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## 2,640 families get houses under slum rehab plan

PUNE: Over 2,500 of the approximately two lakh families living in the slums of the city have got tenements under the slum rehabilitation scheme, so far.

The Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) is a statutory body which carries out housing schemes for slum dwellers in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad.

The administration of the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) in a reply to a query from the elected representatives about the status of the SRA schemes said 49 SRA schemes had been approved till this October. Of these, 20 were completed with benefits extending to 2,640 families so far.

There are 564 slums in the city that provide shelter to some 2,10,000 families (43% of Pune city's population). Besides, 36,000 families live in 72 slum pockets of Pimpri Chinchwad, forming 15% of the population.

The SRA is an independent authority under the state government and it works on a model, where no budget is required.

The builders are invited to bid for developing the land in return

for floor space index (FSI) as incentive, which could be used by them for other projects. It allots house of around 270 sq ft to the slum dwellers in the city.

Under the SRA schemes, the state government has undertaken rehabilitation of 133 slums. A total of 42,000 flats will be constructed.