

**GOVT OF N.C.T. OF DELHI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS & WILDLIFE**  
**VIKAS BHAWAN, A-BLOCK, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, I.P ESTATE,**  
**NEW DELHI-110002.**

F.No.8(193/CF/TA/07-08/PART-B/2192-2219


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**CIRCULAR**

A circular was issued vide F.No.4(469)/CF/Store/HQ/Advertisement/2012-13/6502-20 dated 03.12.2015 by Department of Forests and Wildlife in the matter of de-concretization around trees. In the last meeting of Tree Authority held on 19.12.2017, it was observed that Hon'ble NGT in O.A. No. 82/2013 vide its order dated 23.04.2013 had directed that all trees should be de-concretized within one meter from their bases so that water and air can percolate to the roots and the trees are not choked to death (Copy enclosed).

As per the decision taken by the Tree Authority, all the civic agencies/ land owning agencies are hereby directed to submit report of compliance of de-concretization of all the trees within their respective jurisdictions. The compliance report may be submitted to the office of the undersigned within two (2) weeks to be placed before the Tree Authority in its next meeting.

**Encl:** As above.

  
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**Member Secretary (Tree Authority)**

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23. The CEO, Delhi Parks & Garden Society, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, C-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi for information please.
24. All RWAs.

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**Member Secretary (Tree Authority)**



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**Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi**

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**CIRCULAR**

1 (1) The Hon'ble NGT in the matter of de-concretization around trees standing on roads, pavements, parks etc. vide its order dated 23.04.2013 directed that:

- (i) All the sign boards, names, advertisements, any kind of boards or signage, electric wires and high tension cables or other damaging elements are removed from the trees forthwith.
- (ii) The concrete surrounding the trees within one meter of the trees are removed forthwith and due precaution taken in future so that no concrete or construction or repairing work is done at least within one meter radius of the trunk of trees.

(2) Further, in M.A no. 557 of 2013 of O.A No. 82/2013 it was also directed by NGT in its order dated 08.08.2013 that in future if it is shown before them that any damage is done to the trunk of trees or roots are exposed as a result of mechanical de-concretization of the trees, the person operating such machines and the Executive Engineer under whose jurisdiction the work is carried out will personally be liable to pay compensation.

(3) In M.A No. 557,881,1067,1068 of 2013 of O.A No. 82/2013 it was also directed by NGT in its order dated 12.03.2014 that removal of malba around the trees as well as other items lodged by any public or private bodies in and around the trees should be removed. Filling of de-concretized space with good soil should be carried out simultaneously.

(4) In M/A No. 205/2014 of O.A No. 82 of 2013 it was also directed by NGT in its order dated 23.04.2014 that during construction of storm water drains root protection should be ensured and filling of exposed portion with soil shall be done immediately.

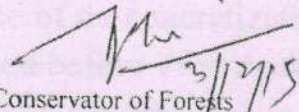
2. Concretization around trees not only hampers root aeration but also the percolation of water. This could ultimately lead to death of the tree. Concretization around trees not only damages the tree, it is also an offence under Section 8 of 'Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994'. In addition it will also amount to violation of Hon'ble NGTs orders. A penalty of Rs. 10,000 will be imposed upon the Civic Agency found to have caused damage to trees in their jurisdiction through concretization.



3. In order to prevent damage of the root system of tree, and area of 1 meter should be left de-concretized around the base of the trees while construction of the pavements or roads to facilitate percolation of water to the roots. The area should be leveled with earth/soil and grass may be planted, if need be. It is also suggested to discourage concretization/tiling of central verge of the roads/ pathways.

4. All Civic Agencies, Govt. Departments, RWAs may please ensure removal of all the sign boards, names, advertisements, any kind of boards or signage, electric wires and high tension insulated cables etc. placed on trees.

5. The trees which are already concretized should be de-concretized manually without use of JCB machines etc so that the roots are not damaged. During fresh construction of roads/pavements, the Govt. Departments may add a fresh clause in their tender documents that 1 meter area around the trees shall be left de-concretized/ soil filled.

  
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