



North Eastern Railway

Office of the
Divisional Railway Manager (Comml.)
Varanasi

File No. C/409/NGT/CourtCase/DEOS/2023

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Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi

OA No.- 429 OF 2023

Titled:- Avinash Kumar Singh V/s State of U.P & Ors.

Report of Deoria Goods Shed on behalf of Railway

1. Introduction: DEORIA Good shed a 100-year-old entity: - Deoria Goods shed is more than a hundred years old and is redeveloped recently. It is the epicenter of the district which provides important Goods like wheat, rice, fertilizer and cement to the district. Fertilizer supply becomes an important concern for the farmers of the district during peak season. The DEORIA Goods shed provides a logistical hub for the same. In the last one-year 152 rakes of fertilizer & foodgrain were unloaded which is approximately 3.94 lakh tonnes.

For the food security of the region, this Goods shed proves to be an important link where many rakes for Food Corporation of India are unloaded and sent to its different godowns. In last one year (2022-23), 42 foodgrain rakes were unloaded which is about 1.25 lakh tonnes of food grains. This Goods shed is a center point of economy of the Deoria district which has no other Railway Goods shed other than this. The Goods sheds provides gainful wage to 350 labourers on a daily basis. These labourers and their families are completely dependent upon the goods shed for their livelihood.

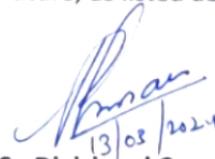
The goods shed is best in the division and one of the best of the zones in terms of environmental compliances and it is the endeavor of the division to continue to improve the same.

2. Current Plantation: - In Deoria Goods shed 129 trees already exist. As can be seen from the attached photographs, these are big banyan trees and are placed near boundary (photo attached in annexure I). These 129 trees exist towards boundary of siding no 06. As can be seen from the satellite images, the tree coverage acts as a green barrier for siding number 6. As can be seen in photo attached in annexure 1, even around the office spaces, plantation has been done.

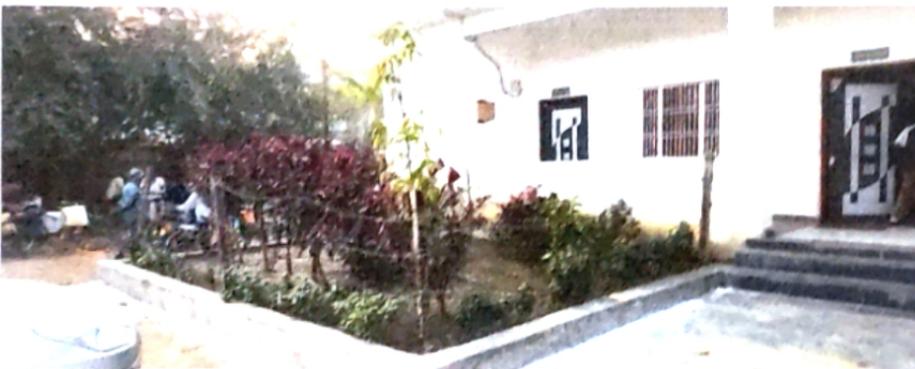
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- 3. On going Plantation:** - New plantation: 67 plants planted towards south of siding 6 and 7. Creeper plants (Madhu Malti) 50 are being planted. 150 more plants will be planted in due course of time and will be maintained. So that they achieve full growth and help in mitigation ([Google Map of the same attached in annexure II](#)).
- 4. A new "approach":** - A new approach road has been proposed which will connect the Deoria goods shed to LC No.128A. This will steer away trucks from the city area. The trucks would go directly from the Goods shed to National highway ([Google Map of the same attached in annexure III](#)). The same is in the proposal stage in the division.
- 5. Restriction on truck movement by district administration:** - District administration has disallowed movements of trucks from 07:00 AM to 09:00 PM (with a window of 2 hrs. from 12:00 to 14:00). This restricted movement of trucks also keeps the pollution in check.
- 6. Pucca Road in Goods shed:** - The whole goods shed has concrete/pucca road/ wharf of about 18 meters ([photo attached in annexure IV](#)). As can be seen from the photographs attached, when compared to other goods sheds, Deoria Goods shed boast a very wide and well maintained pucca road (wharf) which helps in reducing dust from vehicular movements.
- 7. Feasibility of Covered Shed:** - Cover shed is not feasible as unloading happens directly from wagon to trucks, covered shed would hinder the movement of trucks and would in fact increases the movement of trucks.
- 8. Wall Height:** - Wall height which is currently 7.5 feet is being made 10 feet using asbestos sheets along with creeper plant. ([photo attached in annexure V](#)).
- 9. Sprinkling:** - Temporary sprinkling being done with multiple water tankers after every unloading/loading of rakes ([photo attached in annexure VI](#)). Permanent sprinkler would also be installed in due course of time.

To summarize, it is to be humbly submitted that Railways administration is committed to make its goods shed compliant with all environmental precautions. The movement of goods is a reality of economy as well as human welfare. In absence of a goods shed, the district would solely depend upon road transport for fulfilling the same requirement. One rake of goods train replaces 80 trucks from the road. Train movement, especially with about 94% electrification, mostly, is happening via electric engines which are far more environmental friendly than trucks which use diesel. Various studies have proven that Railways is more environmental than road transport. Considering all the facts about Deoria, the 100-year-old goods shed which is redeveloped recently, all the steps that Railways has taken and proposing to take in near future, as listed above, it is humbly requested to consider the case in light of the above.


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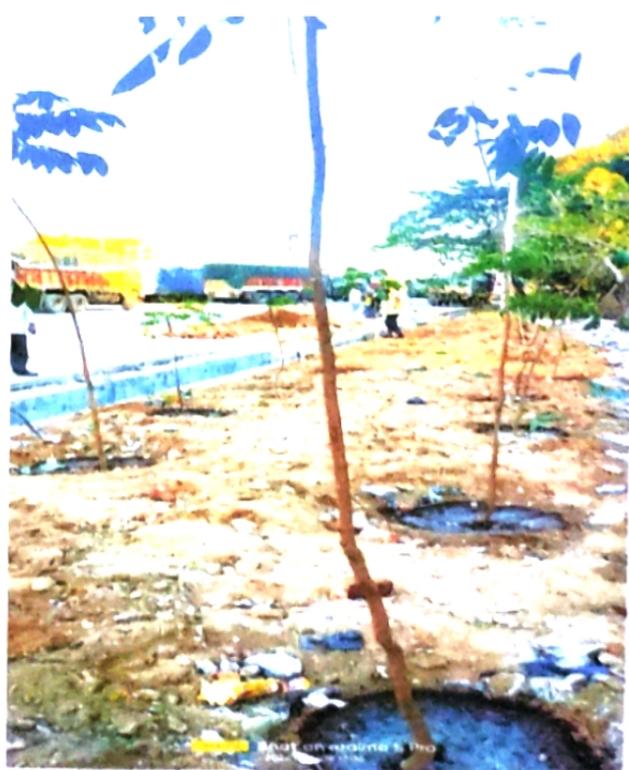


Big Trees near boundary of siding no. 6 towards south ...

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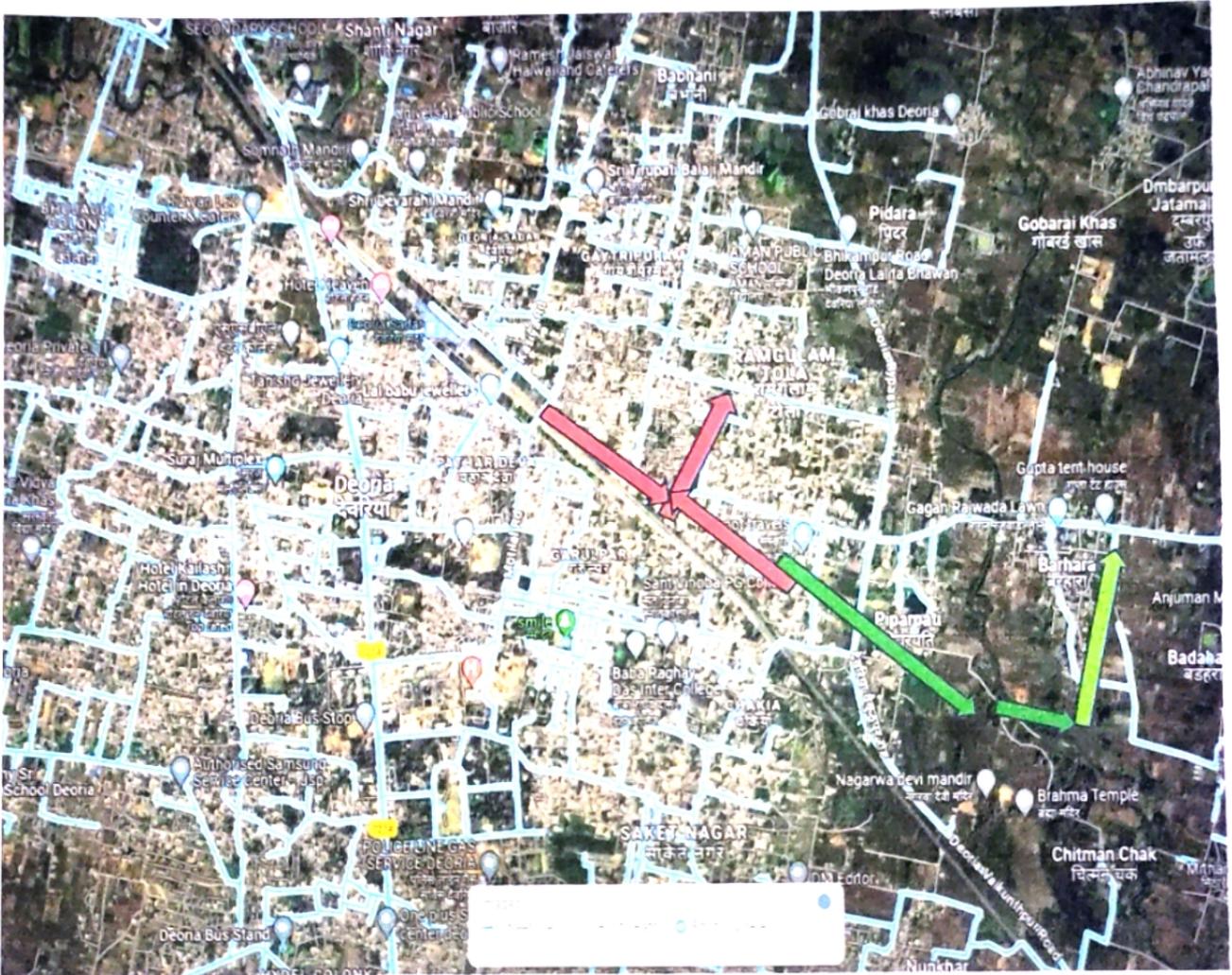


*Current vegetation of about 129 big trees exist near siding number 6. 150 more trees would be planted in due course of time which will include big trees as well as creepers.



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New proposed approach road



 Current Movement via LC 129.

 Proposed Movement via LC 128.

(Proposed movement of trucks via LC 128A will connect the Goods Shed directly to DEORIA bypass road thereby the trucks will avoid the city area.)

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Concrete/Pucca road/ Wharf of about 18 meters.



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Wall Height 10

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Sprinkling being done regularly with multiple water tankers.



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