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AMC to launch housing schemes for LIG, EWS

For the first time, the municipal corporation here is launching housing schemes at 14 locations in the city for the lower income group (LIG), under the Mukhya Mantri Gruh Yojana. Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation will also launch a housing scheme for the economically weaker sections (EWS) in 15 places in the city.

Making this announcement here on Saturday, AMC chief Guruprasad Mohapatra said that for the first time, the EWS buildings will also have lifts installed in them. Both types of houses will be completed within two years from the time of commencement. The scheme for EWS will have 5,082 units and the one for LIG 4,877 units, with their price being around Rs 5.5 lakh for EWS and Rs 11.5 lakh to Rs 12.5 lakh for LIG. Buyers under the EWS scheme will get the house for Rs 3 lakh, after deducting all benefits, while LIG buyers will get a one-time subsidy component of Rs 1 lakh.

Buildings under the EWS scheme will be G+ 4-5 storeys (on one site), while those under LIG scheme will have parking + seven floors (on six sites) and parking + 10 floors (on eight sites). Application forms, priced at Rs 50 for EWS and Rs 100 for LIG type will be distributed from November 27 to December 24. The houses will be allotted through a computerised draw. AMC would not be involved in maintenance of these buildings. Mohapatra said that maintenance charges would be recovered from buyers at the time of possession. In case of LIG scheme, the amount would be Rs 100,000, while it will be Rs 50,000 in case of EWS houses.

He also clarified that only those families who earned up to Rs 1 lakh/year would be eligible for EWS housing units (28 sq m carpet area), while to be eligible for houses under the LIG scheme (45 sq m carpet area), the annual income of the family should not exceed Rs 2.50 lakh. There is an embargo of for seven years on sale of these houses, he added. The houses, once given possession, will be "jointly owned by the wife and the husband, in that order". The forms would be available at Mahendra Kotak Bank and ICICI Bank besides other city civic centres.