

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS & WILDLIFE**

CD NO. 131533

DATE: 21/09/2022

Minutes of meeting held under chairmanship of PCCF, GNCTD on 20/09/2022 to discuss issues related to pruning and felling of trees and plantations in land under possession of Railways in Delhi

A meeting was held under chairmanship of PCCF, GNCTD on 20/09/2022 in the chamber of PCCF to discuss issues related to pruning and felling of trees and plantations in land under possession of Railways in Delhi. The list of attendees is attached herewith.

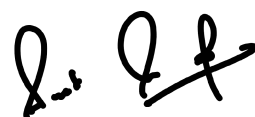
At the onset, PCCF welcomed the officials of Northern Railways and assured that all necessary assistance shall be given to the Railways for safe operation of the trains, maintenance of infrastructure and safety of passengers and staffs. Officers of railways briefed about the concerns of Railways and a detailed discussion was held to mitigate the concerns.

After detailed discussion, following decisions were made:

1. Pruning of trees:

- a. The Guidelines for Pruning under the **Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994 (DPTA, 1994)** provides for following types of pruning:

Term	Branches of girth size	Permission Required	Remarks
		Yes/ No	
Regular pruning / General tending	Less and equal to 15.7 cm	No	Done by civic agencies / individuals at regular intervals
Light Pruning	Greater than 15.7 cm but less than and equal to 40 cm	Yes	From concerned Tree Officer on submission of prescribed 'From B' and other documents on e-Forest Web Portal
Heavy Pruning	Greater than 40 cm	Yes	https://www.treeremoval.delhigovt.nic.in .



- b. All trees whose branches are coming within 5 m of outermost edge of each side of railway tracks shall be identified by Railways for regular pruning / general tending to be carried out twice in a year, i.e., in April and in October.
- (i) **For branches with girth less than 15.7 cm:** Regular pruning / general tending shall be taken as mentioned above.
- (ii) **For branches with girth greater than 15.7 cm:** application shall be submitted by Railways which shall be processed within 7 days by the Forest Department.
- c. District wise list of Tree officers where application is to be submitted is as below:

Sl. No.	Districts	Tree Officer
1.	1. Central 2. Shahadra 3. East 4. North East	Deputy Conservator of Forest Central Forest Division Email id: dcfcentral-gnctd@delhi.gov.in Ph No. 011-23853561
2.	1. North 2. North West 3. West	Deputy Conservator of Forest North Forest Division Email id: dcfnorth.gnctd@gov.in
3.	1. New Delhi 2. South West	Deputy Conservator of Forest West Forest Division Email id : dcfwest.gnctd@gov.in Ph no. 011-23361879
4.	1. South 2. South East	Deputy Conservator of Forest South Forest Division Email id: dcfsouth.delhi@gov.in . Ph no.- 011-26044711



2. Felling of trees:

For those trees which are threat to life, property or traffic operations and required to be removed immediately, following decisions were taken:

a. For trees felled or removed as per section-8 of DPTA, 1994 (Dangerous to life, property or traffic operations): Following information should be submitted along with intimation of all such trees felled or removed to the concerned Tree officers on the emails mentioned above along with:

- i. Photographs and videos of trees before (with suitable background firmly establishing the danger to life, property or traffic operations) and after felling / removal ;
- ii. Proof of disposal of lops and tops to nearest crematorium;
- iii. Once webpage is created on the e-Forest portal, the same information can be submitted on the portal itself.

b. For permission for felling of trees under section 9 & 10 of DPTA, 1994:

For trees which do not pose immediate danger and may become dangerous overtime, application should be submitted on e-Forest portal online <https://www.treeremoval.delhigovt.nic.in>. The applications, if complete in all respect, shall be processed by the Forest Department within 15 days. The User Agencies are required to nominate nodal officers of sufficient seniority to interact with concerned Tree officer in case of any short comings in application.

3. Imparting of Regular Training on pruning / felling of trees shall be conducted by the Forest Department as per the requirement of Railways and any other user agencies.

4. Future Plantations on railway lands:

It was also agreed that the Railways will undertake future plantations on railways land, if any, of suitable species as per following criterions so that there is minimum requirement of pruning / felling in future:



- a. No trees should be planted within 5 m from outermost edge of each side of railway tracks;
- b. Species selection should be such that maximum height attained by the planted tree is less than the distance from outermost edge of each side of railway track at which it is planted.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair. This issues with the approval of competent authority.



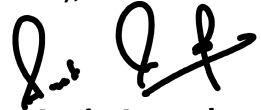
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To:

All the attendees as per list attached

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1. PS to Pr. Secretary (E&F) for kind information of Pr. Secretary(E&F), GNCTD.
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