

DDA forms cell for land pooling

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New Delhi: The city has got a cell to implement and monitor the land pooling policy. The decision was taken at the DDA's board meeting on Friday. In addition, the Delhi government has been given 60 flats in CWG Village, a cause of friction with the land-owning agency last year. Addressing another major concern, the conversion of property from leasehold to freehold—the LG asked Delhi Development Authority to prepare a timeline for all the departments concerned so that delays and any irregularity can be tracked easily.

DDA had 711 flats in the village and had reserved several flats for the petroleum, finance and power ministries as well as National Green Tribunal last year. Of the 168 remaining flats, DDA had decided to allot 60 to the Delhi government.



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The LG has also asked DDA to monitor the quality of flats under construction.

The land pooling policy, which has been aggressively promoted by the urban development ministry, got a step closer to realization with the creation of a land pooling cell. "The regulations circulated earlier will be publicized and notified besides putting them up on the DDA website for feedback. The meeting saw the for-

mation of a cell, creation of posts, the budget for administrative expenditure and declaration of 95 villages as development areas and declaration of 88 villages as urban villages," said a senior DDA official.

On the LG's direction, DDA had computerized the process of converting a property from leasehold to freehold, but the process is riddled with problems and thought to be a major source of corruption. Najeeb

SALIENT POINTS

- ▶ Operationalization of DDA's land pooling policy
- ▶ Streamlining of conversion of property from leasehold to freehold
- ▶ Allotment of 60 Commonwealth Games Village flats to Delhi government
- ▶ Check on the quality of construction of flats

Jung asked DDA to assign a timeline to each department.

The board of directors approved a change in the land use of 1.9 hectares from 'recreational' to 'utility' at Dhaura Kuan to facilitate construction of a relay station for Mukandpur - Yamuna Vihar Corridor Line-7 in DMRC network. DDA officials said modalities for operationalizing enhanced FAR as contained in MPD-2021, were also approved.