

HABITAT TO BUILD 1 LAKH HOMES FOR POOR BY 2015

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MUMBAI: Habitat for Humanity India, an international organisation that works to provide housing to the poor, has committed to crossing the 100,000 homes for the homeless mark by 2015.

Rajashree Birla, chairperson, Habitat for Humanity India, said this at a function organised under the aegis of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Aditya Birla CSR Centre of Excellence, on Friday. The function was held to host Jonathan Reckford, the global chief executive officer of Habitat for Humanity and also to garner support from corporates.

“In India, the housing scenario is a matter of concern. We need 50 million houses in India, of which, 25 million units are required in urban India alone,” Birla said. “Habitat for Humanity has built 3,70,000 houses across the globe. Of these 35,000 are across India.”

‘Habitat for Humanity’ tied up with the Aditya Birla Group a decade ago and has supported Habitat financially and in kind to the tune of US \$1.5 million. “They’ve helped build over 3,000 houses. Today, they pledged support for building 1,400 houses as a beginning,” Birla said.