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## Allottees vacating TNHB flats to get priority in new housing scheme

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Allottees vacating the Tamil Nadu Housing Board's Government Rental Housing Scheme (TNGRHS) flats in Race Course area, after finding them unfit and unsafe, will be given priority for house allotment in the proposed TNGRHS coming up near Kavundampalayam, said K. Phanindra Reddy, Secretary to Government for Urban Development.

Tamil Nadu Housing Board (TNHB) has served notices on allottees residing in apartments under the rental scheme in Race Course asking them to vacate the houses in order to raze down the structures in dangerous condition.

### Maintenance

Plagued by lack of adequate maintenance over the last 35 years owing to lack of funds, the TNHB has come to a conclusion based on an expert committee report that many of the houses are unfit and unsafe for human occupation. Many

of the houses in the past had witnessed incidents of sunshade crashing down and balconies coming down besides concrete patches peeling off from the structure.

TNHB has also made it clear that refusal to vacate the houses and continuing to stay in them was at the risk of the allottees and the board has disclaimed any responsibility arising out of the occupation of the houses that have now turned unfit and unsafe for occupation.

To begin with, of the 900 houses in DFO compound, DRO compound and Thomas Park, the TNHB has identified houses with immediate threat for razing down. Of them, 108 houses come under DFO compound and 222 houses are in Thomas Park.

## **Fresh applicants**

Mr. Phanindra Reddy told *The Hindu* during his visit to Coimbatore on Friday, that the TNHB was constructing more than 2,000 houses under the Tamil Nadu Government Rental Housing Scheme reconstruction project at Kavundampalayam.

The numbers of houses are more in this particular project. The existing allottees in various other schemes, where the houses are found unfit or unsafe for accommodation, who come forward to vacate them will be given priority in allotment of houses than the new comers i.e., fresh applicants, he said.

## Discussion

Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board V. Chandrasekharan accompanied the Secretary and the officials had a discussion with the District Collector M. Karunagaran on identifying land for the slum clearance board projects. They later visited the ongoing projects at Ammankulam and Ukkadam.

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- ***Buildings in dangerous condition to be razed down***