

# Housing Dept extends first e-auction till October 11

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The Department of Housing and Urban Development, Punjab, has decided to extend its first-ever e-auction by a week.

The auction had begun on September 21 and was scheduled to conclude today.

According to Vini Mahajan, Additional Chief Secretary of the department, the decision of extending the e-auction was taken following repeated requests from several bidders from Punjab and neighbouring state.

“Even various development authorities in the state working under the department have also recommended the same,” said Vini Mahajan.

She added that the bidders had pleaded that since it was the first time, they had been unable to use the e-bidding portal.

“We are of the view that the extension will give a fair chance to the prospective bidders and add to the transparency. The bidders were also constrained due to the considerable number of holidays during the two-week e-auction period,” added the official.

The e-auction would now conclude on October 11 at 3 pm.

### **PUDA extends e-auction date by a week**

**CHANDIGARH:** The Housing and urban development department Punjab has extended the date for disposal of properties by all development authorities in the state through electronic auction (e-auction) by a week. The auction had begun on September 21 and was scheduled to conclude on (October 4) it will now conclude on October 11. The decision was taken on recommendations received from various development authorities in the state working under the department. Requests for more time have been received from bidders from Punjab and the neighbouring states.

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# Portal no help, Gmada extends auction of sites

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**Mohali:** The applicants are unable to access the e-portal designed for the auction of residential, commercial, and institutional property. They have found it user-unfriendly since Day One.

Considering their problem, the Punjab department of housing and urban development has decided to extend its first ever e-auction by a week. The auction had started on September 21 and was to conclude on October 4. It is now re-scheduled to conclude at 3pm on October 11.

The decision is based on recommendations received from various development authorities in the state, which work under the housing department. Requests for more time have come even from the bidders scatte-

**INACCESSIBLE** | The auction had started on Sept 21 and was to conclude on Oct 4. It is re-scheduled to conclude at 3pm on October 11. A series of holidays in the two-week period also affected the bidders

red over Punjab and neighboring states. The department is of the view that the extension will give the prospective bidders a fair chance and increase transparency of the process.

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ries of holidays in the two-week e-auction period. The portal coordinates online auction of various residential, commercial, and institutional real-estate. The total value of property offered for auction is Rs 500 crore, approximately. The sites are at Mohali, Ludhiana, Patiala, Jalandhar, Bathinda, Amritsar, Batala, and Gurdaspur.

The sites offered include three schools, two group housing, a hotel site and a multi-use site, apart from booths, shop-cum-offices (SCOs) and residential plots across the state. Every property offered for auction is located in developed area and the possession is promised within 90 days of the auction. The response to the auction, so far, has been encouraging, since 105 bidders have signed up and placed 97 bids.