

DDA grants land ownership rights to chula tax-paying villagers

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NEW DELHI: Hundred years after the British imposed a chula tax on some Delhi villages, the Delhi Development Authority has decided to grant ownership rights of the land to the villagers. Around 500 families of five villages — Na-

gali Razapur, Todapur, Dashghara, Jhilmil Tahirpur and Arakpur Bagh Mochi will benefit from the scheme.

These villages had been acquired by the British in 1911 and the villagers were allowed to stay temporarily on payment of chula tax, which was one anna per month per fam-

ily. At that time, there were only 302 families in the villages, but the number has gone up to 500 families now.

"The DDA was informed that there are different categories of occupants, including the original chula tax payers and their decedents occupying land more than permitted

limit and people encroaching on government land. It was then decided that for the original chula tax payers and their decedents occupying land within the permitted limit of upto 200 sq m, pre-determined rates comprising cost of acquisition, updation cost of acquisition at 10 per cent

per annum and cost of development, will be charged," a statement from the DDA read.

For purchasers from the chula tax payers and their decedents, PDR rates will be worked out and conversion charges will also be applicable for the purchasers/ attorney cases.