

Purab Apartments to be completed by September-end: Vini Mahajan



Vini Mahajan, Additional Chief Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Punjab, listens to grievances of residents at a meeting at Purab Apartments in Sector 88, Mohali, on Thursday.

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GMADA's pilot project, Purab Apartments, will be completed by September 30. Senior citizens and differently-abled persons will preferably be given flats on ground floor or first floor of the premises here.

This is what Additional Chief Secretary of the Housing and Urban Development and vice-chairperson of PUDA Vini Mahajan has assured the allottees at a meeting held at the project site in Sector 88 here today.

Vini Mahajan, who visited the site and met the allottees to listen to their grievances, said the apartments would be offered by choice to the existing allottees and to permit allottees of the disabled category and senior citizens to shift on available ground and first floors on a priority.

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About the project

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room apartment now opting for 2-bedroom apartment would also be permitted after charging difference in allotment price," said Vini Mahajan, adding that Wi-Fi facility would also be given on the premises.

Meanwhile, members of the Purab Apartments Association, who had earlier announced to

stage a protest against the GMADA authorities for not paying heed to their problems, have deferred their programme after meeting with Vini Mahajan.

The officer assured them that all their grievances would be redressed soon.

"The authorities have assured us to redress our grievances so we have deferred our protest," said the members of the association.

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* Additional chief secretary, housing, Vini Mahajan at the Purab Apartments in Sector 88 on Thursday.

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'Remove defects in construction at Purab Apartments'

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MOHALI: Allottees of Purab Premium Apartments, Sector 88, who had declared to hold a protest on July 10, heaved a sigh of relief after additional chief secretary of housing and urban development Vini Mahajan visited them on Thursday. Their concern was the construction defects in the apartments allotted to them.

Mahajan directed the officials of Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) to remove all defects in construction and complete the unfinished towers at the earliest.

A decision to allow senior citizens and allottees under disabled category to shift to the available ground and first floors on priority was also taken by Mahajan. She said the allottees of one-bedroom apartments, who are now opting for double-bedroom apartments, will also be allowed for up gradation after charging the difference in the allotment price.

Mahajan was accompanied by GMADA chief administrator Ravi Bhagat and other senior officials. The protest declared by the allottees prompted the officials to visit the site and address the long-pending grievances of allottees.

Parvinder Singh, a member of Purab Premium Apartments Allottees' Association, said the protest has been deferred with a hope that directions issued by the senior officials will be implemented.

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- Non-functional fire extinguishers in some buildings
- No extinguishers at all in other buildings
- Incomplete and unfinished construction of few buildings
- Sub-standard material used
- Panel doors not painted or polished.
- Anti-skid ceramic tiles installed against anti-skid vitrified tiles
- Exhaust fans not provided at some flats.

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tion. The project did not come up as it was promoted through the brochures," he said.

GMADA had launched the project having 1,620 premium apartments of three types in 2011. Out of 980 allotted apartments, 590 have been occupied.

However, 480 houses are still under construction, likely to be completed in next three months.

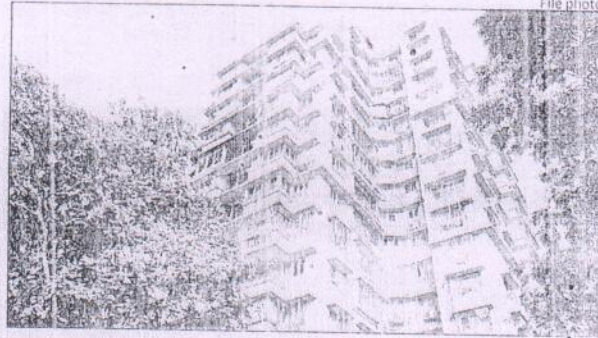
Tata Memorial Centre, which is constructing a state-of-the-art cancer hospital at Medicity in New Chandigarh, had also applied for 30 flats, which was approved.

Gmada offers flats by choice to Purab Apartment allottees

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Mohali: The department of housing and urban development, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh has decided to offer apartments by choice to existing allottees at Purab Premium Apartments. Vini Mahajan, additional chief secretary of the department-cum-vice-chairman, PUDA said this is being done in view of the fact that the apartments were allotted through draw of lots and some of the allottees faced inconvenience.

Mahajan, along with GMADA chief administrator Ravi Bhagat, additional chief administrator, chief engineer and chief town planner visited the aggrieved dwellers on Thursday. The department has also decided to permit allottees in the disabled category



Purab Premium Apartments, Mohali

and senior citizens to move to flats on the ground and first floors on priority basis. People who want to opt for two-bedroom apartments instead of the one bedroom apartments they were allotted will also be permitted to do so after paying difference in allotment price. Vini Mahajan said, "We

have offered residents free wifi facility in every flat. GMADA officials have been directed to fulfill all shortcomings in the society by September."

The chief minister, who is also in-charge of the housing and urban development department, directed GMADA to remove defects in construc-

tion to the satisfaction of allottees. During his visit to Purab Apartment site, GMADA chief administrator requested allottees to elect a resident welfare association to assist GMADA in maintaining common areas.

Purab Premium apartment RWA president S K Lona said, "Vini Mahajan assured that all defects in flats will be removed by September. Conditions in the brochure will also be fulfilled by GMADA. We submitted a memorandum of demands to Vini Mahajan today."

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