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Municipal Corporation Commissioner issues fresh warning

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LUDHIANA: Irked over the lax attitude of the Assistant Town Planners (ATPs) in giving the details of the under construction illegal buildings in the city the Municipal Corporation (MC) Commissioner has issued fresh warning to them to submit the detail within two days or face action.

In a letter written to all the ATPs on Saturday evening the MC Commissioner had clearly written that despite of earlier orders made a week ago none of the ATPs had submitted the detail of the illegal buildings being constructed in their respective area. In the letter Commissioner has clearly warned them of serious consequences if they do not submit the details of the illegal buildings in the coming two days. According to the available information in order to identify the illegal buildings in the city the MC commissioner GS Ghuman had asked all the ATPs to submit undertakings regarding the illegal under construction buildings in their respective zones so that a regular tab could be kept on the construction of the illegal buildings.

Likewise acting on the orders of the MC Commissioner the ATPs of all the zones had submitted the list of 273 under construction illegal buildings on July 29th. According to the information provided by the ATPs 62 under construction illegal

buildings were found in Zone A, 51 in Zone B, 61 in Zone C and 99 in Zone D. However acting on the complaints and the media reports regarding the corrupt nexus of the officers and the building owners behind these the Commissioner had on August 1st asked all the ATPs to furnish the full details of all the 273 illegal buildings the list of which have been submitted by them a few days back. He had asked them to give the details regarding the name of the owner of the building, address, total area of the plot in which the building is being constructed and the total covered area of the plot.

However failing to get the details even after the passing of more than 15 days the Commissioner has now issued stern warning to the ATPs to either submit the list or face action. Confirming the orders Ghuman said that if the ATPs fail to submit the detail regarding the buildings then strict disciplinary action would be taken against them.