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Punjab Govt to regularise over 5300 unauthorised colonies

After formulated a comprehensive policy to regularise more than 5,300 unauthorised colonies, Punjab Government on Wednesday instructed all the Deputy Commissioners to launch a sustained campaign to get illegal colonies regularised in the state and complete this job as a 'mission'.

The move, expected to come as a big relief to about 5,000 colonies and two lakh individuals plot holders or building owners across the State, is aimed at providing basic amenities to the people of Punjab.

The decision to regularise the unauthorised colonies was taken recently in the Cabinet meeting. The policy would be applicable for one year, starting from April 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014, in the entire state. Only those unapproved colonies or the buildings constructed before April 1, 2013, would be considered under this policy.

The last date of submission of application is August 25, 2013, and no further extension would be given for regularisation.

"Punjab Government has come out with a most public-friendly policy that would allow the colonisers of illegal colonies to get their offences compounded and house and plot owners to get their tenements regularized with a nominal fee," Sukhbir Singh Badal, Deputy Chief Minister said.

Allaying the rumours that total ban has been imposed on all registries, Sukhbir said that DCs should specifically tell the revenue authorities that registration has been banned only in property located in listed in 5300 illegal colonies and take strict action against rumour mongers.