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Housing for All (HFA) Urban is being implemented by the Government to provide housing for urban poor. Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB) is the State Level Nodal Agency for implementing the HFA. As a part of this programme, under the Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP), approval has been obtained for 1,65,347 tenements at a cost of Rs.17650.48 crore. Out of these 28,092 tenements have been completed, 96,210 tenements are in progress and 41,045 tenements works will be commenced after following due procedure and getting all statutory clearances.

2. Under HFA, the Government of India has launched Global Housing Technology Challenge (GHTC) with an aim to identify and mainstream a basket of innovative technologies from across the globe that are sustainable and disaster-resilient. Under GHTC, Light House Projects (LHPs) are envisaged as model housing projects with houses built with shortlisted alternate technology suitable to the geo-climatic and hazard conditions of the region. This will demonstrate and deliver ready to live houses with speed, economy and with better quality of construction in a sustainable manner.

3. Accordingly, on behalf of Tamil Nadu State, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board submitted proposal for the construction of 1152 tenements at Perumbakkam in Chennai adopting Global Housing Technology Challenge at a project cost of Rs.116.37 cores. Other five States i.e. Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura also applied for the same.

4. The scheme is approved at a project cost of Rs.11626.97 lakh. The Govt Share is Rs.1728.00 lakh (Rs.1.5 lakh per unit). As this project is to encourage

innovative technology, a Technology innovation Grant (TIG) of Rs.4608 lakh (Rs.4 lakh per unit) is additionally provided. The GoTN Share is Rs.3562.97 lakh (Rs.3.093 lakh per unit) and Beneficiaries share is Rs.1728.00 lakh (Rs.1.50 lakh per unit).

5. The Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) of MoHUA, Government of India called the Global level online Technical bids from various agencies and opened the bid on 03.09.2019. The work was awarded to the Agency, viz M/s. B.G. Shirke Construction Technology Pvt. Ltd for an amount of Rs.116.37 crore and the Technology used is Pre- Cast Concrete Construction System.

6. Precast concrete construction is a system where the individual precast components such as walls, slabs, stairs, column, beam etc, of the building are manufactured in casting yard in controlled conditions. Casted components are then moved to stacking yard where curing is done for the required time and then these finished components are transported to the site. These precast components are installed at site by crane and assembled together through in-situ jointing and/or grouting etc. There are many advantages of precast concrete system. It saves construction time, results in improved quality of construction and it is cost-effective.

7. A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between MoHUA and State Government of Tamil Nadu on 25.11.2019. As per the Memorandum of Agreement, the broad roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders were delineated.

8. Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs (MoHUA), Government of India along with TNUHDB implemented this project. The State Government is to get all statutory approvals for the project to the developer in fast-track mode and to provide State matching share, Beneficiary share in same pattern. The eligible beneficiaries should be identified and the beneficiaries' share should be collected.

9. The foundation stone of Light House Project was laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 01.01.2021. There are 12 Nos of blocks with G+5 storied pattern of development and each block consists of 96 tenements. The plinth area of single unit is 406 Sq.ft. Each tenement consists of hall, bedroom, kitchen, bath room and toilet. Two lifts / elevators have been provided in each Block. This work was supervised by the BMTPC (Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council) and TNUHDB provided the assistance.

10. At present, the construction work has been completed in all respects. The infrastructure such as scheme internal roads, Street lights, Electricity connection, Water supply, Sewage Treatment Plant, ICDS, Convenient shops, Ration Shop, Library, Milk booth and Solid Waste Management have been provided.

11. The water supply works to the scheme / households have been completed & testing is in process. A separate Sewage treatment plant has been executed for this scheme & is functional. The electricity connection to the tenements is under progress and will be completed by 16.05.2022.

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