

**Hon'ble Chief Minister's Speech on  
Global Housing Technology Challenge - India  
Laying Foundation Stone Project  
Dated 1.1.2021**

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Ji,

Hon'ble Governors,

Hon'ble Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs,

Hon'ble Chief Ministers,

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister,

Hon'ble Members of Parliament and Officers,

Happy New Year to all.

At the outset, I sincerely thank Hon'ble Prime Minister for selecting Tamil Nadu which was one among the successful Six States in the implementation of the "Housing for All" scheme for the Global Housing Technology Challenge – India Project.

Tamil Nadu is the most urbanized State in the country where 48.45% of the total population are living in urban areas in which 14.63 lakh families are living in the urban slums. In order to eradicate the difficulties faced by the urban slum families, late Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had unveiled Tamil Nadu VISION 2023, which envisages Slum Free Cities

in Tamil Nadu by 2023. Hon'ble Amma realizing the aspirational housing requirements of urban poor families ordered that the tenements must have a bedroom, a hall, a kitchen, toilet, bathroom and a balcony to be built with a plinth area of at least 400 square feet and be provided with fans and electrical fittings.

Under the PMAY-Gramin, the unit cost per house is Rs.1.20 lakh which includes 72 thousand rupees from the Central Government and 48 thousand rupees from the State Government. Additionally, the State Government provides a grant of 50 thousand rupees towards reinforced cement concrete roofing. In addition, 23 thousand rupees in wages under NREGA is given to each beneficiary for construction of toilets.

When I reviewed the scheme recently, I found that the present unit cost is not sufficient for the poorest of poor to construct a house due to increase in prices and loss of livelihood due to COVID-19. I, therefore, sanctioned 70 thousand rupees additionally to each house, increasing the unit cost from 1.70 lakh rupees to 2.40 lakh rupees, costing the State Government 1,805 crore rupees for constructing 2.5 lakh houses.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), sanction has been accorded to construct

1,62,720 storeyed tenements and 3,42,769 individual houses at a total cost of 27 thousand crore rupees.

The Government of India, under the Global Housing Technology Challenge, has sanctioned construction of 1,152 tenements with an area of 413 sqft. at Perumbakkam, Chennai at a cost of 116.27 crore rupees. The project will also include social amenities like a Ration Shop, two Anganwadi centres, a Library, a Milk Booth and six Shops. The project will also have a Sewage Treatment Plant and an Electrical sub-station. This work will be completed within 15 months. This technology will ensure eco-friendly construction fit for diverse climatic quality standards and disaster-proof houses. These tenements will be allotted to the urban poor/slum families living on the banks of waterways and other objectionable lands in Chennai city.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is pleased to partner with Government of India in such initiatives and projects.

Nandri! Vanakkam!

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