

Registration with RERA must for real estate companies now

Govt Set To Change Rules

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Patna: The real estate firms in the state would have to register themselves with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority of India (RERA), failing which the flats they sell would not be registered with the registration office, the state cabinet decided on Friday.

Principal secretary, cabi-

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net secretariat department, Arun Kumar Singh said relevant changes in the Bihar Registration (amendment) Rules 2018 would be made to comply with this decision. RERA (Bihar) had moved the proposal in this regard, he said. The changes made in the rules would be effective from the day the prohibition, excise and registration department adopts a resolution on it, Singh said, adding that the changes made would make

Lack of staff blamed for slow work

Registration of real estate projects and real estate agents is going on at a snail's pace in the state. It has been five months since the full-fledged Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) came into effect in the state, but only 140 ongoing projects and 10 real estate agents have so far procured licences under Section 3 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act 2016.

According to RERA-Bihar officials, around 626 builders and promoters have applied for registration of their ongoing projects since April. RERA-Bihar chairman Afzal Amanullah said the Authority had submitted a proposal to the state government for staff recruitment in April. "I hope that the proposal will be approved in the next state cabinet meeting," he said.

Amanullah added the most time-taking job is scrutiny of application forms. "The builders and promoters are providing wrong details regarding finance, type of project and commencement of the project. Some of them have submitted incomplete and fake documents. RERA-Bihar is functioning with just seven staff, including two members. In most cases, the staff visit the construction sites to verify the authenticity of information," he said. "Many builders and promoters apply for new projects. However, upon physical verification of their projects, it is found that the projects are half-done and the builders are already getting income from them," Amanullah added.

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the system transparent and also protect the rights of persons who purchase flats or land for apartments.

The cabinet gave its nod to include under the Bihar Public Services Rights Act (BPSRA) 2011 the Mukhya-

mantri Kanya Suraksha Yojana and the complete immunization programme of the newborn girls. They would be included as new services put under BPSRA. The services asked by the beneficiaries would be provided in 21 working

days, while the clearance of the first and second appeal each would be done in 15 days.

The cabinet approved Rs11.50 crore for strengthening the judicial system. It also sanctioned Rs6 crore for judicial capacity building by giving training to the investigating officers posted at various police stations, besides supplying them with books to assist them in the probe.

The health department's proposal was also cleared to create 123 posts for manning the trauma centre at Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan Super Speciality Hospital at Rajbanshinagar (Patna). The approval was also given to provide the required manpower and infrastructural facility at MJK Sadar Hospital at Bettiah (West Champaran) and integrate it with the proposed medical college there.

For the establishment of agriculture offices at the panchayat level, the cabinet earmarked Rs42.21 crore to meet the establishment costs during 2018-19. Total 36 proposals were submitted and the cabinet approved 32 of them.