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# Cabinet seal on RERA registration for builders to sell property, flats

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**PATNA:** Real state players will no longer be able to register any property to buyers, if they are not registered with Real Estate Regulatory Authority (Rera) in the state.

The state cabinet has amended section 19 of the Bihar registration rules 2018, making it mandatory for the builders and promoters of apartments or residential townships to get themselves registered with RERA for all ongoing and new projects, to be able to sell their properties to buyers.

This was among the 32 proposals related to various departments that were approved by the cabinet at its meeting chaired by chief minister Nitish Kumar here on Friday.

Principal secretary, cabinet secretariat department, Arun Kumar Singh said the provision restricting registration of flats to buyers by unregistered builders/promoters would come into effect once the cabinet decision was notified in the state gazette in next few days.

RERA chairman Afzal Amanullah thanked the government for amending the rules so that the regulatory authority could

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help protect unsuspecting buyers from deceitful builders. "So far, little over 140 builders and promoters from across the state have registered themselves with RERA, while over 200 have been slapped notices for defying norms," said Amanullah, adding that registry department had already been told not to process registration of flats from any entity unregistered by the RERA.

Amanullah said the authority would initiate action against builders or promoters delaying registration of flats to the legitimate owners only if any complaint was lodged. "Builders and promoters of real estate projects may face penal action, which includes jail and penalty, if they fail to abide by their commitments made to the buyers,"

added the RERA chief.

In another important decision, the state cabinet put on hold the compulsion of Aadhaar-linked accounts for transfer of grants and scholarships to beneficiaries of various welfare schemes. The waiver has been accorded in the light of Supreme Court's order on Aadhaar issue. As per the previous arrangement, beneficiaries of different schemes were asked to link their accounts with Aadhaar by June 30 to continue availing benefits.

In its bid to ensure smooth implementation of the agricultural roadmap, the state cabinet has sanctioned Rs 42.21 crore for setting up agriculture offices at panchayat levels.

Local agriculture coordinators and farmers' advisors will be deployed at panchayat level offices to apprise farmers about latest technologies and help them avail benefits of different schemes.

The cabinet also decided to bring Mukhya Mantri Kanya Suraksha Yojna, a component of Mukhya Mantri Kanya Utthan Yojna, under the Right to Public Services Act. Kanya Suraksha Yojna mainly deals in immunisation facility for the girl child.

## OTHER DECISIONS



**189 posts**

of enforcement sub-inspector created to man transport department's check posts

**123 posts**

created for operation of trauma centre at Rajvanshi Nagar super speciality hospital

**460 posts'**

creation okayed for operation and management of Panchayati Raj schemes

**₹17.50crore**

sanctioned for revamping and strengthening of legal system

**92 posts**

sanctioned for smooth functioning of appellate bodies of education department