

LDA simplifies property transfer process

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LUCKNOW: The Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) has streamlined the property transfer process in a bid to improve public service. The authority vice-chairman Prathamesh Kumar introduced the changes on Monday, allowing the property section to directly verify the transfer fee deposited online.

Kumar said the new system eliminates unnecessary steps and ensures that transfer certificates are immediately updated

on the LDA portal once issued.

Kumar implemented a standard operating procedure (SOP) to assign clear responsibilities to officers. The SOP aims to prevent delays, with strict action to be taken if files are held beyond the stipulated time.

LDA additional secretary Gyanendra Verma said that the transfer process is vital for allottees of residential and commercial properties under various LDA schemes. As per the Janhit Guarantee Act, the transfer must be completed within 60 days. However, procedural complexi-

ties have caused delays, with some cases pending for over a year. These issues came to light during the 'Single Table Clearance Day' held on Saturday, prompting the LDA vice chairman to simplify the process.

Under the new procedure, the nodal officer will forward online transfer applications to the in-charge property officer on the same day they are received. The in-charge officer will then send the application to the planning assistant for verification, who will cross-check the application with the relevant file and, if

needed, conduct a site inspection. All the dues will be established, and a recommendation will be made within seven days, an LDA press note read.

In another development, the authority's property section will now verify the transfer fee through the UTR/IMPS number, bypassing the need to involve the accounts section, which previously caused delays. If any discrepancies arise during the transfer, then it will be cancelled, and the fee will be refunded with interest, the LDA release read.