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Rs 117 Crore For Multi-Storeyed Tenements: CM

Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa on Thursday gave the administrative sanction for constructing 1,472 multi-storey tenements at a cost of ₹117.15 crore through the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (TNSCB) for resettling the hutment dwellers living in Ward No 96 of Chennai Corporation (Kakkanji Nagar).

Of the 1,472 tenements, 1,056 will come up under the Ambattur Athipattu-I project at a cost of Rs 84.92 crore, while 416 tenements will be constructed under the Ambattur Athipattu-II project at a cost of ₹32.23 crore.

The CM also sanctioned ₹31.5 crore and ₹11.63 crore respectively for Athipattu-I and Athipattu-II projects as the State government's grant. Each of the tenements will be built on an area of 271 sq ft with two rooms, a kitchen, balcony and a toilet.

The Chief Minister had already directed the authorities to take

up repair works in the TNSCB tenements constructed many years ago to ensure safe dwelling of the poor. For the current year (2013-14) and the next financial year, the Chief Minister has allocated `25.77 crore for undertaking repair works. With these funds, repair works will be carried out in 29,028 tenements.

As many as 15,656 multi-storey tenements have been constructed in Okkiyam Thoraipakkam as part of the Kannagi Nagar Project, for resettlement of hutment dwellers residing in objectionable areas in Chennai city. Further, 8,048 tenements are being constructed in the same place.

Since the density of population has gone up in this area due to resettlement of people, transport facilities should be upgraded for these people. The Chief Minister has sanctioned `2 crore towards upgrading the Kannagi Nagar bus terminus with more bus bays to park 20 buses and other amenities.