

Final drive to clear Dwarka Expressway path set to begin today

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GURUGRAM: Huda appears poised to launch the final round of demolition drive, starting with the razing of two structures on Friday, to remove the remaining hurdles before the Dwarka Expressway.

Huda officials claimed while two structures located in New Palam Vihar would be razed on Friday itself, nine others, including one more in New Palam Vihar and eight in Tekchand Ki Dhani, would be demolished within the next seven days.

The decision in this regard was taken after allotting alternative plots to the 11 remaining oustees on Thursday. All these oustees had been given alternative plots in the past but they could not take possession owing to various issues like high-tension power cables passing through the allotted plots, dimensions of the allotted plots were not in accordance with the original plots, and, in some cases, the allotted plots were private land or not acquired by Huda.

During the re-allotment, the oustees have been given plots in sectors 37C and 110A. "In fact, the oustees have been given possession letters also in the day, thus clearing the way for Huda to take over the land for the e-way project," said Bharat Bhushan Gogia, estate officer, Huda.

Sources said these 11 structures were falling in the 90-metre-long stretch that had already been handed over to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). However, NHAI couldn't begin construction as they were obstructing the alignment.

As per records, a total of 238 structures were coming in the 27.6km-long stretch of the expressway. While 139 of those were identified in New Palam Vihar, eight in Tekchand Ki Dhani and 91 in Kherki Daula.

So far, the authorities have managed to demolish 136 structures in New Palam Vihar and 53 in Kherki Daula.

Even after the latest allotment and demolition drive, the officials will be able to remove the hurdles in New Palam Vihar and Tekchand Ki Dhani to clear only an 18km-long stretch between Delhi-Gurugram border and Kherki Daula.

However, officials said it was a big relief that the work could be started on at least this 18-km stretch as per the original route map.

As many as 24 structures near Kherki Daula will be demolished in another few weeks, said sources. Owners of the remaining 14 structures in Kherki Daula are yet to get the alternative plots.