

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS & WILDLIFE
A-BLOCK, 2ND FLOOR, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P.ESTATE,
NEW DELHI-110002.**

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GENERAL NOTICE

An application was filed in the Hon'ble NGT in the matter of de-concretization around trees standing on roads, pavements, parks etc. In Original application No. 82 of 2013, the Hon'ble NGT vide its order dated 23.04.2013 directed that

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

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.

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.

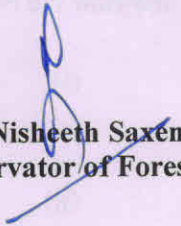
In M/A No. 205/2014 of O.A No. 82 of 2013 it was also directed by NGT in its order dated 23.04.2014 that during construction of storm water drains root protection should be ensured and filling of exposed portion with soil shall be done immediately.

Concretization around trees not only hampers root aeration but also the percolation of water which could ultimately lead to death of the tree. Thus, it is again brought to the notice of all Govt. Departments under GNCTD and General Public that concretization of 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 contempt of court being **violation of Hon'ble NGTs orders.**

Since concretization around trees leads to damage of the root system of the tree which ultimately leads to its death so an area of 6'x6' should be left de-concretized around the base of the tree 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.

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

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 6'X6' area around the trees shall be left de-concretized/ soil filled.


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