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'Multilevel parking to become cheaper'

Parking plan seeks to decongest city

Civic bodies in Delhi will levy one-third charges for multilevel parking facilities compared to surface parking rates, in accordance with the parking management area plan (PMAP) for the Capital, an official said on Wednesday.

The PMAP, which is being firmed up by the Delhi government, seeks to decongest the city and also make it pedestrian-friendly. The South Delhi Municipal Corporation is the nodal agency for the PMAP, which also includes disallowing parking within 25 metres from roundabouts and traffic intersections, an official said.

"The idea is to come up with a holistic parking policy for the city, which also addresses the needs of pedestrians. We also want to discourage long-term surface parking and incentivise multilevel parking to keep the city decongested," said Deputy Commissioner (R.P. Cell) Prem Shankar Jha.

"The proposals made by us [SDMC] have been taken up

positively by the Delhi government's Transport Department. The policy is yet to be notified," he said.

Parking charges

Current parking charges for North, East and South Delhi Municipal Corporations are Rs. 20 per hour for cars and Rs. 10 for two-wheelers. For 24 hours, it is subject to a maximum of Rs. 200 for cars and Rs. 100 for two-wheelers.

"Lajpat Nagar and Kailash Colony in south Delhi have been identified for model parking facilities, which will be developed according to the parking plan. The plan also envisage addressing the problem of spillover of vehicles," Mr. Jha said.

"The plan has three segments — parking, non-parking and transit. The transit segment will be for autorickshaws, cabs and commercial vehicles which will be used as pick-up and drop-off facilities. Besides, there will be pedestrianised spaces for ease of people," Mr. Jha added.