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## HUDA wants Sec-23s illegal gates down by Jan 10

GURGAON: The [Haryana Urban Development Authority](#) (HUDA) has given a deadline to the [Resident Welfare Association](#)

(RWA) of Sector-23 in Gurgaon to dismantle over two dozen iron gates by January 10.

Senior [HUDA](#) officials held a meeting with RWA members over the installation of iron gates, on Monday. There are about 25 gates which, according to the HUDA officials, were not following the guidelines set up for gates in residential colonies. The city authorities had, last month, formed a committee to look into all the requests of iron gate installations in colonies. The RWA members of Sector-23 were told to follow the rules or face dismantling of gates, said a senior HUDA official who participated in the meeting.

The HUDA teams had found that the residents in colonies were keeping the gates closed during the daytime. Ideally, the colony gates cannot be closed for the general public during daytime and the residents were told about this violation of the rule. The residents had claimed that the gates were closed because of security reasons but this is illogical, said the official.

The HUDA team marked 25 gates which would be dismantled on January 10 if the RWA overlooked the guidelines of the authorities. The deputy commissioner, Rajinder Kataria, said: All the representatives of RWA and DTP will meet to discuss the modalities for allowing installation of gates in the city. A committee will screen the application to sort out the location

and number of gates in the colony. If the RWA doesn't follow the rules then the gates will be dismantled.

As per the recently issued guidelines, the gates in plotted colonies will have to stick to the time schedule the gates will have to be kept open between 6am and 11pm every day.

A senior official of the Town and [Country Planning](#) said: The residents will have to follow the timings because there are certain gates which are used by a lot of people during the daytime. If these gates are closed during the day by residents in the name of security, then action will be taken.

In the past, due to numerous gates in colonies, the DTP had demolished four gates in Shushant Lok after receiving complaints from residents. The official said that the gates inside the colonies would be dismantled too. In many colonies, residents have constructed gates only to block entry of people from other lanes and areas which is unacceptable. Such gates will be dismantled, said the official.