

In draw of lots, 753 allotted plots at IT City in Mohali

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As many as 676 plots were allotted the applicants in the preferential category, which included senior citizens and women. The remaining plots were allotted to those belonging to the general category.

Some people belonging to the general category expressed resentment, saying they were not given desired opportunity. They also raised slogans against the authorities before leaving the venue.

Notably, the preference was given to senior citizens followed by women applicants, who have been residents of Punjab for the past five years.

A condition was laid in the scheme that the applicants interested in availing the preferential treatment



A woman takes part in the draw of lots for residential plots at IT City in Phase VIII, Mohali, on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: VICKY

should not own any plot/house anywhere in country. Those belonging to the preferential category are barred from transferring/selling the plot for a period of five years from the date of the issue of the Letter of Intent.

Meanwhile, live streaming of the whole process was done on Facebook. Besides, information of successful allottees was displayed on

two giant LED screens installed at the venue.

The result of the draw will be uploaded on the website, gmada.gov.in, by Friday evening. Successful applicants will have to submit required documents. The Letter of Intent will be issued to the allottees in first week of August. The possession of plots will be given by the year-end.

Elderly, women given preference

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GMADA holds draw of lots for 753 residential plots in IT City

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MOHALI, JUNE 14

GREATER MOHALI Area Development Authority (GMADA) held a draw of lots for 753 residential plots in IT City on Thursday amid protests by some applicants. Though the GMADA authorities had to stop the draw for a few minutes after some people raised objections, the matter was resolved later and the draw ended in the evening.

GMADA offered plots of 100 square yards, 150 square yards, 200 square yards, 300 square yards, 400 square yards and 500 square yards. The scheme was launched on April 14 and it closed on May 16. GMADA received 16,274 applications for the scheme. Of the 753 plots, 522 were given to people under senior citizens category and 154 under women's category and the remaining 77 were given under other categories, including sports and reserved.

While the draw was on, some applicants raised objections and said that all the plots were given only to senior citizens and women applicants. The GMADA authorities urged the applicants not to protest as the draw was being conducted after following the due process.

Vishal Gautam, a Chandigarh resident who had applied for a 300 sq yard and a 100 sq yard plot, said they did not get any plot and added that they paid the fees to apply under the scheme. "We felt cheated. GMADA should have mentioned all the conditions before we ap-



Draw of lots for IT City in progress at PUDA Bhawan in Sector 62, Mohali, on Thursday. Jasbir Malhi

plied. If the scheme was for the preferential category, then why did they accept our applications," wondered Gautam.

The officials said that it was for the first time that they wanted to break the monopoly of real estate agents who used to apply for more than one plot and after succeeding in their design, they sold those plots at higher rates.

GMADA Estate Officer (EO) Pooja Siyal said that they had clearly mentioned in their terms and conditions column that the scheme was for the preferential category and they held the draw by following due procedure.

"We wanted to ensure that the homeless get a place to construct their homes because as per the condition, only those who did not possess any house or plot anywhere in the country were eligible to apply under this category. We wanted to provide dignity and social security to the old-age persons as well as women empowerment. For the first time in any of the schemes offered by the department, preference in allotment was given to the senior citizens (attaining the age of 60 years on the date of submission of application) immediately followed by women applicants, who have

been the residents of Punjab for the last five years," said Siyal, adding that there was a lock-in period of five years so that the successful candidates could not sell the property and it could be used by the end-users only.

Also, as announced earlier, live streaming of the whole conduct of the draw was done on Facebook. Besides, information of successful allottees was displayed continuously on two giant LED screens installed at the venue. The results of the draw shall be uploaded on the website, www.gmada.gov.in, by Friday evening.

Draw of lots held for 753 plots of IT City

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MOHALI : The Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) conducted draw of lots for the 753 IT City plots, at the PUDA Bhawan here on Thursday.

For the first time in any of the schemes offered by the authority, preference in allotment was given to the senior citizens (attaining the age of 60 years on the date of submission of application) immediately followed by women applicants who have been the residents of Punjab for the last five years.

As many as 676 of the total number of plots were allotted in the two preferential categories.

Result of the draw will be uploaded on the website gmada.gov.in by Friday evening. Successful applicants in the preferential/reserved categories or those in the waiting list will be required to submit the



■ A participant during the draw of lots held at the PUDA Bhawan in Mohali on Thursday.

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documents to establish their eligibility till July 6.

Letter of intent shall be issued to the allottees in the first week of August and possession of the plots shall be handed over by the end of this year. For the successful applicants in preferential/reserved categories, there is a lock-in period of five years on the sale of the property.

GMADA had received over 16,000 applications for the 753 plots. GMADA had fixed plot price at ₹25,000 per sq yard. Sizes of plots offered included 100 sq yd, 150 sq yd, 200 sq yd, 300 sq yd, 400 sq yd and 500 sq yd.

PARTICIPANTS PROTEST
Many general category applicants were disappointed as most

676 PLOTS ALLOTTED TO APPLICANTS IN PREFERENTIAL CATEGORY; RESULTS TO BE UPLOADED TODAY

plots went to the preferential and reserved category applicants.

After the culmination of the draw of lots for 100 sq yard plot category, a group of applicants protested against GMADA, saying that their application number did not come up during the draw.

It was only after the protesting applicants were assured by GMADA that draw was being conducted as per the terms and conditions laid down in the scheme brochure, that the draw of lots continued.

GMADA officials maintained that the scheme will benefit the end-users while discouraging property speculators.

Gmada 'draws' flak from applicants

Leaves Them Fuming Over Keeping General Category Third In Preference Order

Texas News Network

Mohali: The draw of lots for 753 plots of IT City hosted by Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (Gmada) left applicants of general category unhappy and fuming. The exercise already facing a lukewarm response, Gmada drew flak from applicants who raised hue and cry over giving third preference to the applicants in general category.

Justifying the move Gmada Esauie Oficer (EO) housing Pooja Sayal said that the scheme brochure mentioned clearly that first preference will be given to senior citizens, then to women and to general category at last.

However, the general category applicants alleged that Gmada has faked the exercise by holding the draw of lots. Showing displeasure Gurpreet Singh along with Jagdev Singh, Manisha Goyal, Paramjit Kaur among others said, "Gmada has faked the draw of lots as the general category residents have not been given preference. We are left with no choice but to opt out of the draw."



POOR ATTENDANCE: The draw of lots organised by Gmada for allotment of 753 residential plots in IT City received a lukewarm response on Thursday

Denying the claims Sayal said, "The draw of lots were not only live streamed but openly held in front of the public. So, there is no question of anything being kept hidden."

Gmada chief administrator Ravi Bhagat said, "As a mark of respect and providing dignity and social security to the persons in old age as well as women, for the first time in any of the schemes offered by the depart-

ment, preference in allotment was given to senior citizens (attaining the age of 60 years on the date of submission of application) immediately followed by women applicants who have been the residents of Punjab for the last five years."

However, a condition was laid in the scheme that the applicants interested in availing the preferential benefit should not have possessed any plot/house

anywhere in the country. The idea behind the move was to give an opportunity in those who really wanted to own a house. Also, the applicants successful under the preferential (Senior citizen and women) category are barred from transferring/selling the plot for a period of five years from the date of issuance of Letter of Intent. The provision of lock-in period of five years was made to rule out the possibility of resale of the plots.

Also, as announced earlier, live streaming of the whole conduct of the draw was shared on Facebook. Besides, information of successful allottees was displayed continuously on two giant LED screens installed at the venue, added Bhagat.

The draw of lots for allotment of 753 residential plots in IT City was held on Thursday in the park opposite PUDA Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali. The exercise began at 10.30am and concluded in the evening.

The allotment of near about 676 plots out of the total 753 plots available in the scheme to the applicants of preferential category has made sure that allot-

ment has been made to the end users. Even though Gmada would lose revenue as there will be no sale of the plots allotted to the applicants of preferential category for the next five years, it has ensured that the homeless get a place to construct their home, because as per the condition only those who did not possess any plot/house anywhere in the country were eligible to apply under this category. The allottees would be keen to start the construction of their houses as the earliest on getting the possession. The project once inhabited would certainly lead to the development of other components in the project viz. commercial and industrial establishments.

The result of the draw will be uploaded on the website gmada.gov.in by Friday evening. Applicants successful in the preferential/reserved categories or those in the waiting list would be required to submit the documents to establish their eligibility up to July 6, 2018. Letter of Intent shall be issued to the allottees in the first week of August and possession of the plots shall be handed over by the end of this year.