

# Rera vows to rein in errant builders

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**Patna:** To tighten the noose around builders who are not registering their ongoing and new projects with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (Rera), Bihar, the authority will write letters to all the registration offices to not to allow registration of flats or properties.

Similarly, letters will be written to banks for not giving loans to such builders for projects not registered with Rera.

On Monday, Rera Bihar chairman Afzal Amanullah said: "We have extended the deadline for registration of all ongoing projects till June 30 till which builders can register their project with us by paying a fine that would be 300 per cent of the registration fee or Rs 3 lakh, whichever is higher, and after the deadline the registration offices across the state and also the banks will be informed about erring builders and developers."

According to the provisions of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, any builder or developer



**Afzal Amanullah at the Rera office on Monday.**

Picture by Manoj Kumar

undertaking an ongoing project or starting a new project, which has an area of more than 500sqm or an apartment having more than eight flats, needs to register the project with Rera of the state concerned.

Amanullah said after June 30, the authority will start the process of blacklisting the erring builders and developers and circulate their details with the authorities concerned in the state who approve maps for new projects. "We will request all such authorities not to clear the maps

of such builders and developers," the Rera chairman said and added that the list would also be circulated with Rera of other states so that the defaulters could not cheat people in other states as well.

Rera Bihar has also decided to rope in the services of a professional agency for gathering information about all the ongoing projects in Bihar to tighten the noose around those who are executing projects without getting themselves registered with the authority.

"We would be coming up with a detailed advertisement for hiring the professional agency and its report would help us in getting consolidated information about projects from across the state," said Amanullah.

The Rera chairman said the functioning of the authority had started showing results as people in large numbers are coming up with complaints against the builders. "We have been flooded with such complaints and would take action as per the merit of the cases," he said.