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State unveils scheme for residential buildings

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Meant for economically weaker sections in Chennai, suburbs

CHENNAI: The State government on Tuesday unveiled a scheme of additional floor space index (FSI) for residential buildings, meant for economically weaker sections, in Chennai and surrounding areas.

According to the scheme, an additional FSI of 50 per cent will be given to those buildings that have dwelling units of not exceeding 30 sq.m of floor area each. In the case of buildings with dwelling units of up to 50 sq.m. of floor area each, the additional FSI will be 30 per cent.

Suba Thangavelan, Minister for Slum Clearance and Accommodation Control, announced this while wrapping up a debate in the Assembly on the demands for grants to Housing and Urban Development department.

In respect of slum-dwellers who lost their homes while works of road widening or building bridges were being taken up, an additional FSI of not more than 20 sq.m would be given in the form of transferable development rights.

Many suburban localities of the Chennai Metropolitan Area were located in Tiruvallur district which were witnessing developments on a large scale. It had been decided to form a local planning authority for Tiruvallur and take steps for regulated growth.

As for the formation of Outer Ring Road, the Minister informed the House that land acquisition for the first phase of the proposed road had been completed except for about 250 metres. The length of the road in the first phase was 29.2 km from Grand Southern Trunk Road at Vandalur to Chennai-Tiruvallur High (CTH) Road. In the case of the second phase (CTH Road to Tiruvottiyur-Ponneri-Panjetty (TPP) road over about 33 km), land acquisition had been completed for 15.3 km and the balance was likely to be completed this year.