

New building rules in Bihar

The urban development and housing department has prepared a fresh draft of Bihar Building Bye-Laws 2026 that awaits cabinet's clearance

- Space is needed on only one side of the structure for fire engines and ambulances in case of an emergency
- Self-certification system for smaller and medium-sized residential buildings, generally up to 24 metres in height
- Clearer rules for parking, including podium and basement, and mandatory rainwater harvesting for plots above a certain size
- Basic standards for room heights, ventilation, kitchens and bathrooms laid down for new homes for safety
- While simpler projects will enjoy faster clearance, taller or more complex structures will undergo stricter checks

