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## Foundation stone of mega Police Housing project laid

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Lieutenant Governor Tejinder Khanna on Monday laid the foundation stone of India's mega Police Housing project, at North-West Delhi's Dheerpur area. It is the largest public-private partnership (PPP) housing project worth ₹1,800 crore and it consists of 5,200 dwelling units of various types and associated infrastructure for Delhi Police personnel and officers.

With a total of 5,202 flats, three types of housing units will be constructed under this project which has its maximum construction time limit of around 885 days. The deadline has been set to ensure that the project is completed within the time limit with no cost escalation.

"Punj Lloyd will construct



the quarters and also maintain the unit for the next 25 years," said Khanna at the foundation stone laying ceremony of the project. Situated in North-West Delhi's Dheerpur, the 60 acre land will house a total 5,202 (ground plus 12 floors with lift facilities) units with three types of quarters.

Special Commissioner of Police (administration), BS

Bassi said, "Of the 5,202 flats, a total of 4,256 (type-II) quarters will be constructed only for constable and head-constable rank officers, 700 (type-III) quarters for sub-inspector rank officers and 246 (type-IV) flats will be prepared for other senior officers. On its completion, our housing satisfaction level will increase up to 25 percent."

A senior police officer said that in a police force, where the present housing satisfaction level stands at a dismal 18.6 percent, this is being seen as a huge step that is bound to boost the motivational levels of the force.

The housing complex which will also have provision for schools, shopping area, community facilities and dispensary, will provide a contemporary and a modern way of life to Delhi Police personnel. "It is the first of its kind PPP mode project of India with such huge sum of ₹18 hundred crore," Bassi added.

There is an acute shortage of dwelling units for the rank and file of Delhi Police and with the commissioning of this new project, the woes of thousands of Delhi police lower and upper subordinates will end.