

# Capital villages to get sewer facilities soon.

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The Delhi Jal Board is all set to provide sewer facilities to rural villages in the capital. Acting on the Delhi High Court directives, the DJB has conducted topographical surveys and technical studies for setting sewer systems in the village.

By year-end, tenders for the same will also be floated.

The High Court was alarmed at the fact that untreated sewage was flowing from villages and unauthorised colonies into the Yamuna.

The court has been monitoring the progress on a monthly basis. DJB CEO Arun Mathur, when contacted, said, "The DJB intends to provide sewer facilities to these villages. Consultants are now in the final leg of their study and will be submitting their reports soon."

He, however, clarified that the DJB will not set up sewer facilities for unauthorised colonies.

Out of 189 rural villages in the capital, topographical studies and maps have been prepared for 188. Verification of the Lal Dora has been done for 167 villages for installing sewer systems, and suggested setting up oxidation ponds and mini STP (sewage treatment plants) as per specific requirements of the village.

Individual STPs are proposed to be set up at 14 villages, while the remaining 102 villages have been grouped together.

## **The Progress**

- Survey conducted for 188 out of 189 rural villages for setting up sewer system.
- 14 villages to have their own STPs
- 102 villages to share STPs.
- 72 villages will be connected to existing sewer system.

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Tender documents will be ready for 66 villages by October-end, for 65 villages by November-end and for the remainder of 58 villages by end of December this year.

The DJB has informed the court that it is unable to tackle the sewage flowing into the Yamuna from drains due to existing

apex court rulings restricting facilities to unauthorised colonies in the capital.

The High Court orders stem from a PIL filed by NGO Tapas alleging that besides The Yamuna, over a dozen other water bodies in the capital had been polluted due to discharge of sewage water released from about 200 surrounding villages.

The court not only ordered preservation of all water bodies in the Capital but also directed treatment of sewage sullage before it enters Yamuna.

## Honorarium for Panchayati Raj members.

Haryana chief Minister announces bonanza at party rally in Sampla.

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Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda On Friday announced an honorarium for members of Panchayati Raj Institutions and declared that Sampla would have a Municipal Committee.

Addressing a well-attended rally in Sampla during his visit to Hassangarh Assembly constituency, Mr. Hooda announced that members of Zila Parishads and municipal Corporations would be given an honorarium of Rs. 1,000 per month. Similarly, Block Samiti and Municipal Committee members would get Rs.500 per month and Panchayat members Rs.200 per month.

He further announced that the 174 registered gaushalas in the State would be given Rs.1 lakh each as grant.

He disclosed that his regime had prepared a scheme under which connections for drinking water in both rural and urban areas would be provided free of cost for one year. Also the scheduled Caste families would be given a water storage tank of 200 liters capacity along with one tap free of cost.

While paying tributes to the legendary late Chhotu Ram, Mr.Hooda announced that since Sampla is the birth place of the “leader of the peasantry”, a polytechnic in his name would be sat up there to enable the youth to get vocational education. Also, the Sir Chhotu Ram Museum at Sampla would be developed as a tourist complex. Mr. Hooda also announced a scheme for laying water supply and sewerage lines in Sampla town. He also sanctioned irrigation projects for enhancing the water carriage capacity of various canals.

Mr. Hooda indirectly attacked a former Chief Minister and senior Congress leader without naming him and ridiculed the “tea party” culture of this leader.

He remarked sarcastically that having “more tea in old age could spoil the appetite.”

Mr. Hooda also hit out at leaders who were opposing creation of a Special Economic Zone that he said would provide more employment avenues to the youth. While asserting that his regime would ensure that the remaining portion of the Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal was constructed in Punjab territory, he accused the late deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal and his clan of putting hurdles in the construction of the Canal.

He also thanked Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi for enhancing the minimum support price of wheat.

Earlier, his son Deepender Singh Hooda, The Member of Parliament from Rohtak, addressed the rally. Other speakers included the Chief Minister's Political Adviser Virender Singh, Meham MLA Anand Singh Dangi, Rohtak MLA Shadi Lal Batra, PCC Vice-President Chakarwanti Sharma, Salahwas MLA Anita Yadav, and District Congress President Preetam Singh Balhara.

Meanwhile, talking to newsmen, Mr.Hooda said there was no controversy relating to sealing in Haryana and encroachments were being removed from Government land on Court directions.