

Huda to clear the final hurdle in way of Dwarka eway

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THE DWARKA EWAY IS AIMED AT DECONGESTING THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



GURUGRAM :After getting approval for allotting 11 alternative plots to the Dwarka expressway oustees on Wednesday, Huda has decided to hold a draw of lots on Thursday and offer possession the same day.

These are the final claimants of alternative plots, and once they are handed over possession, Huda can demolish the few remaining structures on the main carriageway, necessary for the handing over of the land to NHAI for the construction of the Dwarka expressway.

Huda administrator Chandar Shekhar Khare, who was in Chandigarh on Wednesday, said they have received approval for allotment of alternative plots to the final 11 oustees. “A draw of lots will be conducted at 3pm on Thursday and possession will be offered in the evening itself. The plan is to demolish the remaining structures within a week so that the transfer of main carriageway can be effected at the earliest,” said Khare.

The 11 oustees are among those who had been allotted plots earlier as well but they could not be given possession as the properties were either in dispute, encroached or could not be developed, said officials. The order issued on Thursday said: “It has been decided that allotted be given alternative plots in lieu of disputed plots in sector 37-c and sector 110A.”

The 18.5-km Dwarka expressway was launched in 2008 but it has been delayed by almost eight years due to litigation over land and compensation that was demanded by the oustees. In 2015, Huda had entered into an agreement with the oustees under the final terms of settlement (FTS) whereby the authority agreed to provide alternative plots and compensation to land owners. The settlement was, however, delayed after Huda officials decided not to accept the legality of general power of attorney and special power of attorney (GPA/SPA) as valid ownership document. However, last month the Punjab and Haryana High Court directed the authority to honour the FTS.

After clearing remaining structures on Dwarka expressway within a week, Huda plans to transfer the carriageway to NHAI by the end of this month. Khare, however, said that they would try to transfer the land at the earliest but did not commit a date.