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Popular concept: (from left) B.S.C. Rao, President, Association of Consulting Engineers; P. Suryaprakash, Chairperson of PEPSCON; G. Yoganand, Convenor of National Technical Committee, CREDAI, and architect Krishna Rao Jaisim at the conference on Pre-Engineered and Pre-cast concrete structures in Hyderabad on Friday. — P.V.Sivakumar

Pre-engineered steel sector eyes home segment

Builders say such homes are cheaper, faster to develop

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Having successfully deployed pre-fabricated steel buildings, mostly for industrial units, commercial and public spaces, the Rs 12,000-crore pre-fab building sector players are now seeking to woo homes with this solution offering it at a lower cost, P. Surya Prakash, Chairman of National Conference on Pre-Engineered Steel Buildings and Pre-cast Concrete Structures, said.

Speaking at the two-day conference, Surya Prakash said pre-cast construction work has

made swift strides and a number of structures have already been built by construction companies such as L&T, the Tata Group, JSW among others.

This is a globally tested construction process and is now being deployed by some companies in India.

They have developed residential colonies and are now seeking to popularise the concept to constructing new housing colonies, he said.

"Pre-engineering buildings can be deployed in nearly half the time compared to conventional re-enforced cement and

concrete structure and we are now able to deploy them at lower cost," he said.

Rajiv Thakur, Regional Manager-Structural Group, Eastern Region, Jindal Steel and Power Ltd, said that the company has already developed and produced products that meet the requirements to construct houses.

"If the country has to grow at the pace projected during XII Plan, pre-fab structures will play a big role in meeting that requirement," he said.

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