

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

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RESTRUCTURING AND REDESIGNING OF CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have asked the State Governments to follow the restructuring and redesigning of cities;
- (b) if so, the extent to which the Union Government have agreed to provide help and assistance to the States for the purpose;
- (c) whether the World Bank has already agreed to provide assistance for implementing the restructuring and redesigning of cities in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government have enumerated a formula for the States for bringing improvement in the existing conditions of housing and slum clearance; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): The guidelines prepared by the Institute of Town Planners, India, on the basis of a study conducted on behalf of this Ministry, regarding urban development plan formulation and implementation have been circulated to all State Governments for adoption reference. The study suggests an effective planning system comprising a package of inter-related plans including comprehensive plans (20-25 years), development plans (5 years) and annual plans.

(c)&(d): No World Bank assistance has been approved for restructuring and redesigning of cities.

(e)&(f): For providing housing stock and upgradation of dilapidated housing stocks in States loan assistance is available to the Housing & Urban Development agencies, City Improvement bodies, Local Bodies and other agencies designated by State Governments.

Under the National Slum Development Programme launched in August, 1996 additional Central assistance is being released to States/UTs for the development of urban slums. It envisages shelter upgradation, community empowerment, garbage and solid waste management as well as improvement and convergence of different social sector programmes through creation of sustainable support systems. For the current financial year Planning Commission has allocated a sum of Rs.365.81 crores for the project, of which an amount of Rs.90.70 crores has been released up to end of September, 2000 to different States.