

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DWELLING UNITS IN CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the availability of dwelling units in urban areas is less than actual requirement;
- (b) if so, the total shortage of dwelling units noticed by the Government during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether any time bound plan has been formulated to overcome the said shortage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds required to meet the target of houses for all?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Based on the 1991 Census figures, the projected housing shortage in Urban areas of the country for the last three years were as follows:

1997 -	7.57 million
1998 -	7.36 million
1999 -	7.18 million

(c)&(d): The Government, through the National Agenda for Governance have declared 'Housing for All' as a priority area and have decided to focus on the housing needs of citizens in general and that of the poor and the deprived in particular. Towards this end, the Agenda sets a target of construction of additional 2 million houses (7 lakh in Urban areas and 13 lakh in Rural areas) every year with emphasis on the poor and deprived.

(e): It has been estimated by the Working Group on Housing on 9th Plan that an investment of Rs.1,51,000 crore would be needed to provide shelter for all.