

Housing scheme for construction workers

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BHUBANESWAR: The state government will build three rental housing projects for construction labourers. The low-rent accommodation will have a total of 400 beds.

The projects will come up at three locations: Kharavel Nagar, Sampur and Chandrasekharapur. A 200-bed project will come up on one acre of land at Kharavel Nagar at an estimated cost of Rs 4.5 crore. The other two will have 100 beds each at an estimated cost of Rs 5.5 crore on 2.6 acres of land.

Chief minister Naveen Patnaik will lay the foundation stones of these projects on the occasion of International Labour Day on Monday. "The government will also build 18 rental housing projects at nine more urban centres of the state in a phase-wise manner," said Odisha Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (OBOCWWB) chairman, Subash Singh.

Each selected urban centre will have two such projects. The government has selected four municipal corporations - Cuttack, Berhampur, Rourkela and Samabalpur - and five municipalities Jharsuguda, Angul, Dhenkanal, Vyasagar and Paradip.