

Slum rehab tough if things don't move, says realtor

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Pune: Slum rehabilitation will be below the actual need if slum rehabilitation project (SRA) bodies continue to act like statutory units without any push from the government, Hemant Naiknavare, director, Naiknavare Developers, said.

"SRA has a developmental role and it can help in getting things implemented," Naiknavare said, while speaking on the eve of the hand-over of the first phase of his SRA project in Pune, where the company has constructed 192 tenements. The scheme, he said, would house 800 tenements of about 269sqft each when completed.

On Pune SRA authorities, he said they were a lot more purposeful than those in Mumbai. "In Pune, 20% of the things are not correct and there are delays, but in Mumbai almost 100% things do not work in the SRA," Naiknavare added.

He said the government could provide help by building trust and facilitating starter loans to the slum rehabilitation projects. "Even 10-15% of the total funds from banks or financial institutions will do. When there can be loan waivers and write-offs, why can't the government support this sector," he said.

Ranjit Naiknavare, another director of the company said the permissions had to move quickly.