't comment on the matter.

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लैंड पूलिंग नीति के तहत पंजीकरण प्रक्रिया शुरू

नई दिल्ली। डीडीए ने अपनी लैंड पूलिंग नीति के तहत आवेदन के लिए 90 दिनों की पंजीकरण प्रक्रिया शुरू की है। नीति के तहत एजेंसियां सड़क, विद्यालय, अस्पताल, सामुदायिक केंद्र और स्टेडियम जैसी ढांचागत सुविधाएं विकसित करके जमीन का एक हिस्सा हस्तांतरित कर सकती हैं। इसके बाद निजी बिल्डरों की मदद से आवासीय परियोजना पर काम शुरू किया जा सकता है। केंद्र सरकार ने लोकसभा में बताया था कि 104 गांवों के लिए दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण की लैंड पूलिंग नीति में भाग लेने की खातिर पोर्टल पिछले साल 24 दिसंबर तक खुला था। ब्यूरो

डीडीए ने शुरू की पंजीकरण प्रक्रिया

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DDA opens 90-day window for more applications for land pooling

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: A 90-day window has been opened by the DDA for people to apply under its land pooling policy, official said on Wednesday.

The portal for participating in the Delhi Development Authority's (DDA) land pooling policy for 104 villages, was earlier open till December 24 last year, the government had informed the Lok Sabha earlier.

A new window of 90 days has been opened, starting late May, for people to apply under

the land pooling policy. Also, this period is to also allow setting up of a consortium for three sectors under the policy," he said.

The DDA had issued a notice to set up a consortium for three sectors across two zones, under the land pooling policy, the urban body had said on May 18. The validity of the notice will be 90 days from the date of issue.

The land pooling policy was notified by the DDA in September 2018. The DDA has acquired 7,275 hectares of land under the land pooling policy, it had said on May 18.

The land pooling policy is based on public-private partnership towards pro-actively increasing economic opportunities and housing supply in a time-bound manner, and harnessing private potential through pooling of land parcels.

Under the policy, agencies will develop infrastructure like roads, schools, hospitals, community centres and stadia on the pooled land and return a portion of the plot to farmers who can later execute housing projects with the help of private builders.

झुग्गी वालों के लिए बने फ्लैट क्यों नहीं किए जा रहे आवंटित

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। झुग्गी वालों के पुनर्वास को लेकर केंद्र सरकार के जवाहरलाल नेहरू नेशनल अर्बन रिन्यूअल मिशन के तहत बने हजारों फ्लैटों के अभी तक आवंटन नहीं करने पर हाईकोर्ट ने सज्जान ले लिया है। उसने इस मामले में केंद्र सरकार के शहरी विकास मंत्रालय व दिल्ली सरकार के मुख्य सचिव को संयुक्त रूप से स्थिति रिपोर्ट दाखिल करने को कहा है और सुनवाई 6 जुलाई के लिए स्थगित कर दी है।

योजना के तहत दिल्ली सरकार को फ्लैटों का आवंटन करना है, लेकिन कई के बन जाने के बावजूद मौलिक सुविधा जैसे पानी, बिजली, सीवेज आदि नहीं होने, योजना को लेकर राशि आवंटित करने को लेकर विवाद व कई के अर्द्ध निर्मित होने के अलावा विभागों के बीच उपयुक्त तालमेल नहीं होने को लेकर उसे आवंटित नहीं किया गया है। इस मामले में

सज्जान न्यायमूर्ति प्रतिभा मनिंदर सिंह ने कालका जी मंदिर परिसर से अवैध कब्जाधारकों को हटाने को लेकर हुई सुनवाई के दौरान लिया। न्यायमूर्ति ने उन्हें दिल्ली शहरी आश्रय सुधार बोर्ड, निगम व डीडीए के योजना के तहत पुनर्वास करने की बात कही।

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हाईकोर्ट ने केंद्र व राज्य सरकार से पूछा सवाल

सरकार के बीच तालमेल नहीं होने की वजह से अभी तक आवंटित नहीं किया गया है। अगर केंद्र के वकील ने कहा कि उसने 1108.5 करोड़ रुपये में से 1074.12 करोड़ रुपये दिल्ली सरकार को दे दिया है। बोर्ड के वकील ने कहा कि उन फ्लैटों को अब प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना के तहत किराए पर दिया जाएगा। उन फ्लैटों को आवंटित करने का किसी को अधिकार नहीं है।

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डीडीए के पोर्टल पर जमीन के पंजीकरण की प्रक्रिया शुरू

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण (डीडीए) की अति महत्वाकांक्षी योजना लैंड पूलिंग के तहत एक बार फिर जमीन के पंजीकरण की प्रक्रिया शुरू हो गई है। डीडीए ने मई के आखिर में ही पोर्टल को खोल दिया था। कोई भी किसान, भू-स्वामी एवं बिल्डर पोर्टल के जरिए जमीन का पंजीकरण करवा सकता है। यह प्रक्रिया 90 दिन तक जारी रहेगी। खासतौर पर यह है कि डीडीए ने सितम्बर, 2018 में लैंड पूलिंग के तहत जमीन के पंजीकरण के लिए अधिसूचना जारी की थी। प्राधिकरण ने इस योजना की शुरुआत बड़े उत्साह के साथ की थी, लेकिन फिलहाल अभी तक के परिणाम उत्साहवर्धक नहीं रहे हैं। शायद यही वजह है कि डीडीए इस बीच पॉलिस्सी में कई बदलाव भी कर चुका है। इस योजना में राजधानी के कुल 104 गांव शामिल हैं। डीडीए को अब तक कुल 7,276 हेक्टेयर जमीन मिल चुकी है।

सूत्रों का कहना है कि पोर्टल पर जमीन के पंजीकरण की प्रक्रिया शुरू हो गई है और यह प्रक्रिया 90 दिन तक चलेगी। डीडीए को उम्मीद है कि इस प्रयास के चलते योजना की रफ्तार बढ़ेगी और डीडीए को पर्याप्त जमीन मिलेगी। प्राधिकरण के एक अधिकारी का कहना है कि इस जमीन का आंतरिक

लैंड पूलिंग योजना

विकास एजेंसियां कर सकती हैं। इसके बाद बिल्डरों की बदद से आवासीय योजना का काम शुरू कर सकेंगे। दरअसल डीडीए ने बड़ी संख्या में नोटिस

डीडीए ने पंजीकरण के लिए खोला पोर्टल

90 दिन तक किसान अपनी जमीन का करवा सकते हैं पंजीकरण

कोई भी किसान, भू-स्वामी एवं बिल्डर पोर्टल के जरिए जमीन का करवा सकता है पंजीकरण

भेजकर किसानों से आग्रह किया है कि वह लैंड पूलिंग के तहत अपनी जमीन का पंजीकरण कराकर लैंड पूलिंग योजना का लाभ उठा सकते हैं। नोटिस मिलने के 45 दिन के भीतर कोई भी किसान डीडीए के पोर्टल पर आवेदन कर सकता है। जो किसान इस योजना के दायरे में शामिल हैं, वह अपना नाम डीडीए

की वेबसाइट पर भी देख सकते हैं।

डीडीए के मुताबिक यह जमीनें जोन एन में सेक्टर-10 ए, जोन पी-2 के सेक्टर-2 एवं 3 में हैं। डीडीए ने इन भू-स्वामियों को एक और मौका दिया है, जिससे सभी भू-स्वामी आपस में एकजुट होकर इस योजना का लाभ उठा सकेंगे। यदि निर्धारित समय सीमा के भीतर यह भू-स्वामी कुल जमीन का 70 फीसद हिस्सा आपस में पूल नहीं कर पाते हैं, तो यह नोटिस स्वतः ही रह माना जाएगा। प्राधिकरण का कहना है कि उपरोक्त सेक्टरों में अभी तक डीडीए के पास जो जमीन आई है, उपरोक्त भू-स्वामियों की जमीन भी इससे सटी हुई है। यह जमीन तिगीपुर (पार्ट), अकबरपुर माजरा (पार्ट), सुंगरपुर (पार्ट) एवं बख्तावरपुर (पार्ट) गांव की है। जोन-पी का सेक्टर-3, उत्तरी दिल्ली में यमुना नदी के किनारे सेक्टर-2 से सटा हुआ है। सेक्टर-3 के लिए करीब 210 हेक्टेयर जमीन मिल चुकी है। इसमें 156 हेक्टेयर जमीन वाले भू-स्वामी खुद ही डीडीए के पास आ गए हैं। इसका विवरण डीडीए के वेबसाइट पर भी उपलब्ध है। डीडीए के मुताबिक इन गांवों की जमीन पर कुल 129 सेक्टरों को विकसित करके 80 हजार से एक लाख की आबादी को बसाने की योजना है।

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Land pooling: no progress yet on amendments proposed to DD Act

Certain tweaks made to the proposal will benefit only a few, says Delhi BJP leader

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Three months after an official announcement of proposed amendments to the Delhi Development Act, 1957, aimed at making land pooling mandatory in the Capital, no progress has been made on that front.

A senior BJP leader, who is familiar with the developments, told *The Hindu* that the proposed amendments are "unlikely" to be passed soon and added that certain tweaks have been made to the proposal that will "benefit only a select bunch".

The proposed amendments – which were announced by Union Minister Hardeep Puri on March 8 – are aimed at eliminating roadblocks in the Delhi Development Authority's land pooling policy, in which the urban body plays the role of a facilitator.

The amendments, if passed, would make pooling of land mandatory even for those land owners who have not expressed their interest in the scheme if the minimum participation of 70% is achieved in a sector. The amendments also propose granting of powers to the Centre to declare pooling of land mandatory even if the



Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri had announced the proposed amendments on March 8 this year. ■ FILE PHOTO

minimum participation rate is not achieved. ing policy.

EWS among beneficiaries

Notified on two occasions, in 2013 and 2018, the land pooling policy is aimed at providing 17 lakh dwelling units – including five lakh units for economically weaker sections – for a population of roughly 80 lakh people.

Currently, 104 villages, which have been divided into six zones and further divided into 129 sectors, have been identified for land pooling. The DDA had recently issued conditional notices for the formation of consortiums in three high-priority sectors falling under zones- N and P-II. However, development works are yet to start under the land pool-

'Changes in proposal'

When asked about the progress on the amendments, a senior DDA official said a proposal has been sent to the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs with a "few tweaks" to some of the amendments.

Refusing to elaborate on the tweaks, the senior official confirmed that the two amendments that propose to make pooling mandatory have been retained in the proposal.

"The amendments were discussed, corrected and sent to the Ministry. Now it is up to them. The tweaks to the amendments are aimed at making them better," said the official.

Despite multiple requests for a comment, Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, did not respond.

The context

While the land pooling policy has remained promising on paper, the DDA has struggled to execute it on the ground due to a condition, which requires 70% contiguous land apart from the minimum participation rate.

Though the urban body has achieved the minimum participation rate in various sectors, it is yet to fulfil the minimum contiguous land condition.

Since the DDA first opened its window for land pooling applications in February 2019, a total area of 7,275.45 hectares from a total of 6,922 applications has been registered.

The proposed amendments look to eliminate the contiguity factor. The issuing of conditional notices has now placed the onus of ensuring contiguity – and an implementation plan within 90 days – on landowners who have already expressed their interest in the scheme. The failure to do so will result in the notice being cancelled or withdrawn.