

# Punjab cautions people of fraud in name of housing scheme

**SASNAGAR:** Punjab department of housing and urban development has cautioned residents of fraudulent offers made under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).

The department has said Punjab has not authorised any person to collect money for availing any benefit under the scheme. Demand under PMAY (U) has been assessed and registered by the state's department of local bodies free of cost.

Issuing an appeal to Punjab residents, the department has cautioned not to pay money or disclose details such as Aadhaar Card, bank account number, phone number or email id to any person for PMAY (U). The department has also asked residents to report any such fraudulent activity to the nearest police station. The goal of the scheme is to ensure states and UTs ensure a *pucca* house to all the homeless by 2022.

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# ‘Don’t fall prey to fraudulent offers’

*Chandigarh:* Taking serious note that certain unscrupulous people are making fraudulent beneficiary offers under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) to potential beneficiaries, the Punjab Housing and Urban Development department made it clear that the state government has not authorised any person to collect money for availing any benefit under the scheme. Demand under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) has been assessed and registered by the department of local bodies free of cost, it said. Issuing an appeal to the people, the department has cautioned not to pay money or disclose important details such as Aadhaar card number, bank account number, phone and e-mail id to any person. It also said that any fraudulent activity needs to be reported to the nearest police station.

Any person/entity using the name or logo of the scheme or of the Housing and Urban Development Department or responsible for any abetment of any kind in the name of the scheme shall be liable for action. The mission of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) is to facilitate the states/UTs to ensure that pucca houses are built for the homeless by the year 2022.

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