

104 plots allotted in Patiala Urban Estate

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DRAW OF lots for allotment of residential plots at Urban Estate Phase-4 (Falouli) in Patiala was conducted by Patiala Development Authority (PDA) in Patiala on Tuesday.

Of the total 104 residential plots offered in the scheme, 93 plots were allotted to the applicants of preferential category (64 senior citizens and 29 women). Total of 1,477 applications were received in the scheme.

There was a condition in the scheme that only those were eligible to avail the benefit of the preferential category, who earlier did not own any plot/ house anywhere in the country, revealed Vini Mahajan, Additional Chief Secretary, Housing and Urban Development-cum-Vice Chairperson, PDA, here on Tuesday.

"So, the allotment to the applicants of this category has fulfilled the objective of the government of providing houses to the houseless," she said.

However, to avoid the misuse

of the allotment policy, successful allottees under preferential category have been barred from transferring/ selling the plot for a period of five years from the date of issuance of Letter of Intent.

The provision has been made to rule out the possibility of resale of the plots and ensure that only the end users avail the benefit, said Mahajan.

Harpreet Singh Sudan, Chief Administrator, PDA, stated that besides holding the draw of allotment of plots to the applicants of the scheme, another draw for allotment of plot numbers to the 127 land owners/ Letter of Intent (LoI) holders whose land was acquired for this scheme was also held at same venue.

The whole conduct of both the draws was held in a smooth and transparent manner and the LoI holders/applicants participated whole heartedly in the proceedings, he said. Applicants present were happy and satisfied with the whole process of the draw.