

Crackdown on illegal builders

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THE HOUSING and Urban Development Department will take action against all builders who are not registered with the Punjab Urban Development Authority (PUDA). The builders of these properties fail to provide basic amenities like drinking water, roads and sewerage in the illegally constructed colonies, thereby making the people suffer. PUDA and Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) have directed builders to either register with both agencies or face consequences.

Punjab's Housing and Urban Development Minister Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria held a meeting with senior officers of the department and expressed concern over construction of illegal colonies over unregistered land. Sarkaria said strict action would be taken against those found involved in this business and no one will be allowed to construct illegal colonies at any cost in the future as well.

Sarkaria, during the meeting, instructed the officials that developers, who have registered with PUDA do not face any problem in terms of getting clearance for their projects, adding, that Housing and Urban Development Department has an important role to play in urban development.

According to the officials, around 700 builders are registered with Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), while 500 builders are yet to register their properties with regulatory authority.