

Delhi Citizen Handbook 2003

Top Ten Findings

1. The Prevention of Food Adulteration Department has 28 inspectors to oversee 1.50 lac (registered) food establishments. At one outlet per inspector per day, an outlet would be inspected once in 17 years. The number of inspectors has not changed since 1960.
2. A study conducted by Social Jurist found that more than 80% of the children who pass class V from MCD schools do not know how to read or write their names.
3. The Delhi Transport Corporation employs 12 people per bus and incurs a monthly loss of Rs 25 crore, where as private operators employ 6 persons per bus and make profit.
4. Farmers pay 7-15% of sales to commission agents at the wholesale markets that are the monopoly of Delhi Agriculture Marketing Board.
5. Delhi has 36 safai karamcharis per 10,000 persons while all other metros have about 18-20.
6. Over Rs 4 crore of taxpayers' money has been wasted in the Old Age Pension Scheme as 37.5% of the beneficiaries were ineligible. In 168 cases, the beneficiaries had died but the Department of Social Welfare continued to send them pension despite being informed by local post offices.
7. At the Holiday Homes for Industrial Workers run by the Labour Department, the subsidy per visitor was Rs 1545 (at Mussoorie) and Rs 2612 (at Haridwar) in 2000-01.
8. The Drug Control Department has 29 drug inspectors for over 5,000 drug retailers. The fake drug market is estimated to be Rs 4,000 crore per year.
9. The Comptroller and Auditor General concluded that the Delhi Financial Corporation has overstated profits by at least Rs 171.25 lac and the Reserves and Surplus by Rs 78.99 lac for 2002-03.
10. Only 3.6% of the MLA Local Area Development Scheme funds were spent during 1999-2000; it rose to 52.2% in 2002-03.