

Ananth Kumar's second gift to Delhiites

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NEW DELHI, FEB. 3. The Union Urban Development Minister, Ananth Kumar, today issued a notification allowing running and operation of all kinds of non-polluting and non-hazardous industries in five industrial areas of the Capital and proposed to constitute a committee to consider Delhi Development Authority's proposal for in situ regularisation of non-conforming and non-polluting industries in 24 other residential colonies of Delhi.

Mr. Kumar announced the notification and constitution of the committee soon after a meeting with representatives of various industrial areas in Nirman Bhavan here. The meeting was also attended by several BJP MPs from Delhi and local leaders, led by the Delhi unit BJP president, Madan Lal Khurana.

The Minister said since the MPs of Delhi had proposed to him that in five industrial areas -- Lawrence Road, Wazirpur, Naraina Phase I, Naraina Phase II and G.T. Karnal Road -- only specific industries such as those dealing in food, cotton, textile products and the like were allowed, there was a need to remove this anomaly and allow all kinds of non-polluting industries, especially since all kinds of industries were allowed operation in other industrial areas of Delhi vide a notification of the Ministry of July 18, 2001.

As such, he said, by an amendment to the Master Plan-2001, the Government has approved running and operation of all kinds of industries in these areas. "More than 10,000 units will now have the advantage and freedom to change their trade and manufacturing activity."

This flexibility in industrial activity, he said, would help the economy on one hand and save these industries from Inspector Raj on the other. "After today, the Delhi Government -- which had set December 31, 2002, as the deadline for their closure -- would not be able to seal any of them and neither will it be able to cut their electric supply."

However, the Minister added that all the industries would need to adhere to environmental norms and take clearance from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee.

As for the 24 non-conforming industrial pock-

ets in residential areas -- which had over 70 per cent units involved in industrial activity -- Mr. Kumar said DDA had through a resolution passed by it recommended their in situ regularisation as industrial areas to the Union Ministry of Urban Development.

Since the matter is pending in Supreme Court, Mr. Kumar proposed to constitute a committee under the chairmanship of the Additional Secretary in his Ministry -- with representatives from the Delhi Government, DDA, the Union Ministry of Law and the Union Ministry of Finance in it -- for submitting a report in a month's time on the matter.

The panel, he said, would consider the proposal of DDA. "Our future action on the issue will be dependent on the committee findings which will facilitate DDA resolutions." Pointing out that the DDA resolution had some conditions attached to it, Mr Kumar assured that the Ministry would "by and large" abide by them.

Asked what becomes of the 30 per cent "non-conforming" residents of these areas, Mr. Kumar shirked the issue saying "it is not strictly a new initiation; we are just trying to find a solution to a problem which has been there for decades."

Mr. Khurana, on his part, said this was the second gift from the Ministry for Delhiites after relaxations in alterations and additions in housing units announced last month. Stating that industrial activity was already under way in these industrial areas, he said the decision would only bring relief to about 10,000 units operating there.

The Delhi BJP president also insisted that declaring these areas as industrial was less cumbersome than relocating all the industries in them. "In 1994 I began acquiring land in Bawana for relocation of industries and over 52,000 applications were received. But the Sheila Dikshit Government only developed the area on paper and it still lacks water, electricity and sewerage facilities."

Noting that the matter of industries in non-conforming areas was pending in Supreme Court, he said the panel would try and find a way out and he would "pursue the case". Moreover, he maintained that in future the problem would not be there as the issue would be addressed in the new Master Plan-2021.

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For babus, it is 'human angle'

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NEW DELHI, FEB. 3. While for the Union Urban Development Minister, Ananth Kumar, and the Delhi BJP president, Madan Lal Khurana, the announcements pertaining to regularisation of new industrial areas today may have been all about politics and brightening their party's prospects in the Delhi Assembly elections due later this year, bureaucrats associated with the changes said they addressed the "human angle".

The Urban Development Secretary, N.N. Khanna, said while DDA had recommended in situ regularisation of those 24 colonies as industrial areas which have over 70 per cent units as industrial identities, the Government would ensure

that they complied with the environmental and pollution norms.

The Secretary said all the conditionalities, which were present in the resolution, would be taken seriously. "We would ensure compliance to all laid norms and view the committee's report with all seriousness."

The Vice-Chairman of Delhi Development Authority, Subhash Sharma, said it would be wrong to say that people residing in the 24 non-conforming colonies would be victimised since in these colonies already the industries were functional. And most of the 30 per cent residential units comprise of employees and owners of the units themselves.

Moreover, sources said declaring of these colonies as

"industrial areas" would increase their market value and lead to a flight of residents.

"Those who would find the situation not conducive to their liking would simply move out."

As per a list circulated by the Ministry, the colonies recommended by DDA for in situ regularisation as industrial areas are Shahzada Bagh Extension, Nangli Sakrawati, Mundka, Vishwas Nagar, Khyala, Tri Nagar, Shalamar village, Hastal, Karawal Nagar, Peera Garhi, Basai Darapur, Dabri, Libaspur, Haiderpur, G.T. Karnal Road (Pkt.), Jawahar Nagar, Loni Road, Shahdara, WZ- 8A Kirti Nagar, Nawada, Prahladpur, Tikri village, Naresh Park Extension, Nangloi, New Mandoli, Shahdara, Rithala and Sultanpur Majra village.

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Polluting industries come home

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ILLLEGAL industries in the Capital today got the licence to pollute, make money and get away. Union Urban Development Minister Ananth Kumar said 24 residential areas where non-conforming factories were running would be regularised as industrial belts.

Five other areas where only "light industries" were allowed have been permit-

My blueprint for Delhi killed: Jagmohan

Former Urban Development Minister Jagmohan said the regularisation of 24 residential areas as industrial belts would kill his "blueprint" for the city. He said the blueprint had been prepared to help Delhi "emerge as a neat, clean, orderly and organised city". **PAGE 4**

ted to install all types of units except G (rural sector) and H (hazardous and heavy infrastructure). These are Lawrence Road, Wazirpur, G.T. Karnal Road, Naraina Phase I and II.

Kumar, who announced the "gifts" with BJP Delhi chief Madan Lal Khurana, said: "This is just an anomaly that we corrected. More than 10,000 industries will have the advantage to change trade and manufacturing, boosting the economy and ending inspector raj."

He said the industries must conform to the standards of the Delhi Pollution

Control Board. What Kumar did not tell was how the second Masterplan had made the five areas light-industry zones after surveys termed them unfit for extensive industrial activity.

Officials, however, said the mandatory notice to seek public opinion before the land use is changed was not issued in the five areas. A gazetted notification can be passed by the Ministry and the Masterplan amended only after 30 days of the notice period.

But DDA Vice-Chairman Subhash Sharma maintained that since the new Masterplan is being prepared, all such notifications or proposals can be absorbed without an amendment.

Kumar said a committee has been formed to take up the technicalities in the regularisation of 24 residential areas, which had "more than 70 per cent industries". It will be chaired by the Additional Secretary, Urban Development Ministry, and have representatives from the Delhi government, Law and Finance ministries and DDA.

Asked if the regularisation was not in contempt of Supreme Court's orders, Khurana said the Delhi government should have developed plots in Bawana to shift the industries. "But Bawana has no power, water or sewerage."

Meanwhile, CM Sheila Dikshit has announced that rural areas with at least 50 per cent factories could be regularised and called "industrial villages".



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पांच औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में सभी उद्योग चलाने की मंजूरी

वरिष्ठ संवाददाता

नई दिल्ली: केन्द्रीय शहरी विकास मंत्रालय ने दिल्ली के मास्टर प्लान में संशोधन करके राजधानी के पांच औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में सीमित कार्य करने का प्रतिबंध हटा दिया। इनमें लारेंस रोड, वजोरपुर, नारायणा फेज़ एक और दो तथा जी.टी. करनाल रोड औद्योगिक क्षेत्र शामिल हैं।

साथ ही मंत्रालय ने गैर अधिकृत 24 औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों को वैध बनाने के लिए एक पांच सदस्यीय समिति का गठन किया है। शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के अतिरिक्त सचिव पी. के. होता के नेतृत्व में गठित इस समिति में दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण, दिल्ली सरकार, विधि मंत्रालय और वित्त मंत्रालय के प्रतिनिधि भी शामिल होंगे। यह समिति एक मास के भीतर अपनी रपट देगी, ताकि इनको

वैध औद्योगिक क्षेत्र घोषित करने के मार्ग में आई कानूनी बाधाएं समाप्त हो सके। उल्लेखनीय है कि इन क्षेत्रों को वैध औद्योगिक क्षेत्र घोषित करने के रास्ते में पूर्व केन्द्रीय शहरी विकास मंत्री जगमोहन के कार्यकाल के दौरान उच्चतम न्यायालय में दायर शपथपत्र बाधक बन रहा है।

इन कॉलोनियों में शहजादा बाग एक्स्टेंशन, नांगली सकरावती, मंडका, विश्वास नगर, ख्याला, त्रिनगर, शालीमार गांव, हस्तसाल, करावल नगर, पीरागढ़ी, बसई दारापुर, डाबरी, लिबासपुर, हैदरपुर, जी.टी.करनाल रोड (पॉकेट), शाहदरा के लोनी रोड का जवाहर नगर, कीर्ति नगर डब्ल्यू जेड-8ए, नवादा, प्रह्लादपुर, टिकरी गांव, नांगलोई का नरेश पार्क एक्स्टेंशन, शाहदरा की नई मंडोली, रिठाला और गांव सुल्तानपुर माजरा शामिल हैं।

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राजधानी के पांच इलाके औद्योगिक क्षेत्र घोषित

सहारा समाचार
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केंद्रीय शहरी विकास मंत्रालय ने आज दिल्ली के पांच इलाकों को औद्योगिक क्षेत्र घोषित कर दिया। इसके अलावा मंत्रालय ने दो दर्जन आवासीय क्षेत्रों को औद्योगिक क्षेत्र घोषित करने के लिए एक उच्चस्तरीय समिति गठित की है। यह समिति एक माह के भीतर अपनी रिपोर्ट मंत्रालय को सौंप देगी।

निर्माण भवन में आयोजित संवाददाता सम्मेलन में केंद्रीय शहरी विकास मंत्री अनंत कुमार ने दिल्ली के पांच इलाकों लारंस रोड, वजौरपुर, नारायणा फेज-एक और दो तथा जीटी करनाल रोड को औद्योगिक क्षेत्र घोषित करने संबंधी अधिसूचना जारी की। उन्होंने बताया कि इन क्षेत्रों में उन्हीं

उद्योग को चलाने की अनुमति होगी, जिनसे प्रदूषण न होता हो। इसके लिए दिल्ली प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड से अनुमति लेना अनिवार्य होगा।

केंद्रीय शहरी विकास मंत्री ने बताया कि जो उद्योगी अपने पुराने उद्योगों को बदलना चाहते हैं, वे बदल सकते हैं। डीडीए के उपाध्यक्ष सुभाष शर्मा को पांचों इलाकों को औद्योगिक केंद्र घोषित करने संबंधी अधिसूचना दे दी गयी है।

श्री कुमार ने बताया कि दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण ने दिल्ली के दो दर्जन

उन इलाकों को औद्योगिक क्षेत्र घोषित करने के लिए शहरी विकास मंत्रालय से अनुमति मांगी है जहां सत्तर प्रतिशत से अधिक औद्योगिक इकाइयां हैं। इन क्षेत्रों में शहजादा बाग एक्सटेंशन, नगली सरकारगली,



प्रेस वार्ता में केंद्रीय मंत्री अनंत कुमार व भाजपा प्रदेशाध्यक्ष मदनलाल खुराना।

मुंडका, विश्वास नगर, पीरागढ़ी, बसई दारापुर, स्थाला, त्रिनगर, शालीमार बाग, हस्तसाल, करावलनगर, डारो, लिवासपुर, हदरपुर, जीटी करनाल रोड के कुछ इलाके जवाहर नगर, कीर्तिनगर, नवादा, प्रहलादपुर, टिकरी गांव, नरेश पाक एक्सटेंशन नांगलोई, शाहदरा क्षेत्र के न्यू

मंडोली, रिठाला और सुल्तानपुर माजरा शामिल हैं। श्री कुमार ने बताया कि इन सभी दो दर्जन इलाकों को औद्योगिक क्षेत्र घोषित करने के लिए शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के अतिरिक्त सचिव की अध्यक्षता में एक समिति बनायी गयी है। इसमें वित्त मंत्रालय, विधि मंत्रालय, डीडीए और दिल्ली सरकार का एक-एक नुमाइदा भी होगा।

उन्होंने बताया कि सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के निर्देशों का ध्यान में रखकर यह समिति अध्ययन कर अपनी रिपोर्ट तीस दिन में मंत्रालय को सौंप देगी। संवाददाता सम्मेलन में भाजपा अध्यक्ष मदनलाल खुराना भाजपा सांसद लाल बिहारी तिथारी, अनीता आर्य व डीडीए के उपाध्यक्ष सुभाष शर्मा सहित अन्य लोग मौजूद थे।