

Civic bodies to attach tax defaulters' assets

Gardanibagh Housing Colony To Be Rebuilt

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Patna: The municipal bodies in the state have been given more teeth to recover taxes and the power of attachment and sale of immovable property of defaulters.

The cabinet, on Tuesday, approved the regulation of section 155 and 158 of the Bihar Municipal Act, 2007, which provides for attachment and sale of immovable property for the recovery of tax under the Act.

Principal secretary, cabinet coordination department, Vijoy Prakash said the municipalities now have been authorized to attach the property of the tax defaulters. In case any defaulter escapes by locking his prem-

ises, the municipalities are now authorized to break the door and take possession of it and even attach the bank account of the defaulters.

The cabinet, chaired by CM Nitish Kumar, also approved the formation of Bihar Forestry Development Corporation Limited.

CABINET DECISIONS

The government has decided to develop an area of 292 acre in Gardanibagh locality under PPP mode. There is a housing colony in that area for grade III and IV government employees. There are 770 flats built in late 1920s. Now, the entire area will be reconstructed and resettled.

The cabinet approved

Rs99.65 crore for the construction of 220, 132 and 33KV new grids of 2x150 and 2x50 MVA capacity at Bihta in Patna district and for the transmission and downlinking lines. The government sanctioned Rs5 crore as loan to the Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Limited for the purpose.

For all the women police stations and the SC/ST police stations, 80 MPI, soft top Euro IV compliant jeeps will be purchased. The cabinet approved Rs3.91 crore at the rate of Rs4.89 lakh per jeep.

A grant of Rs50 lakh to Sunni Wakf Board and Rs20 lakh to Shia Wakf Board was approved for 2012-13 under non-plan expenditure for payment of salaries.