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Unapproved buildings in HACA areas can face action

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The Coimbatore Local Planning Authority (LPA) has said that it will take action against constructions without proper approvals in Hill Area Conservation Authority (HACA)-notified villages.

An official of the LPA told *The Hindu* on Friday that notices have been issued to some buildings for not getting the approvals. There are instances of violation of rules in these areas.

Coimbatore has as many as 17 HACA-notified villages. The public should be aware of that they need to get the approval procedures. They should get HACA clearance to construct buildings in approved areas in these villages.

District Collector M. Karunakaran has said in a press release

that applications for land use reclassification, industrial construction, developing residential plots or infrastructure projects and construction of non-residential buildings of more than 300 sq.metres, more than two houses on a plot and ground plus one residential building should be submitted to the HACA and get its clearance.

The local bodies do not have the authority to provide plan approval. New buildings or expansion of the existing buildings without getting the approvals or not following the norms will face action from the LPA. The LPA can seal the building, remove the expansions, levy penalty or seize the materials used for construction, the press release says.