

New regularisation policy one-time settlement offer: Minister Bajwa says no unauthorised colony to be regularised in future



Housing and Urban Development Minister Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa thumbs up as ACS Vini Mahajan makes a point during a meeting in Mohali on Tuesday. / DW PHOTO

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PUNJAB HOUSING and Urban Development Minister, Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, has directed all the officers to ensure that all the illegal colonies and plots were regularised under the new policy approved by the Cabinet recently.

Presiding over a high-level review meeting with the senior officers of the department at PUDA Bhawan in Mohali on Tuesday, the Minister said that the policy would be notified soon and process to receive applications of regularisation from promoters/RWAs/plot holders would subsequently commence.

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time bound manner. He also appealed to the general public to purchase plots/ houses only in the colonies approved or regularized from PUDA or any other special development authority and those which are RERA approved. 'The move of regularizing the unauthorized colonies/ plots would bring major respite to the Promoters/Colonizers as well as the residents of these colonies', said the Minister.

In the meeting, Additional Chief Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Industries, Investment Promotion and Information Technology, Vini Mahajan, apprised the Minister that to bring transparency in the regularisation process and for the convenience of colonisers/ RWAs/ plot holders who would be interested in applying for regularisation, for the first time, the department would be offering facility of submitting online applications. Facility of applying online would be

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Governance Reforms, Government of Punjab, to assist such applicants. Under the settlement, 500 odd sewa kendras situated in various districts would assist the applicants in submitting applications online.

Apart from this, HDFC Bank has also been roped in by the department to assist the applicants in submission of online applications. Dedicated desks will be there to address the applicants at various district headquarters. While HDFC Bank would assist the applicants free of cost, the sewa kendras would charge nominal fee of Rs 1,000 from the promoters and Rs 300 from the plot holders who would approach there to submit the online applications. Applications received in the sewa kendras would be sent to the offices of respective special development authority, where those would be processed, informed the Additional Chief Secretary.

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