

CM nod to uniformity in zoning regulations, Master Plans



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PUNJAB REGIONAL Town Planning and Development Board (PRTPD) has taken in-principle decision to bring uniformity in the zoning regulations and development controls of Master Plans of various cities and towns of the State.

This will avoid the ambiguities and confusion prevailing among general public pertaining to the zoning regulations. The decision would be applicable to all the Master Plans in the State except Master Plans of New Chandigarh and Mohali.

A decision to this effect was taken at the Board meeting, chaired by Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh,

who is also the chairman of the Board, in Chandigarh on Friday evening.

Considering the demand of CRE-DAI Punjab and New Chandigarh of amendments in population density norms and in per dwelling unit family size in the Master Plans, the PRTPD decided that in future there would be no restriction on number of flats per acre and also the family size per person has been reduced from 5 persons per family to 4.5 persons per family. The decision would benefit the developers in a great way.

In another decision, amendment in Master Plan of Rajpura was approved resulting into conversion of land under agriculture of villages Dabali Kalan, Mangpur, Bhappal,

Kotla, Mirzapur and Gaddo Majra to industrial zone. The point behind alteration in the land use was to provide employment to the residents of these villages and surrounding areas. Besides the PRTPD, the CM also chaired the meetings of Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA) and other Special Development Authorities -- Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA), Patiala Development Authority (PDA), Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority (GLADA), Amritsar Development Authority (ADA), Jalandhar Development Authority (JDA) and Bathinda Development Authority (BDA).

Besides approving other agendas

of all the Development Authorities, the revised budget estimates for the year 2016-17 and budget estimates for the year 2017-18 were also approved at the meetings. Prominent among those present at the meetings were Housing and Urban Development and Rural Development and Panchayats Minister, Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Local Government and Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu, Public Works and Information Technology Minister, Vijay Inder Singla, Chief Secretary Karan Avtar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Industries, Investment Promotion and Information Technology Vini Mahajan.