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Hardeep Singh Puri

The government's target of constructing one crore houses by 2022 under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) could be completed by the end of 2020, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister of State (independent charge) Hardeep Singh Puri said on Tuesday.

Speaking on the fourth anniversary of the launch of three schemes for urban development — PMAY (U), the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transportation (AMRUT) and the Smart Cities Mission — Mr. Puri said the NDA government had spent 554% more in five years than the UPA government had in 10 years on urban development projects.

So far, 81 lakh homes have been sanctioned, 48 lakh of those are under construction and 26 lakh have been completed and handed over to the beneficiaries, the Minister said. "As against a target completion date of 2022, I am more or less confident that we can have all the sanctioning done by the first quarter of 2020 and more or less completion by end of 2020," Mr. Puri said.

Of the Rs. 1.26 lakh crore committed for the scheme, Rs. 52,113 crore had been released so far, Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra said. Under the scheme, beneficiaries from economically weaker sections (EWSs) can get Rs. 1.5 lakh for the construction of homes. The scheme also includes in situ slum redevelopment and credit-linked subsidies.

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