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Jewar land consent crosses 70% benchmark

4,210 Land Owners Out Of 5,926 Have So Far Given Consent For First Phase Of Airport Project

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Noida: Letters of consent from 202 more land owners on Saturday took the airport project in Jewar one more step closer to reality. In a function held at Dayantpur village in Jewar, the land owners handed over their consent letters to district magistrate B N Singh for the first phase of the project. So far, 4,210 land owners have given their consent out of the total 5,926, fulfilling the criteria of 71% consent mandatory for the acquisition.

As per the provisions of Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, the consent of 70% land holders is mandatory for acquisition.

According to Prasoon Dwivedi, sub-divisional magistra-



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te, Jewar; the administration has arrived at the final tally of 5,926 land owners after removing all anomalies like multiple land holdings by single individual. There were a total of 8,300 plots, including residential and farming land, he said.

Some farmers have multiple holdings in different villages. For example, Bhagwan Singh, pradhan of Rohi village, has plots measuring a total of 20 acres in neighbouring villages. "Thus, a total of 5,926 families are giving up 8,300 plots,

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which are called project-affected families. In addition to this, there are some people who have farm land, but they do not live in the area. They are also project-affected families, but they won't be displaced. The land acquisition Act seeks mandatory consent from 70% affected families," he said.

Shailendra Bhatia, OSD, Yamuna Authority, said the government would acquire 1,334 hectare land—94 hectare go-

vernment and 1,240 hectare owned by farmers—for the first phase of the project

Since the government is acquiring mostly farming land, only 1,775 families would be displaced, he said.

The district magistrate will soon be sending a report to the state government, following which a government order (GO) under Section 11 of Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 is likely to be issued. Nearly three months are required to complete the process of land acquisition. "I will try to send a report to the government as early as possible, definitely this month. After that it will be the state government's call to issue directives for land acquisition," district magistrate BN Singh said.

The DM has appointed deputy tehsildar, Jewar; Abhay

Kumar Singh as the nodal officer for the work.

Jewar MLA Dharendra Singh said the youth in the area would get gainful employment after getting necessary skill training.

"1775 families will be rehabilitated from six villages of Rohi, Ranehra, Dayantpur, Banwariwas, Kishorepur and Parohi. Out of these, Rohi village will be completely taken over, along with 10% of Kishorepur village and nearly all of Dayantpur," said Singh.

CEO, YEIDA, Arun Vir Singh told TOI that the magic number of 4,210 came after Friday's achievement of 4,008 land owners agreeing to give up their land. "To make it to 70%, we needed a figure of 4,149. But with 202 farmers coming on board, the figure is 4,210, which is 71% consent as of today," the CEO said.