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Minutes of the meeting held on 14.02.2005 to review the action taken for controlling illegal mining in South & South West Districts of Delhi.

A meeting was convened by the Conservator of Forests & Member Secretary, Ridge management Board to review the action taken for controlling illegal mining on Delhi-Haryana Border in South Delhi and the list of officers who attended the meeting is enclosed at Annexure-I.

After detailed discussion & taking into consideration various issues relating to control of illegal mining both at source as well as at distribution/consumption, following action plan was agreed:-

1. Blockage of entry point leading to Forest/Ridge area under Forest/Revenue authorities.

Suitable blockades / additional Trenches are required to be dug by I&FCD at 4-5 main vulnerable entry points in the Ridge/Revenue lands for blocking the entry of vehicles and also by putting wooden blocks/ concrete posts etc. making them unfit for movement of Trucks. Such sites/routes to be identified by DCF(South) in consultation with Revenue & Police authorities.

2. Intensification of Night Patrolling:

Joint patrolling by the staff of Forest, Revenue and Police officials is to be intensified and carried out regularly at appropriate timing/ hours especially in the night hours. Surprise check/ inspections will also be made by the D.C.F. (South), Dy. Commissioner (South) and South-West, DCP (South) and South-West jointly.

3. Checking of vehicles coming from Haryana:

The Trucks carrying mining materials entering from Haryana into Delhi through the Ridge area and other main points should be checked in order to examine the documents for ascertaining the source of mining material and authorities issuing such permission as well as the place of disposal in Delhi. by the officers of the Forest Deptt. with the help of Transport Deptt. and Police.

4. Holding of Regular Meeting at District/Division level.

Periodic fortnightly meeting is to be held on the level of D.C.F. (South), Dy. Commissioner (South) and South-West, DCP (South) and South-West for reviewing the progress made and for taking further remedial measures and controlling the illegal mining effectively and at Conservator of Forests level once in a month.

5. Action Taken Report on offences registered:

SDM concerned and Police Deptt. will furnish the details of each case which were filed in the Court and the decision/ order made by the Court with regard to fine/ punishment imposed on the offenders of the cases which were lodged in the Court in the past. The DCF, South will also inform the status of each case disposed at his level/ complaints filed in Courts / matter taken with concerned Deptt.

6. Meeting with DMs & SSPs of Faridabad & Gurgaon.

It was also agreed to convene a joint meeting between D.C.F. (South), Dy. Commissioner (South) and South-West, DCP (South) and South-West with their counter-parts in Forest Deptt./ Revenue and Police Deptt. of Haryana (of Faridabad & Gurgaon Districts) for implementing the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Govt. of Haryana for better coordination between authorities.

7. Creating public awareness.

- i) It was also decided to give wide publicity at regular intervals in the media/leading Newspapers regarding orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court for information to public for their cooperation in controlling the problem and also mentioning steps taken /being taken by the Govt. in this regard.
- ii) Putting up of Signboards at suitable locations.

8. ETF was requested to provide necessary support to the Forest Department in controlling illegal mining in areas outside Project area also. They will also ensure that there is no illegal mining in their area.

Minutes of the meeting issued for information & necessary action to all concerned.