

Gmada to promote affordable colonies

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Mohali: Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (Gmada) is all set to promote the provision of affordable housing colonies for the lower and middle income groups in Mohali and New Chandigarh.

A Gmada spokesperson said that the Affordable Colony Policy 2011, was notified in March this year by the government with an aim to encourage planning and development of small residential plots and flats across the state.

According to the policy, for setting up affordable housing colonies in Mohali and New Chandigarh, the area specified in the master plan will be applicable, whereas for other areas, some conditions need to be fulfilled—minimum of 5-acre contiguous area or area required as per the zoning regulations of the particular master plan where the colony is to be established, whichever is less in all the master plans of the state.

The spokesperson said that the government initiative has started showing the desired results, as the Jalandhar Development Authority (JDA) working under the department, has issued license to a promoter for setting up an affordable colony.

The colony shall be deve-



The affordable housing colonies in Mohali and New Chandigarh will be set up in accordance with the specified master plan for the areas

loped over an area of 10.16 acres in tehsil Phagwara of district Kapurthala. This is the first license issued across the state for setting up an affordable colony under the policy.

The department has received another request from a promoter for setting up an affordable colony in Ludhiana. Acting on the application, the layout plan of the colony has been approved at the level of the competent authority and in due time, the license for developing the colony shall be issued from the concerned development authority.

More queries for obtaining similar approvals are being received from promo-

ters based in different cities/ areas of the state and required guidance is being provided to them.

The policy also covers under its ambit, the mega housing projects and the residential components of industrial park projects/ integrated industrial mega park projects approved by the government where the promoter has been granted exemption of license under the Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Act (PAPRA), 1995.

For these projects, no separate license is required under PAPRA, provided that no plot in the residential component should have been sold or leased out.

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