

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING TAKEN BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER ON
22.06.2005 ON DELHI RIDGE.**

A meeting was taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22.06.2005 at 05.00 P.M. in the Conference Hall No. 2, Delhi Sachivalaya to discuss various issues. Shri Raj Kumar Chauhan, Hon'ble Minister, Environment & Forests was also present in the meeting

The meeting was attended by the following:-

1. Secretary, Environment & Forests, Delhi Sachivalaya
2. Sh. P. K. Pradhan, Joint secretary, Ministry of UD, Govt. of India.
3. Sh. G.K.Marwah, Div. Commissioner, Delhi
4. Sh. Madhu Kumar Reddy, L&DO
5. Sh. Prabhat Singh, Engineering Member, DDA
6. Sh. R.K. Sood, Chief Engineer, DDA
7. Mrs. Chandra Y. Reddy, Additional Commissioner (slum & JJ),
8. Sh. Omkar Singh, Conservator of Forests
9. Smt. Savita Bhandari, Director, Landscape
10. Sh. Subhash Chandra, Deputy Conservator of Forest (H.Q.)
11. Sh. R.K. Gupta, Deputy Conservator of Forest (Central)
12. Sh. A.K.Biswal, Deputy Conservator of Forest (South)
13. Sh. Umakant, Deputy Conservator of Forest (West)
14. Dy. Secretary (Environment), Delhi Sachivalaya
15. Sh. V.K. Verma, Director (Horticulture), CPWD
16. Sh. D.C. Katiyar, Deputy Director (Horticulture), CPWD

The Secretary, Environment & Forests made a presentation on Delhi Ridge highlighting present status & various issues. Hon'ble Chief Minister directed that all concerned land owning agencies should ensure that there is no encroachment in Ridge and proper fencing of Ridge should be done for its protection.

After detailed discussion Hon'ble Chief Minister directed

1. Further dense plantation should be done in all parts of the Ridge for improving tree cover. Efforts be made to increase the average canopy density to 1.0.
2. School Children should be involved in plantation activities.
3. As regards to Central Ridge, L & DO should give notices to illegal occupants of the Ridge including the religious institutions & take necessary action for removal of encroachments. Forest Department was also directed to assist L & DO.

DDA was asked to do the proper fencing in the Central Ridge in its area especially near Dasghara and take up dense plantation.

4. Forest Department to pursue with Railways authorities for dense plantation on their land in the Central Ridge. Like wise other agencies/allottee in the Ridge should take up dense plantation in their respective area.
5. CPWD was asked to do dense plantation in Budha Jayanti Park and Mahavir Vanasthali.
6. The IGNOU should be asked by the Forest Department to carry out dense plantation in their respective area.
7. In respect of South Central Ridge DDA was asked for cleaning up of the area. DDA was also directed to do proper fencing of the area and start dense plantation. It was pointed out that there are some discrepancies in Notification of its boundary. The DDA was asked to inform actual boundaries to the Forest Department & the Forest Settlement Officer, so that revised Notification can be issued.
8. Regarding Southern Ridge, & notified Gaon Sabha Lands, Divisional Commissioner was requested to expedite handing over of remaining area to the Forest Department at the earliest. Forest Department was directed to take up fencing of the Southern Ridge and do extensive plantation.
9. Report of FRI to be provided to all greening agencies for guidance in tree plantation and selection of suitable tree species.

The meeting ended with the thanks to the Chair.