

RERA notices to 51 builders

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Patna: Bihar Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) has issued show-cause notices to 51 builders for advertising, promoting and selling their ongoing projects without registering them with the authority.

The notices were issued under Section 3 of the Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act 2016 for violating the provisions. RERA has also taken a decision to slap a minimum penalty of Rs 10 lakh along with the project registration fee.

RERA used its own sources to gather information about

these projects and also acted on the complaint received by anonymous callers and then served the show-cause notices to builders. Out of 51 notices, 46 have been sent to unregistered ongoing projects in Patna, three in Muzaffarpur and one each in Saran, Ara and Bodh Gaya.

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Bihar RERA member Rajiva Bhushan Sinha said, "The Authority has given two weeks' time to the erring builders to come up with a detailed reply to the show-cause notices. In case they fail to reply within stipulated time, punitive action will be initiated against the builders under Section 59 of the RERA Act."

He added that the RERA members had conducted a sur-

vey between January 28 and February 1 to identify the erring builders, who had advertised their projects on various sections of social media, and other means.

The builders have been asked to register their residential projects (up to 1000 square metres) with RERA along with a late fee of Rs5 lakh or five times the registration amount, whichever is higher. The late registration fee for mixed and commercial projects is Rs7 lakh or seven times the registration fee, whichever is higher. The deadline for the registration of ongoing projects has been extended till end of February.

