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Help develop urban forest, GMDA asks corporates

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Gurgaon: GMDA has invited proposals from corporate houses to fund its urban forest project in the Sikanderpur-Chakkarpur area under corporate social responsibility, with the Union environment and forest ministry “refusing to provide money” to the development authority for the same. GMDA will now develop and maintain the forest with help from corporates, officials said. The expression of interest states that interested agencies are expected to submit the work to be executed and the funding sources available with them. MoUs may be executed with different companies for different proposed work,” said a senior GMDA official.

The last date for submission of the proposals is April 12. The scope of the project — to be spread across an area of 200 acres — would include fencing of the area, establishment and maintenance of wood blocks and establishment and maintenance of public facilities.