

Farmers of 5 villages approach GMADA

Offer acquisition of 272 acres under land pooling policy

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In a major development, which shows inclination towards the land pooling policy of the Department of Housing & Urban Development, farmers of Tira, Bansepur, Sangala, Gandoli and Rehmanpur villages have approached the department with a request to acquire their land under the land pooling policy.

Giving information, Ravi Bhagat, Chief Administrator, Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA), today said: "Landowners of Tira, Bansepur, Sangala, Gandoli and Rehmanpur villages have approached GMADA, offering acquisition of about 272 acres of their land in the New Chandigarh area".

The GMADA will start the acquisition of land by way of land pooling following the due procedure. The land is located at the entrance of PR-4 road and is well-connected.

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The GMADA will explore the modalities to take up the acquisition and after taking the legal course involved, the land will be acquired.

Farmers have laid some demands such as holding a common draw for allotment of plots to them and to applicants who would apply in response to the scheme launched in future inviting applications from the general public.

They have also sought exemption from the stamp duty to be levied on purchase of land after selling this land.

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Speaking on the issue, Vini Mahajan, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Government of Punjab, said the land pooling policy of the department suits best the interests of farmers and that is the reason why the department had successfully acquired land by way of land pooling for development of its earlier projects.

"As far as the demands of the land owners, who have approached the department offering acquisition of their lands, are concerned, their demands will be given precedence," she said.

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Land to GMADA: Farmers seek stamp duty exemption

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MOHALI: A day after farmers approached Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) asking the authority to acquire their land under the land pooling policy, they have sought exemption from the stamp duty to be levied on the purchase after selling this land.

GMADA chief administrator Ravi Bhagat said, "Land owners of villages Tira, Bahsepur, Sangala, Gandoli and Rehmanpur offered acquisition of about 272 acre in New Chandigarh area." "We will start the process by land pooling following the due procedure. The land is located at the entrance of PR-4 road and is well

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