

Outgoing L-G inaugurates police housing colony with flats for over 5,000 families

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ON MONDAY, the last day of his tenure, Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Tejendra Khanna inaugurated a police housing project under a public private partnership (PPP) model. The upcoming Rs 1,800-crore project in Northwest Delhi's Dheerpur area would include 5,202 flats, three schools and a commercial space.

The quarters in the complex would be constructed by multinational company Punj Lloyd, which would also maintain the unit for the next 25 year.

Under the project, 85 per cent of the dwelling units to be constructed on 60 acres would be meant for the lower constabulary and the lower ranks of Delhi Police.

Delhi Police's Special Commissioner (Administration) B S Bassi said the project is a landmark in the history of Delhi Police as it would enhance housing satisfaction level for the person-

HOUSING PLAN	
TYPE OF QUARTER	FLATS
TYPE II (Only for constable)	4,256
TYPE III (For sub-inspector)	700
TYPE IV (For senior officers)	246
TOTAL	5,202

nel by 8 per cent.

"Of the 5,202 flats, 4,256 (type-II) quarters will be constructed only for constables and head-constables, 700 (type-III) for sub-inspectors and 246 (type-IV) for other senior officers," Bassi said.

Khanna told the constabulary at the function that the housing project would improve their quality of life drastically and that would reflect in their performance. "All of you would be occupying a well-constructed housing. Since your life will improve, you must also make sure that you are not enticed by cor-

ruption anymore. Say no to bribe," he said.

Police said the project that includes several facilities such as a community centre, shopping area, recreational centres, schools and a dispensary.

So far only Delhi Police has approved the layout of the project and clearances from other regulatory bodies such as the Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC), DDA and the corporations are yet to be accorded. Once the clearances and approvals are in place, it would take around 29 months for the construction work to be complete.

After laying the foundation stone of the project, Khanna said in order to keep the crime rate in check, police needed to have better coordination with the public.

"If police wants to get information about any suspected activity, they need to have better coordination with the common people because even if you have a 80,000 strong force, you cannot guard every nook and corner of the city," he said.