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PMRDA UNVEILS 'ACTION PLAN' TO FAST-TRACK AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACROSS 674 VILLAGES

Metropolitan Commissioner Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari issues strict directives to move from application processing to on-ground delivery; Special focus on EWS and Gaothan areas.

PUNE | In a decisive move to bridge the housing gap in the region, the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) has launched a comprehensive '**Action Plan**' to accelerate the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). The initiative aims to provide direct relief to beneficiaries across 674 villages within the PMRDA jurisdiction.

Metropolitan Commissioner **Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari** has issued stern directives to the administration, emphasizing that the process must go beyond merely inviting applications. He underscored the need for a functional administrative machinery dedicated to ensuring that every eligible beneficiary receives physical possession of their home, thereby clearing the path for the economically weaker sections (EWS) to secure their housing rights.

Technical Hurdles and Implementation Chairing a high-level review meeting of the Engineering Department, Dr. Chaudhari approved several strategic interventions to eliminate technical bottlenecks. A dedicated '**City Level Technical Cell**' (CLTC) is being established to resolve implementation issues in real-time. The Commissioner has ordered the immediate recruitment of experts to man this cell.

Furthermore, to ensure high construction standards and project velocity, specialized agencies will be appointed to manage the '**Beneficiary Led Construction**' (BLC) and '**Affordable Housing in Partnership**' (AHP) components of the scheme.

Land Identification Drive Recognizing land availability as a primary constraint, PMRDA will launch a massive campaign to identify prime government land across nine talukas. These sites will be evaluated for the development of housing projects under the AHP model. The authority aims to establish at least one housing project in every assembly constituency within its limits to ensure equitable distribution of benefits.

Policy Push for Gaothan Areas In a significant policy shift, the Commissioner signaled a positive approach toward approving housing proposals in **Gaothan (village settlement)** areas under PMAY-2. Given the rising population density and land scarcity in rural and semi-urban pockets, this decision is expected to unlock pending proposals and expedite the "common man's dream" of homeownership.

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