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You can soon apply for plan sanction

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There is some good news for lakhs of people residing in the city who have not been able to get their building plans sanctioned for their sub-divided plots for years. After the central government gave a green signal to legalise sub-division of plots in the city, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will be

issuing a public notice next week initiating the process. Through the public notice MCD will be inviting all eligible property and plot owners asking them to submit their application for getting a building plan sanctioned.

The move is also aimed at curbing unauthorised construction in the city as a building in east Delhi's Lalita Park that had collapsed last year in November killing 70 people, was an illegal structure built on a sub-divided plot.

"I've directed the MCD commissioner to issue a public notice inviting applications from people. Once public notice is issued, we will start sanctioning building plans," said Yogender Chandolia, chairman, MCD

Standing Committee.

However, only those plots which were sub-divided before February 7, 2007, will be considered for issuing a building plan. Also, plots measuring less than 32 metres cannot be sub-divided and will not be eligible.

The move is going to benefit the special areas, regularised unauthorised colonies and urbanised colonies the most, which includes areas such as Chandni Chowk, Paharganj, Karol Bagh, Mukherjee Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Geeta Colony, and Model Town, among others.

The civic agency claims that if permission is granted for the same, it will be able to earn R500 crore per year through this exercise. According to the MCD, there has been a sharp decline in the number of joint families with most residents wishing to divide their properties and carry out different construction activities. Hence, bigger plots were divided into smaller plots but they were not able to get their building plans sanctioned under the earlier building by-laws.

"A number of owners will be able to get their building plans sanctioned for the entire plots or those who have already carried out construction, they will be able to get their building regularised," said a senior MCD official.

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- A building collapse that killed 70 people in east Delhi's Lalita Park last year in November was an illegal structure built on a sub-divided plot.
- The move will benefit plot owners in special areas such as Chandni Chowk, Karol Bagh and Sadar Paharganj, unauthorised regularised colonies, urbanised villages
- MCD will issue a public notice inviting applications from plot/property owners
- As people will start submitting applications, along with the fee, MCD hopes to earn a lot of revenue through this exercise
- MCD has also made a proposal and sent it to the Delhi government asking it to similar sub-division of plots in approved colonies as well, such as Greater Kailash, Lajpat Nagar, Saket.

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