

Strict action against illegal land grab in LIDA

Work on LIDA master plan to be expedited

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Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lucknow Industrial Development Authority (LIDA) and **Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development Department, Dr Surya Pratap Singh** has cautioned that stringent action shall be taken against illegal possession and illegal construction on the notified land area of LIDA.

“So to avoid eviction and legal action, people involved in illegal land grab and building business should vacate the land inside LIDA notified area immediately”, **said Chairman, LIDA.**

Dr Singh was chairing a meeting with chief consultant of LIDA regarding draft master plan of LIDA here today. The consultant for LIDA, M/s Techmech made a presentation on 'draft master plan of LIDA-2031'. **Chairman LIDA, Dr Surya Pratap Singh asked** the consultants to submit a final draft report of LIDA master plan within 10 days, failing which the award will be cancelled and a new consultant will be selected. “All mandatory clearances required to allow development of infrastructure should be included in the draft report”, **Dr Singh directed.**

It may be noted that the present consultant, viz. M/s Techmech was selected in the year 2010 for a period of six months to prepare a master plan for LIDA. The consultant has not submitted the draft master plan till now. Now, the consultant has been issued strict directions to submit the draft master plan of LIDA by August 10, 2013.

An area of 33,648 hectares has been notified by LIDA for encouraging industrial development in and around the State capital.

Chairman LIDA, Dr Surya Pratap Singh said, *“Preparing a comprehensive master plan should be the policy before acquiring any land for development, so that the development work is implemented in a time-bound manner.”*

*“Acquiring land without a master plan is difficult to justify and illegal use of land takes place”, **he added.***

It was informed that earlier only non-polluting industrial units were to be included in the master plan but now all kinds of units will be taken into consideration before finalising the master plan.

It is pertinent to mention here that with an estimated cost of around Rs 285 crores, Lucknow Information Technology Park is proposed to be developed in approximately 1,30,000 square meter land area of LIDA. LIDA is the nodal agency for this purpose.

Among others, the meeting was also attended by Additional Chief Executive Director, Ramdin and Project Manager, S P Singh.
