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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Cancellation of Small Flats due to Non-Payment of monthly rent**

During the month of June 2019, 10 days special camps for collection of outstanding rent from Small Flats were organized by the Chandigarh Housing Board at 07 locations namely Dhanas, Ramdarbar, Maulijagan, Sector-38, West Sector-49, Sector-56 and at Industrial Area Phase-I. Further 03 days mini-camps were organized at these locations during the month of July 2019. Special Counters have also been provided in these locations to collect monthly rents. These efforts resulted into recovery of more than Rs. 10 crores during last four months but rent amount more than Rs. 20 crores are yet to be recovered from the allottees of the Small Flats.

Here it is mentioned that monthly rent of the small flats is Rs. 800/- for first five years and the same is increased by 20% after every five years. Hence the monthly rent is highly subsidized and the allottees should have cleared their dues to avoid the actions like cancellation and eviction etc.

The Chandigarh Housing Board issued notices to about 5500 allottees during the month of July 2019 but most of them did not clear their pending dues. In about 275 cases, the CHB had issued three notices for cancellation but out of these only 48 allottees cleared their outstanding dues. The detail of remaining 227 Small Flats where repeated Show Cause Notices was uploaded on the website of CHB with the clear mention that in case they fail to clear their dues, their allotment may be cancelled and thereafter they would be evicted from the small flats after following the due process. Subsequently it was decided to give them one opportunity of personal hearing also. However despite all these attempts, most of the allottees have not yet cleared their pending dues.

In view of above, the Chandigarh Housing board has left with no alternate but to cancel the allotment of those Small Flats who have failed to clear their dues despite repeated opportunities. Accordingly allotments of 09 allottees at Dhanas have been cancelled on 14.10.2019 and allotments of many allottees of Small Flats may be cancelled in next few days due non- payment of their monthly rents.

All the allottees of Small Flats are again requested to clear their pending dues immediately to avoid cancellation of their flats. Now they can make payments online also by visiting website of the CHB i.e. [www.chbonline.in](http://www.chbonline.in)

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