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Zuraida says the proposed provisions will include comfortable units and recreational facilities, surau, hall and library at each PPR project. — Picture by Bernama

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KUALA LUMPUR — The National Community Policy to be launched by the Housing and Local Government Ministry in August may propose bigger living quarters for the poor, said its minister Zuraida Kamaruddin.

She said it may propose that the living quarters at the People's Housing Project (PPR) flats be at least 83.6 sq m in size instead of the current 55.7 sq m.

"I do not want the PPR living quarters and those for the B40 group to be small like birds' nests," Zuraida said.

The B40 group comprises the bottom 40 per cent of households with a monthly income of RM3,900 and below.

Zuraida said she would propose provisions be made under the 12th Malaysia Plan (2021-2025) for these bigger living quarters.

"The rooms, living room and corridors must be comfortable to be in. There must also be facilities such as recreational areas, surau, hall and library," she said.

"This will give space for the residents to participate in recreational activities and relax their minds within the community instead of having to go elsewhere.

"We want them to feel comfortable in their own environment and community and communicate with one another in their own group."

Zuraida said the National Community

Policy would serve as a reference for solving local community development issues.

"The policy will outline guidelines and action plans and list programmes for implementation by the relevant departments and agencies to shape a civilised society."

She said the policy was important to build a developed nation based on the mentality of the people and the way they managed their life, and the environment so as to symbolise a progressive and mature nation.

The measures in the policy would be implemented first in the housing areas under the jurisdiction of the ministry and then expanded to other agencies and sectors. — Bernama