

**Government Receives 1,600 Applications For My First Home Scheme - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 13 (Bernama) -- The government has received 1,623 applications for loans under the My First Home Scheme (Skim Rumah Pertamaku) until January this year, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Of them, 280 loans amounting to RM41.1 million have been approved, the prime minister said in a written reply to Hee Loy Sian (PKR-Petaling Jaya Selatan) at the Dewan Rakyat Tuesday.

Najib said to date Syarikat Perumahan Negara Bhd (SPNB) had carried out 56 low-cost, low-medium-cost and medium-cost housing projects involving 37,757 units until January.

Under the 1Malaysia People-Friendly Homes (Rumah Mesra Rakyat 1Malaysia) programme, SPNP has built 17,749 houses nationwide, he added.

He said for the same period, 32,762 houses under the People's Housing Project involving 25 projects were completed and 2,100 more under construction in Kuala Lumpur to ease housing shortage in the Klang Valley.

Najib said the construction of low-cost housing projects by private developers based on quotas set by state governments would help increase low-income home ownership in urban areas throughout the country.

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