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Private sector to be involved in Delhi's development, says Jaipal

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NEW DELHI: Union Urban Development Minister Jaipal Reddy on Monday said the Master Plan for Delhi-2021 envisages involvement of the private sector in development of land and provision of infrastructure services as an improvement over the current scheme of large-scale development and acquisition of land entrusted to the Delhi Development Authority.

Addressing a press conference, Mr. Reddy said focused efforts would be made to finalise the policy.

"Every effort will be made to finalise the zonal development plans of Delhi. The Real Estate Management (Regulation & Control) Bill for Delhi will be taken up for a decision. Sixty five thousand houses will be constructed by the DDA in the next four years. To meet the acute shortage of houses for the urban poor, economically weaker sections and lower income groups, construction of about 40,000 houses will be taken up. Tender documents for construction of such houses have already been made ready with fast mode of construction adopting pre-fabricated technology. Here, about 10,000 houses are phased to be completed every year from 2010 onwards."

About 10,000 houses for middle-income group will be taken up on the same technology of pre-fabricated construction in four years time, said the Minister, adding that 15,000 houses will be completed in various phases. "These houses will be constructed on conventional technology and will be available from 2009 to 2011."

Informing that the DDA will take up in-situ development towards rehabilitation of slum-dwellers and jhuggi-jhonpuri clusters in the next five years for 23 clusters, Mr. Reddy said about 47,500

dwelling units of about 25 square metres each would be constructed.

“These will be taken up on a public-private partnership model in which the land presently occupied by the slum-dwellers will be made available to developers, who will construct EWS houses in accordance with the numbers identified by DDA. The houses will be constructed on part of the area, while in the remaining area the developer will be allowed to carry out commercial exploitation of the land”.