

## **DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND WILDLIFE, GNCTD.**

### **VISION-**

To improve and sustainably manage notified forests and protect trees outside forests through reforestation and restoration, where ecologically, environmentally and culturally appropriate, for biodiversity conservation and environment protection by implementing strategies and policies that foster forest integrity and maintain a broad range of ecological, economic and social values and benefits for Delhi denizens.

### **MISSION**

- Preservation of Govt. notified forest land.
- Enhancement of tree plantation area outside notified forests of Delhi.
- Restoration of degraded forest lands through implementation of soil and moisture conservation schemes and artificial plantations.
- To scientifically and sustainably manage, conserve and develop natural and artificially generated forest of Delhi.
- Exercise regulatory control on implementation of DPTA, 1994 to save damages to trees through restricted pruning.
- Regulate felling of trees as per Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994.
- Increase forest cover of Delhi by taking up plantation/ regeneration works in available blank areas and degraded forest lands.
- Enhance the cover of forest area by plantation of important indigenous species and improvement of existing stock.
- Raise and supply free seedlings to public to facilitate tree planting and increased people's participation.
- To conserve the wildlife of Delhi and mitigate man-animal conflict
- Increase awareness towards conservation by involvement of general public and school children through mass and ceremonial planting.
- Strike a healthy balance between developmental and environmental needs.

### **ABOUT US**

The Department of Forests and Wildlife, GNCTD is committed to conservation and management of Government forest land as well as regulating felling of trees under Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994. The Department takes up plantation/ regeneration works in available blank areas and degraded forest so as to make these forests well stocked with indigenous species.

The Department also facilitates the public to plant in areas available with them. Large stock of seedlings are raised every year by the Department for supply to the individuals, voluntary organizations societies Companies, Schools, Resident Welfare Associations, Eco Clubs, etc.

For this purpose the department has a following organizational structure:

1	Sh. Imran Hussain	Hon'ble Minister	Overall Incharge
2	Sh. A.K. Singh	Secretary	Administrative Head
3	Sh. Jayshree A Chauhan	PCCF	HOD
4	Sh. Ishwar Singh	APCCF	CWLW
5	Sh. Tarun Johri	CF	-
6.	Sh. Saurabh Sharma	DCF (HQ)	HOO
7.	Sh. S.K. Muan Guite	DCF	South Division
8.	Sh. Bharat Maheshwari	DCF	West Division
9.	Smt. Anamika	DCF	North Division
10.	Smt. Indhu Vijayan N.	DCF	P&M/SPIO

### **DELHI RIDGE FOREST AREAS**

1. The following areas had been declared as Ridge Forest as shown in Table A. The notification dt. 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1994 is placed on the web.

**Table A**

Notification No. & Date	Name of Ridge	Approx. Area
No. F.10(42)-I/PA/DCF/93/2012-17(1) dated 24 <sup>th</sup> May, 1994	Northern Ridge	87 Ha
	Central Ridge	864 Ha
	South Central Ridge	626 Ha
	Southern Ridge	6200 Ha
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7777 Ha</b>
	Nanakpura Ridge	7 Ha
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7784</b>

2. The above Notified Ridge Forest Area is under the management of Different Civic Agencies as shown in Table B below:

**Table B**

Agencies	Approx. areas notified as per 1994 Notification					
	87 Ha Northern Ridge	864 Ha Central Ridge	626 Ha South Central Ridge	6200 Ha Southern Ridge	7 Ha Nanakpura South Central Ridge	Total in Ha
DDA	73	85	626	120	7	911
MCD (HRH)	11	3	0	0	0	14
NDMC	0	25	0	0	0	25
Forest Deptt	3	423	0	1938	0	2364
CPWD	0	37	0	0	0	37
Army Signal	0	202	0	0	0	202
MHA Wireless	0	6	0	0	0	6
Railways	0	11	0	0	0	11
Sports Authority of India	0	0	0	32	0	32

Areas Allotted by L&DO	0	70	0	0	0	70
Gaon Sabha & Others	0	0	0	4207	0	4207
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87 Ha</b>	<b>862 Ha</b>	<b>626 Ha</b>	<b>6297 Ha</b>	<b>7 ha</b>	<b>7879</b>

3. The uncultivated land of Gaon Sabha situated in Southern Ridge in respect of following 14 villages shown in Table C below declared as surplus and placed at the disposal of Forest Department for afforestation. The notification dt. 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1996 is placed on the web.

**Table C**

Notification No.	Village	Bigha & Biswas	Acres	Ha.
<b>No. F(29)/PA/DC/95 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1996</b>	Nebsarai	466-10	<b>10517-10</b>	<b>4206.68 Ha</b>
	Chatterpur	225-10		
	Maidangarhi	4263-02		
	Dera Mandi	9412-05		
	Asola	8387-06		
	Pulpehlad	99-04		
	Devli	3175-06		
	Rangpuri	1365-05		
	Ayanagar	4121-02		
	Rajokri	3106-01		
	Bhatti	11101-19		
	Ghitorni	732-14		
	Saidulazab	65-19		
	Jonapur	1979-13		
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,480-16</b>	<b>10517-10</b>	<b>4206.68</b>	

4. Out of above 4207 Ha approx an area of about 3200 Ha has been handed over to Forest Department and is under its possession.
5. The following areas had been declared as Wild Life Sanctuary as shown in Table D below. The notifications are placed on the web.

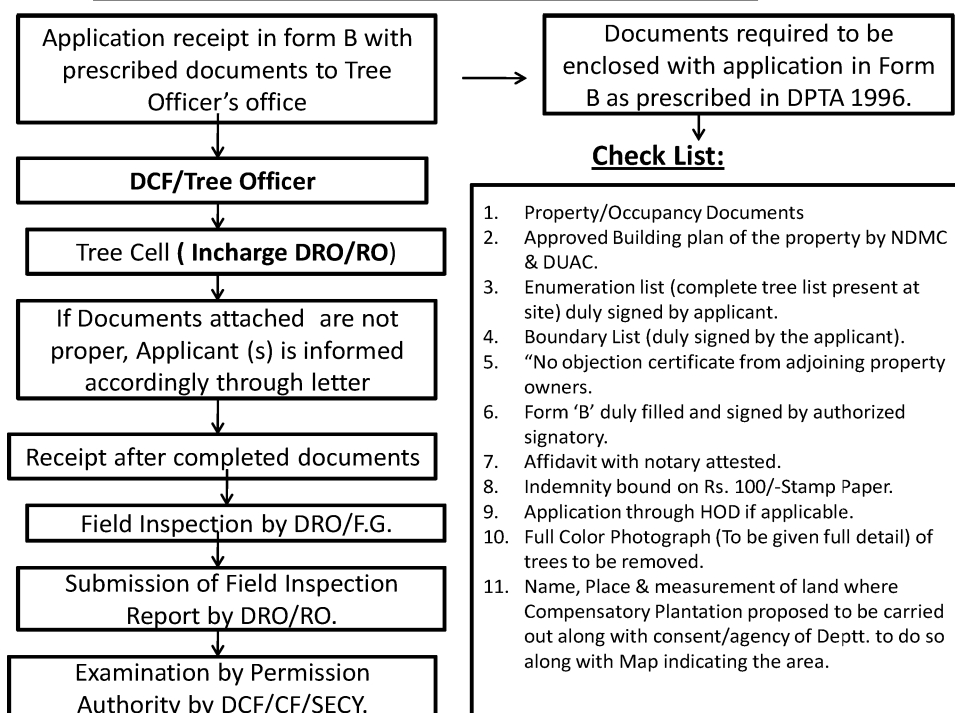
**Table D**

Notification	Name	Area		
		Bigha Biswas	Acres	Ha
No.F.3(116)/CWLW/84/897/ to 906 dt. 9.10.1986	Asola WLS	7827-17	2470.95	1084
No.F.2(19)/DCF/90-91/1382- 91 dt. 15.4.1991	Bhatti WLS	--	2166.28	866.5
<b>Asola Bhatti WLS</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>4637.23</b>	<b>1950.5</b>

## **NEW INITIATIVES**

Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994 is applicable for pruning and felling of trees in Delhi. The process of obtaining permission has been made online with URL: <http://treeremoval.delhigovt.nic.in>. The link is also available on the Departmental website.

### **Flow Chart of procedure of Tree Removal Permission.**



### **On Completion of field verification with documents-**

- If no. of trees to be removed are less than 10- DCF/Tree Officer issues Permission
- If no. of trees to be removed are less than 20- CF accords Permission.
- If no. of trees to be removed are more than 20- Secretary (E&F) accords Permission.
- If trees to be removed are spread in more the 1 Hectares area, the proposal is submitted to Government for approval.
- Once approval is received from Government a Notification is issued by concerned DCF.

**NURSERY DETAILS OF FOREST DEPARTMENT, GNCTD**

<b>SOUTH FOREST DIVISION</b>				
<b>S.N.</b>	<b>Name of the Nursery</b>	<b>Stock of seedlings</b>	<b>Nursery In-charge</b>	<b>Contact No.</b>
1	Tuglakabad	65000	Satendra Prakash	9421337809
2	Hauz Rani	60,000	Ashok Kumar (DRO)	9810018864
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,25,000</b>		
<b>NORTH FOREST DIVISION</b>				
<b>SN</b>	<b>Name of the Nursery</b>	<b>Stock of seedlings</b>	<b>Nursery In-charge</b>	<b>Contact No.</b>
1	Kamla Nehru Ridge	50263	Sh. Wasim Saifi (FG)	9968176566
2	ITO Nursery	95909	Sh. Suresh Kumar (HA)	9811506415
3	Anand Vihar Nursery	77217	Sh. Sehdev Singh (DRO)	9810201512
4	Kondli Nursery	35000		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>258389</b>		
<b>WEST FOREST DIVISION</b>				
<b>SN</b>	<b>Name of the Nursery</b>	<b>Stock of seedlings</b>	<b>Nursery In-charge</b>	<b>Contact No.</b>
1	Barar Square	69490	Sh. Parmeshwar Shah (FG)	9891224823
2	Birla Mandir	17594	Sh. Narendra (FG)	011-23361879
3	Rewla Khanpur	6699	Sh. Shivji Majhi	9971735704
4	Kharkhari Jatmal	19103	Sh. Shivji Majhi	9971735704
5	Pooth Kala	46200	Sh. Rajkumar Mali	9911595183
6	Qutubgarh	37805	Sh. Rahul Singh (FG)	011-23361879
7	Alipur	16655	Sh. Somvir (F.G)	9911859293
8	Mamoorpur	6150	Sh. Somvir (F.G)	9911859293
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>219696</b>		

- Department of Forests and Wildlife, distributes seedlings free of cost to citizens of Delhi with the expectation to plant saplings on all available land during Monsoon season.
- Department also expects involvement of citizen in Tree Plantation programme for improvement of Tree Cover. We also provide saplings to Eco-clubs and educational institution, RWAs, Environmental Groups for tree plantation drive.

### **OUR CLIENTS**

- The Department of Forests & Wildlife caters to the need of Delhi denizens by providing free quality seedlings of desired variety to them with special emphasis on local communities, RWAs, Eco Clubs. The general public also approaches us for felling and pruning permissions of trees growing in their individual lands and from govt. lands through Deputy Director (Horticulture) of the concerned Civic Agency having proprietary rights over such government lands.
- Our clientele also includes almost all Delhi Government and Central Government departments who approach us for permissions for felling of trees under DPTA, 1994 due to the ever increasing developmental needs of Delhi. Some of the illustrious clients include:
  - DDA
  - Delhi Metro
  - Railways
  - Airport Authority of India
  - PWD
  - CPWD
  - East Delhi Municipal Corporation
  - South Delhi Municipal Corporation
  - North Delhi Municipal Corporation
  - New Delhi Municipal Corporation
  - DSIIDC
  - Delhi Jal Board

### **OUR SERVICES**

- ❖ Implementation of various forests and wildlife related Acts and policies.
- ❖ Regulate permissions of tree felling/ pruning under the provisions of DPTA, 1994.
- ❖ Impart technical advice to Government of Delhi on natural resources, forest and environmental related issues.
- ❖ Undertake measures to prevent encroachment by construction of masonry walls through IFCD department of GNCTD.
- ❖ Carry out eviction of encroachments through a dedicated Task Force headed by Assistant Conservator of the Department.

- ❖ Dealing with applications submitted in the court of Hon'ble NGT and ensuring effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to conservation of forests & Wildlife and other natural resources.

### **INTERFACE WITH CITIZENS**

- "Tree Help Line" at the office of Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Department of Forest and Wildlife, GNCT of Delhi, 'A' Block 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vikas Bhawan, IP Estate, ITO, New Delhi-110002. Department has operationalized a Toll-Free Green Helpline (1800118600) to redress the complaints about conservation and protection of trees in Delhi. It is monitored during working days/hours by the Technical Assistant at the Department.
- Cutting & pruning of trees – Under Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994, Sub-Section 8 states that if a tree becomes dangerous to life and property or may cause adverse effect to traffic, then the land owner can remove the tree and informed the concerned Tree Officer within 24 hours of such felling. After due inspection / investigation by the Forest Department, actual pruning or cutting of the concerned tree/trees is got done by Director (Horticultural) of the MCD/NDMC/DDA (whoever is land owning agency) of the concerned area or the property owner himself/herself.
- PGMS Portal- Public Grievance Redressal System receives grievances both online and physically which are directly sent to the concerned Zonal/ Divisional Officer for redressal.
- Wildlife protection: in case of complaints regarding injury or dead animal/animals. Wildlife S.O.S. an NGO has been deputed to be available for rescue of the animal/animals (Helpline No.-9871963535).
- Free distribution of seedlings during Monsoon season i.e. around July to September, to citizens from departmental nurseries:

### **TIME LINE / TIME LIMITS FOR RESOLUTION OR ISSAUAANCE OF CERTIFICATION**

- Immediate referral of complaints received via tree helpline to concerned Tree Officer for action as per DPTA.
- 60 days time period for disposal of cutting and pruning applications as per DPTA. A website <http://treeremoval.delhigovt.nic.in> has been operationalized for online acceptance of applications for tree removal and pruning.
- One month time period for grievances received through PGMS Portal.
- Immediate action is taken by Wildlife S.O.S. if an instance of injured or dead animal is reported.
- Tree Officer responsible for disposal of cases under DPTA within 60 days.

### **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND AWARENESS.**

The Asola Bhatti Wild Life Sanctuary lies on the southern edge of the city comprising of 4845.58 acres. It is home to a large number of floral and faunal diversity and various migratory birds. Nature Trails of 1.4 kms have been created in the sanctuary to provide firsthand experience of wilderness and understand Nature at its best. The department, in collaboration with Bombay Natural History Society, has established a Conservation Education Centre to impart education on nature and wildlife conservation. Restoration and rehabilitation of degraded and abandoned Mines of Bhatti have been taken up by the department through 132 Infantry Battalion (TA) ECO Rajput (Eco Task Force) which has successfully reclaimed the indigenous vegetation in the area.

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED**

- Ridge Protection Management System has been proposed before Ridge Management Board to hire 50 employees (DSM-1, GIS Analyst-, GIS Executive-5, Surveyor-36) for efficient management and administration of the Ridge. This gap is affecting protection of Ridge.
- Recruitment of Executives (Posts vacant) and deployment after training.
- Recruitment of 226 laborers (Group-C) against vacant post. This gap is affecting plantation and management of forest areas as well as watch and ward.
- Filling of post of 36 Forest Guard and 3 Wildlife Inspector against vacant post, proposal is pending. This gap is affecting management of Wildlife sanctuary.
- Up-gradation of DCF from SFS Post, proposal is in the pipeline. This gap is affecting performance of headquarters in regards to protection and monitoring.

The Department of Forest and Wildlife has proposed to Administrative Reforms Department on dated 26-11-2014 to create front line forestry posts as mentioned in Table 1 and Ministerial staff posts in Table 2.

Staff position in the Department of Forests and Wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi as on 31.05.2018.

<b>FORESTRY STAFF</b>				
<b>SN</b>	<b>Nomenclature of the post</b>	<b>Sanctioned post</b>	<b>Filled up post</b>	<b>Vacant posts</b>
1.	PCCF	01	01	00
2.	APCCF	01	01	00
3.	CF	01	01	00
4.	DCF	06	05	01
5.	ACF	04	00	04
6.	Forest Ranger	09	02 (one on deputation)	07
7.	Wildlife Inspector	09	02	07
8.	DRO	18	18	00
9.	Forest Guard	108	79	29
10.	Wildlife Guard/ Game Watcher	11	01	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>58</b>



<b>MINISTERIAL STAFF</b>				
<b>SN</b>	<b>Nomenclature of the post</b>	<b>Sanctioned post</b>	<b>Filled up post</b>	<b>Vacant posts</b>
1.	AO	01	01	00
2.	AAO	02	01	00
3.	Section Officer	04	05	-01
4.	PS/ Sr. PA	01	01	00
5.	ASO	03	01	02
6.	Steno. Gr.II/ PA	02	01	01
7.	Steno. Gr.III	06	01	05
8.	Sr. Assistant	11	06	05
9.	Jr. Assistant	15	05	10
10.	Driver	07	07	00
11.	Chowkidar/ MTS	05	00	05
12.	Peon/ MTS (Outsourced)	09	00	09
13.	Non- Peon Group-D	01	01	00
14.	Mali	05	00	05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>

#### **WILD LIFE (LIMITATIONS)**

- **Rescue Centre** is required for treatment of wounded wildlife. It should have one veterinary officer with four (04) veterinary assistants and two (02) sweepers. Overall management of rescue centre and Wildlife SOS/ post mortem of dead wildlife should be under one Wildlife Warden of the rank of Assistant Conservator of Forests who should be supported with one (01) Forest Ranger/ Deputy Forest Ranger and four (04) Forest Guards. The proposal is being processed for clearance at different levels.
- In order to tackle monkey menace in Delhi, the department should be equipped with one wildlife ambulance having supporting facilities. In order to ensure proper monkey feed of translocated monkeys and tree plantation of fruiting trees in sanctuary area, the plantation program should be supervised by one Wildlife Warden of Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary supported by one (01) Forest Ranger/ Deputy Forest Ranger, two (02) Forest Guards and 20 laborers of the Department. The proposal is being formulated for clearance at different levels.
- The Department is also in the need of Licensing Cell for ownership certificate for live animals and Wildlife trophies being imported from abroad. This section requires one (01) Section Officer, one (01) LDC and one (01) Wildlife Inspector.
- Other limitations are absence of Working plan division, Silvicultur
- e division, Legal cell.

### **COMPLAINTS RELATED TO ILLEGAL TRADE OF WILD LIFE (MECHANISM)**

Delhi being the grey market of Wildlife articles the department is in urgent need of Wildlife Squad headed by Wildlife Inspector and four (04) Forest Guards. Wildlife wing is also required with the regular service of Govt. Counsel to file wildlife cases upto Special Court / High Court etc besides hearing to be conducted by Chief Wildlife Warden in petty wildlife crimes under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and disposal of appeal to be heard by Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor in this regard.

### **OUR EXPECTATIONS FROM CITIZEN**

Citizen's Charter is a joint effort between the two us to improve the quality of services provided by us and we expect the following from citizens.

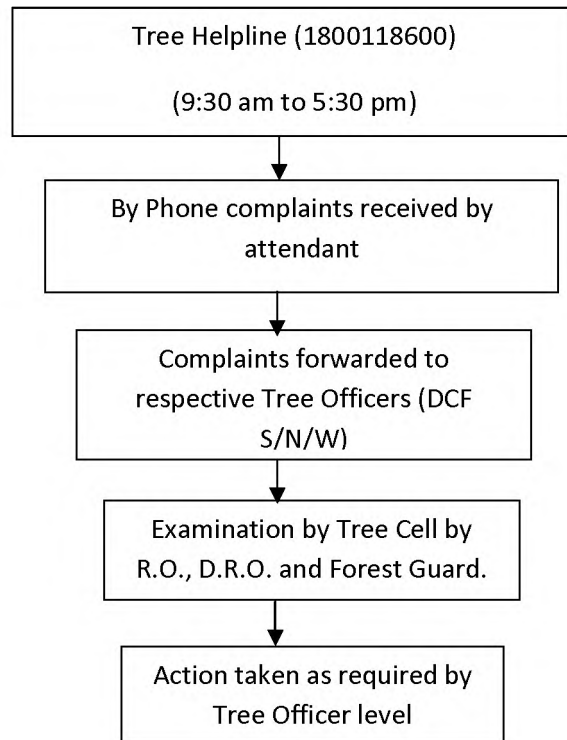
- The saplings of Neem, Jamun, Gulmohar, Kanner, Peepal, Alstonia, Kachnar, Arjun, Bombax, Papri, Philkan, Jungle Jalebi, Kachnar etc., are supplied from our nurseries free of cost. We expect the citizens to plant them in proper place and look after them till they establish and help the department to monitor their survival.
- As per the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Rules made there under, no forest can be diverted for non forestry purpose without prior approval of Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi. We expect our esteemed clientele to seek prior permission for such acts from the competent authority.
- As per law, any non-forestry activity viz. hunting, illicit felling, encroachments, diversion of forest land (without prior approval from Government of India) etc. are punishable offences. It is expected from every citizen of the nation that they will help the government in this regard.
- Under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and rules made there under, hunting of wild animals, keeping scheduled animals in custody/ private farmlands/ ranches etc or trophies of protected animals is prohibited. We expect the citizens to abide by such laws and rules.
- Monkey menace is common in Delhi. Residents are requested to follow the directions issued by the Department from time to time to minimize/ reduce human-monkey conflict. Feeding of monkeys outside zoos or protected areas is no offence but they tend to bring monkeys closure to human habitation in search of easy of easy food supplies.
- It is expected that people will not feed the stray monkeys on roads which tend to bring them closer to habitation in search of easy food. People's cooperation for catching the problematic monkeys is also solicited by the department.
- For illegal felling/ removal of trees in city area, Deputy Conservator of Forests/Tree Officers North/ South/ West may be informed to enable them to take effective action.
- If any person is found selling wildlife articles, information may be given to the office of Chief Wild Life Warden to apprehend the culprit as per rules.
- Visit Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary through permit which is issued by the CCF cum Chief Wild Life Warden, U.T. Delhi. Phone: 011-23379629.

## **GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM**

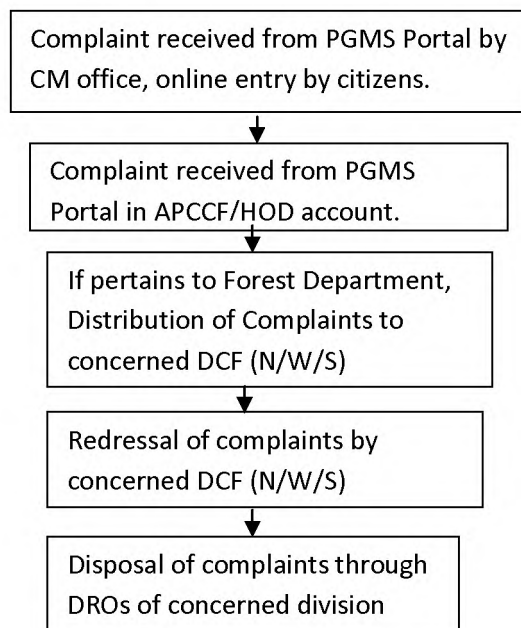
Even with our best efforts, there might be an occasion when our services may not meet the expectations of public. In that event, the public may use the complaint box to air their grievances which are kept in offices of Dy. Conservator of Forest, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Conservator of Forest.

- Tree Officers decide the applications for Tree felling under the DPTA, 1994 as per merit of the case. Conservator of Forests and Deputy Conservator of Forests (South/ West & North) are notified as Tree Officers. If an individual/Company is not satisfied with the order passed by the Tree Officer regarding felling permission, he/Company may file an appeal with the (Appellate Authority), within 30 days from the date of order of Tree Officer. The Appellate Authority under the Delhi Preservation of Tree Act is Secretary (Environment, Forest & Wildlife), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Delhi Sachivalaya, New Delhi - 110 002.
- In case of problem caused by stray animals, following may be contacted for assistance:-  
Wildlife Inspectors – 9891241467, 9868666199, 9717296329  
Wildlife SOS Helpline- 9871963535
- The Department operates a Toll Free Green Helpline no. 1800118600, to handle complaints regarding tree cutting, pruning and procedures. This dedicated service is available on all working days from 9.30 hrs to 18.00 hrs.
- Public are requested to visit our website <http://www.delhi.gov.in/> and offer suggestions wherever required, for improving the functioning and promoting accountability and transparency.
- Forest Department of Delhi is committed to redress grievances in responsible and effective manner. The PGMS and Forest Department of Delhi has been making endeavors to bring excellence in public service delivery and to redress grievances of citizens in a meaningful manner by effectively coordinating with different Ministries and Departments of the Government and trying to eliminate the causes of grievances. Public grievances are timely redressed by the Head of the Forest Department and reply is submitted within the time frame.

**TREE HELPLINE**



**PGMS PORTAL – DCF (P&M)**



**WILDLIFE PROTECTION – DCF (NORTH/WEST/SOUTH)/CCF & CWLW**

