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**MAYOR ORDERS RS.10,000/- FINE EACH ON 13 SPOTS ON GARBAGE  
MANAGEMENT PRIVATE FIRMS FOR POOR UPKEEP OF DHALAOS**

Mayor of Delhi, Ms. Arti Mehra today ordered that private firms managing garbage disposal in South and West Delhi be fined Rs.10,000/- each for 13 spots in different areas for poor upkeep of dhalaos. It follows her extensive tour of South and West Delhi colonies as well as complaints of area Councillors and MLAs. These firms were fined because it was found that there were huge piles of garbage at dhalaos emitting bad smell in the area. Besides fining, she has ordered that the spots be thoroughly cleaned immediately. She said that garbage should be properly disposed of in all parts of the city. She has directed the Director-in-Chief (Environment Management Services) that it must be ensured that there is no collection of garbage in streets and public places and that the dhalaos are regularly cleaned.

Besides, actively supervising sanitation under their jurisdiction, Ms. Mehra urged upon all the 272 Councillors to ensure that they must identify four new parks in their area for developing them into ornamental park with proper landscaping, horticultural work, boundary walls, watering arrangements etc. She directed the Horticulture Department that at least four parks identified by the Councillors should be developed as ideal park as contribution of newly elected Councillors towards green cause.

The Mayor impressed upon the need that in view of summer, the Councillors as well as the officers should take appropriate measures to prevent water and vector borne diseases like gastroenteritis, cholera and malaria. She said that the health officers should involve Councillors to motivate RWAs and other concerned groups.

Ms. Mehra impressed upon the need for the Councillors to visit MCD schools and see the delivery of mid-day meal services. They should go and share the food with children to ensure that children get good quality cooked food every day as per laid down norms. She also asked Councillors to visit the schools and prepare a list where repair is required.

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*Pak Delegation Calls on Mayor of Delhi*

**MAYOR ASSURES PAK DELEGATION TO TAKE-UP THEIR VISA  
DEMAND FOR LONGER STAY WITH THE PRIME MINISTER**

Mayor of Delhi, Ms. Arti Mehra today assured a 25-member Pak delegation under the leadership of Mr. M. Nasir Khan, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry that she will take-up their demand for longer duration visas to Pak nationals visiting India. She was speaking to them when they called upon her at Town Hall to discuss bilateral issues between the two countries where the good offices of the Mayor could be used to promote the cause of mutual co-operation. The delegation members said that Visas of many years were issued in respect of European countries whereas for India the duration was so inadequate that they could not visit the places of their choice. It would be in the interest of both the countries if people from each country could stay for longer duration in the other country. It would also help trade and commerce between the two countries.

Leader of the House, Mr. Subhash Arya, Leader of Opposition Mr. J.K. Sharma and Municipal Councillors as well as senior officers of MCD were also present during the discussion. The delegation came to the Town Hall by Metro. All the members were unanimous in their praise of Metro. Mr. Arya emphasized the need for frequent visits as it will ensure better understanding and affection between the two nations.

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