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AFTER HOUSE SPARROWS' DEPLETION NOW IT IS THE TURN OF RED VENTED BULBUL IN HARYANA AND PUNJAB

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ABSTRACT – In Haryana and Punjab, commonly available Bulbul is Red-vented Bulbul *Pyconotus cafer* (Linnaeus, 1766). The other bulbuls found in the Indian subcontinent include Grey-headed Bulbul *Pycnotus priocephalus,* Black-headed Bulbul *Pyconotus atriceps,* Black-crested Bulbul *Pyconotus melanicterus,* Red-whiskered Bu*lbul Pyconotus jacosus,* White-eared Bulbul *Pyconotus leucotis,* Himalayan Bulbul *Pyconotus leucogenys,* Yellow-throated Bulbul *Pyconotus xantholaemus,* Yellow eared Bulbul *Pyconotus penicillatus,* Blyth's Bulbul *Pyconotus flavescens,* White-browed Bulbul *Pyconotus luteolus,* White throated Bulbul *Pyconotus flaveolus*, Olive Bulbul *Iole virescens*, Yellow-browed Bulbul *Iole indica*, Brown eared Bulbul *Hemixos flavala*, Rufous-bellied Bulbul *Hypsipetes mcclellandii*, Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalas*, Nicobar Bulbul *Hypsipetes nicobariensis* amongst others. In the present endeavour observations refer to the threat that are confronted by Red-vented Bulbul in Haryana and Punjab states of India. Results indicate that Red-vented Bulbuls are experiencing considerable reductions in their abundance. The depletions are, the present studies indicate, are related with its Nesting Site's destruction undeliberately by humans. To make things explicit in this very crucial and worrisome issue, it is the destruction of ejecting bushy umbrellas of low size trees of Kikar (*Acacia arabica*) in the outskirts of villages and towns. In addition, undeliberate neglect of fashionable umbrella like trimmed bushes in gardens, colleges/university campuses. Also, total uprooting of trees, bushes in the inside premises of human inhabitation. All these, amongst other reasons, have taken a toll of red-vented Bulbul in the last 10 years in particular. Infact, bulbul are accustomed to building Half Cut coconut balls like nests hidden in a crafty manner by branches/leaves of *Acasia arabica*, fashionable bushy structures of "VINES" in gardens, Kitchen gardens, house for-courts/back yards etc. Moreover, Bulbul is adapted to time and breed nearby/inside human inhabitations and many-a-times on the outskirts of villages, towns and cities. The activities of human beings have resulted into the destruction of bushes, trees, vine etc. As such, the failure of accomplishing nest building is consequential to destruction of Bulbul populations. To recover its recently lost abundant ambience, it is argued that bushy plants be implanted in villages by Panchayats, in towns by Municipal committees and in Metropolitan cities hedges be erected in each and every villa. These measures are likely to restore and rehabilitate populations of Red vented Bulbuls in Haryana and Punjab and elsewhere too in the entire country. The danger at present is looming large on Red-vented Bulbul. If its neglect is sustained for next 10 years merely, Red-vented Bulbul might be doomed just like common House sparrow.

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