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## Press Release

Director General Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) Agha Maqsood Abbas has said that the order of the Honourable High Court of Sindh to make lease, sub-lease and sale deed conditional to the approval of building plan is of importance in preventing illegal buildings. Illegal construction and commercial plaza on residential plots and violation of land utilization are causing rapid increase in civic problems and no pressure should be tolerated in this regard. He said this while presiding a meeting of officers at SBCA Headquarter, Karachi. He said that SBCA has adequate number of building experts and experienced engineers and it is our duty to acquaint other Regions of the Authority with modern-day requirements of building construction. He directed the concerned officers that a policy should soon be formulated under which those directors and officers from Karachi who may offer their services for other Regions for two years are promoted to the next level and given better privileges. To impart essential information to junior officers about town planning regularization and help them comprehend legal intricacies, lecture classes should be held on permanent basis under the supervision of a Senior Director. In this connection schedule of classes should be prepared in suitability to the towns section.

Maqsood said that the order of the Honourable High Court of Sindh to make lease, sub-lease and sale deed conditional to the building plan approved by SBCA bodes well as it will help attain positive results in action against illegal buildings. He said that at present there is a greater number of complaints regarding illegal buildings especially commercial plaza, flats/units type construction on residential plots in North Nazimabad, Liaquatabad, Gulberg, Gulshan-e- Iqbal and Jamshed Town for which maximum responsibility lies with the building inspectors. This will not be tolerated any longer and strict departmental actions will be taken without any relaxation. Director General Agha Maqsood Abbas further said that a special cell will be established in view of pressures and difficulties faced in taking action against illegal buildings which will undertake rapid action against illegal buildings. In case of any hurdles or difficulties faced by this cell help from law enforcement agencies will also be sought. Moreover, in addition to Karachi, Vigilance Section will also be activated in other Regions i.e. Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Sukkur and Larkana in order to improve building regulation. All Senior Directors of Buildings and Town Directors were present at the meeting.

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