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Marriage palaces: Govt allows more time to file applications

CHANDIGARH: The department of housing and urban development has extended the last date for submission of applications for regularisation of marriage palaces.

The marriage palace owners can now submit applications for regularisation of unauthorised marriage palaces till June 30, 2017. The deadline for submission had expired on February 15, said an official spokesman.

He said the scope of existing policy dated August 16, 2016, provides for its validity till the final disposal of applications received along with compounding charges. The relief can be availed by the marriage palace owners who could not apply earlier under the previous policy of the government.

Out of a total of 1,180 marriage palaces existing outside municipal limits in the state, 1,093 had applied for regularisation, said the spokesman.

The committee constituted for the purpose has declared 107 marriage palaces as regular and 364 have been granted change of land use. Demand notices have been issued to 340 applicants and 147 building plans have been approved.

The department got ₹ 38.84 crore as compounding fees. **HTC**



The owners of unauthorised marriage palaces can submit their applications for regularisation by June 30. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Owners get another chance to regularise marriage palaces

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The Punjab Government has extended the last date for the submission of applications seeking regularisation of unauthorised marriage palaces.

The owners of such palaces can now submit their applications by June 30. The previous deadline fixed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development was February 15.

Under the policy, the regularisation can be done against the payment of compounding charges.

The charges have been worked out at ₹10-50 lakh per acre, depending on the location of the palace. The benchmark for fixing the rates is the distance from municipal limits and the category of the

city/municipal committee.

So far, of the 1,180 palaces located outside the municipal limits in the state, 1,093 have applied for regularisation. The committee constituted for the purpose has declared 107 palaces as regular and 364 have been granted change of land use (CLU).

Demand notices have been issued to 340 applicants, while 147 building plans have been approved.

The department has received ₹38.84 crore in compounding charges so far.

"The department proposes to spend the amount on the external development of the respective marriage palaces," an officer said, adding that the regularisation of marriage palaces located within the municipal limits had been undertaken by the Department of Local Government.

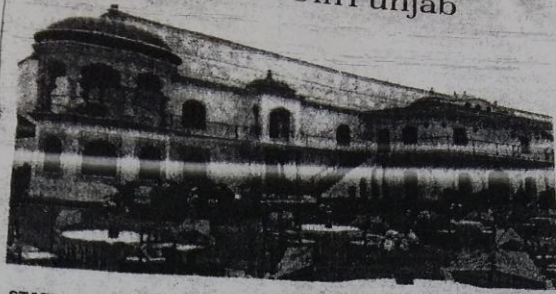
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MARRIAGE PALACES

PUDA's new
deadline June 30

Chandigarh: Punjab Housing and Urban Development (PUDA) department Monday extended its last date for submission of applications for regularisation of marriage palaces to June 30. The relief could be availed by marriage palace owners who could not apply within the last deadline on February 15. The policy provides regularisation of unauthorised marriage palaces against payment of compounding charges. These charges include EDC, CLU, permission fee and SIF. Combining all the said components on prescribed rates, compounding charges work out between Rs 10 lakh per acre to Rs 50 lakh per acre, depending on the location of the palace. Also, marriage palaces located on National Highways or Scheduled Roads attract higher compounding charges. ENS

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Golden chance for unauthorised
marriage palaces in Punjab



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Giving a 'golden' chance to around 1,200 unauthorised marriage palace owners, the Punjab government has asked them to comply with the rules laid under regularisation of unauthorised marriage palaces policy.

As a result, the state government has extended the deadline for applying regularisation of unauthorised marriage palaces by 30 June which had expired on 15 February, 2017.

The move is said to be taken as a preparatory measure before the implementation of master plans in various towns of the state.

An official spokesperson of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department said that the relief could be availed by marriage palace owners who could not apply earlier under government's previous policy revised in August, 2016.

"Regularisation of marriage palaces has been seen as a step towards urban development and implementation of master plans in the state," said the spokesperson.

He further said that policy frame work in place provides for regularisation of unauthorised marriage palaces against payment of compounding charges.

These charges include External Development Charges (EDC), Change of Land Use (CLU), permission fee and Social Infrastructure Fee (SIF).

"Combining all the said

components on prescribed rates, compounding charges work out between Rs 10 lakh per acre to 50 lakh per acre, depending on the location of the marriage palace. The benchmark for fixing rates is distance from municipal limits and category of city or municipal committee. Also, marriage palaces located on National highway or scheduled road attract higher compounding charges," the spokesperson added.

As per the records, out of a total of 1,180 marriage palaces existing outside municipal limits in the state, 1,093 had applied for regularisation under regularisation policy.

A committee constituted for the purpose has declared 107 marriage palaces as regular and 364 have been granted change of land use (CLU).

Demand notices have been issued to 340 applicants and 147 building plans have been approved. Remaining applications are being processed for regularisation. Combining various components of the compounding fees, department has received Rs 38.84 Crore. The department proposes to spend this amount on the external development of respective marriage palaces. Regularisation of marriage palaces located within municipal limits has been undertaken by the Department of local government under this policy. Setting up of new marriage palaces is also permissible," added the spokesperson.