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लैंड पूलिंग पॉलिसी के तहत DDA ने फिर शुरू की रजिस्ट्रेशन प्रक्रिया

लोग 25 अगस्त तक करा सकेंगे अपनी जमीन का रजिस्ट्रेशन

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डीडीए ने एक बार फिर लैंड पूलिंग पॉलिसी के तहत रजिस्ट्रेशन की प्रक्रिया शुरू कर दी है। अब इच्छुक लोग इसके तहत अपने आवेदन 25 अगस्त तक जमा करवा सकते हैं।

गौरतलब है कि डीडीए ने हाल ही में लैंड पूलिंग पॉलिसी के तीन सेक्टरों के लिए अंतरिम प्रोविजनल नोटिस जारी किया था। जिसमें इन तीन सेक्टरों के लिए कंसोर्टियम बनाने की बात थी। इसके लिए जमीन मालिकों को अगस्त के अंत तक कंसोर्टियम बनाना है। राजधानी में घरों की बढ़ती डिमांड की वजह से लैंड पूलिंग पॉलिसी को 2018 के अंत में नोटिफाई किया गया था, लेकिन इस

हाल ही में डीडीए ने तीन सेक्टरों के लिए कंसोर्टियम बनाने के लिए अंतरिक नोटिस जारी किया है

जमीन मालिकों को अगस्त के अंत तक कंसोर्टियम बनाना है

पॉलिसी के तहत अब भी काम शुरू नहीं हो पाया है। इसकी सबसे बड़ी वजह यह है कि इसमें 70 प्रतिशत जमीन कंटीजियस यानी एक साथ लगी हुई होनी चाहिए।

डीडीए अधिकारियों के अनुसार इस बार की प्रक्रिया में इन तीन सेक्टरों के जमीन मालिक भी हिस्सा ले सकते हैं, जहां कंसोर्टियम बनाने की इजाजत दी गई है। हमें उम्मीद है कि एक साथ लगी हुई 70

प्रतिशत जमीन की जरूरत इस बार पूरी हो जाएगी। मिली जानकारी के अनुसार तीन सेक्टरों में डीडीए करीब 100-200 हेक्टेयर जमीन का रजिस्ट्रेशन कर चुका है। इनमें नॉर्थ और नॉर्थ वेस्ट दिल्ली के गांव शामिल हैं। अधिकारियों के अनुसार समस्या यह है कि यह जमीन एक साथ लगी हुई नहीं है। हमें उम्मीद है कि अब अधिक लोग इसमें हिस्सा लेंगे।

AAP MLAs, LG office exchange barbs over charges of 'interference in govt'

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NEW DELHI: The confrontation between Delhi's elected Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and the lieutenant governor (LG), a representative of the BJP-led Union government, has intensified further within a fortnight of new LG Vinai Kumar Saxena taking charge.

Malviya Nagar MLA Somnath Bharti on Tuesday claimed that the LG dismissed appeals by nine legislators who went to meet him on Monday to express concern over his intervention on subjects under the purview of the state government. Bharti alleged that the LG said that, not just Delhi Development Authority (DDA), Delhi Police and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), all matters related to Delhi come under him.

When contacted, an official from the LG office rejected the contention, and said that some MLAs went to meet the LG with a "prior partisan agenda" and sought to provoke the LG. The official also said that the LG was not but was working as a facilitator in breaking departmental silos to ensure seamless coordination for better governance.

Bharti, in a statement, insisted that the LG appeared to have made his mind to interfere in the work of the elected government. "The LG is refusing to fall in line, and has expressed his desire to continue infringing upon the Arvind Kejriwal government's powers. The LG is crossing constitutional boundaries by claiming that not just DDA & Delhi Police, but the whole of Delhi is under his control. The attitude of the BJP-led Centre's nominated LG makes it clear that he wishes to meddle with the work that people of Delhi chose CM Shri Arvind Kej-

Delhi LG VK Saxena with Aam Aadmi Party MLAs after a meeting on Monday. SOURCE: LG DELHI TWITTER HANDLE

riwal to do," he said.

Jangpura MLA Praveen Kumar, who was among the MLAs who met the LG, said that he urged the LG to focus on the poor law-and-order situation, and the poor performance of DDA and MCD (bodies that come under the Centre) instead of other issues under the purview of the Delhi government. "The LG retorted by telling us to not live under this misconception, and that all subject matters are under him," Kumar claimed.

The LG's office hit back sharply.

"Despite politically partisan and provocative one-upmanship being exhibited by a few MLAs who came with a prior agenda, the LG has stuck to the single point agenda of non-partisan, collective, committed and concerted efforts to be taken by all for development of Delhi and well being of its people. He has made it abundantly clear that in this task, he will be working in tandem with the chief minister and had already had fruitful discussions with him on the way forward," the official cited in the first instance added, asking not to be named.

The leader of Opposition in the Delhi assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri of the BJP, also issued a statement defending the LG. "The LG wants to take care of Delhi like a guardian, but AAP leaders are behaving as if someone is catching their theft," Bidhuri said.

Within a week of Saxena taking charge on May 26 -- he held a series of meetings with officials from various departments in this period -- AAP leaders accused him of "overstepping his jurisdiction" and interfering with bodies such as the Delhi Jal Board, which falls under the preview of the Delhi government. To be sure, parts of Delhi

have been witnessing significant water problems, with DJB struggling to manage the crisis.

Saxena's predecessors Anil Baijal and Najeeb Jung and the Delhi government were also locked in bitter power tussles since the AAP swept to power in 2015.

A Constitution bench of the Supreme Court in July 2018 held that the executive power of the Union government in respect of NCT of Delhi is confined to land, police and public order under subsection 3 of Article 239AA.

The Centre, however, amended the National Capital Territory (GNCTD) Act, that accorded primacy to the LG over the elected government and stated that "government" in Delhi will now refer to the LG in the context of all laws passed in the capital.

The Delhi government's challenge to the amended GNCTD Amendment Act, 2021 is pending before the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, a Constitution bench of the apex court is seized of the AAP government's challenge to who controls services in Delhi. The apex court in 2018 had referred the matter after a split verdict.

Engineered Wetland Will Treat Raw Sewage From Maharani Bagh Drain

KALINDI BIODIVERSITY PARK: Move To Prevent Filth From Entering Yamuna

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New Delhi: Officials at Delhi Development Authority's Kalindi Biodiversity Park have started work on creating a constructed wetland to treat the raw sewage channelled from the Maharani Bagh drain. The engineered wetland with a capacity of 500 million litres a day will be the largest in the city.

A dozen of these constructed wetlands were planned at biodiversity parks to treat 2,000 MLD of sewage from untapped drains and untreated water. Of the 12, one is functioning at Neela Hauz, two at Kalindi and a fourth will be made operational soon.

According to professor CR Babu of the Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems, the engineered wetland treats sewage using natural resources like flora and fauna, stones and granules.

They involve 25-30 species of plants, layers of stones and boulders and two zones, the first — a small pond — for oxidation with microbes that decompose pollutants and benthic fauna such as molluscs to eat coliform or bacterial pollutants, and the second as a physical filter with stones providing turbulence and increasing oxygen levels. The water collects in a wetland.

"It is one of the most effective, cheapest and permanent solutions to clean sewage before it enters the river," said Babu. Stating that constructed wetlands were much cheaper than the sewage

GAINING GROUND

THE PLAN

➤ A constructed wetland at **Kalindi Biodiversity Park** to cater to the Maharani Bagh drain

➤ To treat 500 MLD raw sewage, which will be released into the Yamuna later

➤ **Two constructed wetlands already functional** at Kalindi Biodiversity Park of 10 MLD each; **another of 1 MLD functional** at Neela Hauz Biodiversity Park

➤ 12 such constructed wetlands were planned to treat drains naturally

➤ Four have been constructed, three are functional, fourth coming up at Tughlaqabad Biodiversity Park

BENEFITS

➤ At Neela Hauz, the biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) improved from 50-80 mg/l to less than 4 mg/l (standard BOD is 3 mg/l max)

Dhobi Ghat wetland

HOW THEY WORK

Maharani Bagh wetland

➤ Sewage is passed through different ponds and chambers

Step 1	Step 2
Oxidation pond	Filtration chamber

Step 3 Granules put in the pathways and elevations created using bunds, stones, etc, for turbulence so that the water gets oxygen

➤ Aquatic plants and microbes are used to clean the sewage in different chambers

➤ Common plants include tupha, phragmites, cypress, eleusine and colocasia

➤ Dissolved oxygen improved from nil to over 5 mg/l (standard DO is minimum 5 mg/l)

➤ Fecal coliform within standards

results than STPs.

Babu said that a constructed wetland big enough to handle 1 MLD of sewage cost around Rs 4-5 lakh to build, while an STP of the same capacity cost up to Rs 1 crore.

Babu added, "At some STPs, the biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) levels in the treated sewage was as high as 40 mg/l against the standard norm of 1 mg/l, while in the constructed wetlands, it reads less than 10 mg/l. The dissolved oxygen too increased. We have recommended two such wetlands for the Najafgarh lake too."

Officials said that there were already two functional wetlands at Kalindi Biodiversity Park of 10 MLD capacity each and were currently treating sewage from different drains.

"The new engineered wetland will take at least six months to be completed. It's a bigger wetland with an oxidation pond 100 metres in width and length and 3 ft deep. The wetland will treat 300-500 MLD of raw sewage," said Yasir Arafat, scientist, Kalindi Biodiversity Park. "The two already functional wetlands are treating sewage from the Kilokri drain and from the Dhobhi Ghat drain, which itself is made of three different drains. We have received good results so far."

treatment plants (STP) favoured by some quarters, the professor claimed that some wetlands yielded even better