

**Subject:REGARDING WAIVER OFF THE EXTENSION FEE IN HARDSHIP CASES.**

Please refer to the subject cited above.

The Govt. of Punjab Department of Housing & Urban Development vide notifications dt. 8.10.2001 issued vide no.G.S.R.102/P.A.II/95/S:180/Amd.(2)/2001 amended the rules 13 of the Punjab Regional & Town Planning and Development (General) Rules, 1995 w.e.f. 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 1995. The Sub rule 6 of rule-13 of this notification provides that in genuine cases of hardship of a class of person(s), the committee may by general or specific order remit or waive off partly or fully the extension fee for any person(s) for the reasons to be recorded in writing. The Finance Committee vide item No. 21.10, 23.10, 25.06 and 26.13 have decided to consider the cases of following categories of hardship for waiving off extension fee:-

1. Serving Soldiers and officers of Armed Forces shall be given additional time for completion of the construction equal to the total period spent by them in posting at non family stations.
2. Death of the allottee, case of war widows, next of kin of police and para-military forces killed in action, allottees suffering from diseases that make it impossible for him to carry out construction within the stipulated period or the cases of Government officers/officials who are required to serve outside the State in accordance with the conditions of their service. It is clarified that the posting at Chandigarh tantamount to posting within the Punjab this decision would be applicable only to the Govt. officers/ officials of the Punjab Govt. and Public Sector Undertakings of Punjab Government and in case of war widows, the decision would be applicable to only war widows who have been allotted plots under the "serving & retired defence personnel and para military forces including war widows of these categories".
3. The concession shall also be available to the spouses of officers/officials who are required to serve outside the State in accordance with the conditions of their service. It is clarified that in the above context, posting at Chandigarh tantamount to posting within the Punjab.
4. The waiver policy is applicable to the original allottee as well as to the subsequent transferees. In the case of transferees no accumulated extension fee, relating to the period prior to the date of transfer in favour of the applicant would be waived off and the waiver in respect of the subsequent portion shall be granted only after clearing of the old arrears.

You are advised to send only those cases for waiving of extension fee which covers under the aforesaid guidelines for approval of the Finance & Accounts Committee.