

Salient Features of Tree Transplantation Policy 2020

- First preference to retain maximum numbers of trees at site.
- Minimum 80% (excluding exotic species) of the total trees to be transplanted.
- Ensuring 80% survival rate of the trees to be transplanted.
- First preference to transplant the trees at the felling site, itself.
- Second preference to transplant the trees along PWD roads and Nurseries.
- Third preference to transplant the trees nearest to the felling site.

Actions to be taken by the Department

- Appointment/ Empanelment of a Technical/Expert Agency for Tree Transplantation.
- Social Audit
- Tree Transplantation Cell
- Committee at Divisional Level

Appointment/ Empanelment of a Technical/Expert Agency for Tree Transplantation

- As the Tree Transplantation involves parameters which have multiple variables like age, girth, distance of the proposed site for transplantation etc., the Department is proposing an expert committee to prepare "Request for Proposal" for empanelment of technical agency/ Expert Agency. The proposed composition of the committee is as follows:
 - Conservator of Forests- Chairman
 - Director (Hort.) DDA (Horticulture)- Member
 - Director (Hort.), South MCD- Member
 - Director (Hort.), NDMC- Member
 - Director (Hort.), CPWD- Member
 - Prof. C.R. Babu (Tree Expert)- Member
 - One more expert as suggested by the Competent Authority
 - Dy. Conservator of Forests (P&M)- Member Secretary

This committee will prepare a RFP for empanelment of Expert Agency and submit for necessary action.

Social Audit

- The policy recommends for the Social Audits for survival of transplanted trees as well as Compensatory Plantation carried out in lieu of tree felling/ transplantation. In every Forest Division such Tree Committee will be there to conduct social auditing and to certify tree survival rate at the end of one year. The Tree Committee may be as follows:
 - Assistant Director (Hort.) of concerned civic agency
 - Local Social Worker/ NGO (2 Nos.)
 - Subject Expert (1 No.)
 - Deputy Forest Ranger-Convener

The Dy. Conservator of Forest concerned will form this tree committee for conduction of social audit in the respective Forest Division.

Tree Transplantation Cell

- A dedicated 'Tree Transplantation Cell' in the Forest Department Head Quarter shall be established to facilitate and deal with all matters related to Tree Transplantation in NCT of Delhi. The proposed composition of Tree Transplantation Cell is as follows:
 - Conservator of Forests-Chairman
 - DCF (North)- Member
 - DCF (West)- Member
 - DCF South)- Member
 - DCF P&M)- Member Secretary

Committee at Divisional Level

- A committee under the Chairmanship of Dy. Conservator of Forests/ Tree Officer in each division will be constituted to study and recommend the transplantation proposal necessitating less than 80% of the total trees proposed for transplantation. The proposed composition of the committee may be as follows:
 - Dy. Conservator of Forests- Chairman
 - Dy. Director (Hort.) of the Civic Agency
 - Two Experts of NGOs