

500 complaints against illegal colonies, regularisation process begins shortly

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THE PUNJAB Government has received more than 500 complaints pertaining to illegal colonies/ unauthorized constructions. These complaints have been registered on PUDA-UCIC (Unauthorized Constructions, Illegal Colonies) mobile app, which was developed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development recently. The complaints include reports entered by the field officials and complaints registered by general public, an official spokesperson said here on Monday.

Acting on these complaints, suitable action amounting to demolition of illegal constructions and issuance of notices to the devel-

opers of illegal colonies has been taken. Cases reported on the mobile app but falling in areas under jurisdiction of various civic bodies have been forwarded to respective offices for further action at their end.

Meanwhile, the department will soon start the process of regularization of unauthorized colonies that have come up in the state before March 19. A policy to this effect was being notified in the coming days.

Announcing this, here, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, reiterated that regularization of the colonies was a one-time settlement and there will be no such policy again. At the same time, he declared initia-

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tion of strict action against the promoters who would develop any illegal colony in future.

Accordingly, the department was going to adopt zero tolerance against activities pertaining to development

of unauthorized colonies in the state, said Additional Chief Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Industries, Investment Promotion and Information Technology, Vini Mahajan.

She disclosed that the department officials will be continuously surveying their areas of operation and on coming across unauthorized constructions or noticing the development of illegal colonies they will bring the same into notice of their offices for further action.

As the UCIC app has produced great results, this modern day technology tool would be put to maximum use, as the officials shall be reporting the cases regarding unauthorized constructions and illegal colonies through

the app also, said Mahajan.

Reporting of the cases through the app will result into quick action against the offenders and in turn will check the practice of development of illegal colonies and unauthorized constructions to greater extent, she said.

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PUDA-UCIC app was available on play store (Android) as well as app store (IOS) and WAs available in public domain also. This implies that besides officials of the department general public can also install the app on their mobiles and on noticing any unauthorized construction or illegal colony, they can share the information of the same with the department.

500 illegal colonies get Gmada notices

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Mohali: The Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (Gmada) has issued around 500 notices against illegal colonizers after the authority received complaints from the people on the mobile application (app) developed by the department with a view to getting information about such cases. This includes reports entered by officials and complaints registered by people, said the spokesperson of Gmada.

Acting on these complaints, suitable action amounting to demolition of illegal constructions and issuance of notices to the developers of illegal colonies has been taken, he said. Cases reported on the app but falling in areas under jurisdiction of other MCs have been forwarded to respective offices for further action at their end, he added.

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Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, minister-in-charge, de-

partment of housing and urban development, government of Punjab, has already declared that regularization of the colonies is a one-time settlement and there will be no such policy again. At the same time he has announced initiation of strict action against the promoters who will develop any illegal colony in future.

Accordingly, the department is going to adopt zero tolerance against activities pertaining to the development of unauthorized colonies in the state, said Vini Mahajan, additional chief secretary, department of housing and urban development, government of Punjab. The department officials will be continuously surveying their areas of operation and on coming across unauthorized constructions or noticing the development of illegal colonies, they will bring the same to the notice of their offices for further action.

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