Govt seeks funds for transforming non-CMA

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As part of its efforts to ensure a slum-free Tamil Nadu, the State government has submitted proposals for transforming areas other than Chennai Metropolitan Area to the Asian Development Bank seeking financial assistance. Also, the Common Building Rules will be notified shortly to enhance the ease of doing business in the housing sector.

Governor Banwarilal Purohit told the Assembly on Wednesday he said the decision of the Government to raise the Floor Space Index (FSI) would go a long way to make housing more affordable.

The Government has formulated a comprehensive housing project called Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project to transform spaces in Chennai, Thiruvallur, and Kancheepuram Districts with World Bank funding assistance. A similar project would be taken up for areas other than Chennai Metropolitan Area.

One of the noteworthy initiatives of this Government is to ensure slum-free cities and habitats in the State. The State has been a forerunner in providing houses to the rural poor through the Chief Minister’s Solar Powered Green House Scheme, supplementing the efforts under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin), he said.

The Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (TNSCB) has so far taken up construction of 5,16,741 dwelling units at a project cost of Rs.1,664 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).

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The Chennai Metropolitan Railways (CMRMA) Act and its relevant rules will be notified on Jan 16 to make the integrated functioning of Multi Modal Transportation System a reality.

The Phase I of Chennai Metro Rail to provide world class urban public transport facility in Chennai, is expected to be fully commissioned by January 2020. The Phase I extension from Washermenpet to Wimco Nagar at an estimated cost of Rs.770 crore would be ready for inauguration by June 2020 as scheduled. The State Government has already accorded in-principle approval for the implementation of Phase II of Chennai Metro Rail Project covering 197.55 km in three corridors.

I am happy to inform this august House that the Japan International Cooperation Agency has now approved the funding of Rs.1,166 crore for the priority stretch totaling 55 km from Medavakkam to Sholinganallur and Medavakkam to Chennai Meenavai Bus Terminals (CMBT). The loan agreement for the first tranche of Rs.770 crore was signed on Dec 21, 2019 and work will commence shortly, the Governor said.