

Ex-ministers among 56 who faked papers for plots: HUDA

The Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA) on Friday informed the Punjab and Haryana high court that it has identified 56 allottees who have obtained multiple plots under the discretionary quota by producing false and misleading affidavits.

HUDA's list includes former finance minister Mange Ram Gupta, Gajraj Bahadur, also a former minister, IAS officer R K Ranga and HCS officer Thakur Das. One of the allottees even got away with false address as '10-Janpath Delhi,' which is the official residence of UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi.

However, Justice Daya Chaudhary was not satisfied and observed that the information provided by the department was incomplete. Hearing this, HUDA chief administrator A K Singh sought more time to provide additional details. He also informed the court that the scrutiny of the remaining discretionary quota allotments was in progress and it would take another month.

Adjourning the hearing to February 26, Justice Chaudhary asked HUDA to furnish details of all such allottees. The court passed the order as it resumed hearing on a petition on irregularities where several ex-servicemen had fraudulently received more than one plot from HUDA.

Many such plots were allotted in developed sectors of Gurgaon where land prices are the highest in the state. During the hearing, Gurgaon police had informed the high court that investigation in the matter was on. On December 4, the high court had asked HUDA to provide complete details about those who were allotted plots in its developed sectors under the "discretionary quota" of the state government. During the case hearing on Friday, Justice Chaudhary mentioned a letter received by the court in which it was alleged that T C Gupta, principal secretary, town and country planning, Haryana, had procured three plots under the scheme. That's not it. According to reports, Gupta has already sold one such plot.

Justice Chaudhary asked the HUDA chief administrator, who was present in the courtroom, as to why Gupta's name was not mentioned on the list provided by him. Singh has been asked to provide information on the next date of hearing – February 26. The matter had reached the HC after a serving Army colonel, who was booked for such fraud, sought a stay on his arrest. Following the high court intervention, HUDA recommended FIRs against all those who were allotted more than one plot under the reserved defence quota in various urban estates of the state on the basis of false affidavits.

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