

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

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SHORTAGE OF HOUSING FACILITIES FOR SCS/STS  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of housing facilities for SCs/STs all over the country;
- (b) if so, whether any special/preferential provisions/reservation of certain quotas has been made in their favour; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): No exact data on the current housing shortage for SC/ST is available. The 1991 census had provided some data on the subject but that was not adequate. Now the Registrar General and Census Commissioner has been asked to collect the latest data on Statewise housing facilities available to SC/ST as part of Census of India 2001.

(b)&(c): Housing being a State subject, it is for the respective State Governments to make reservations in allotment of houses or launch special housing schemes for SC/ST as per States policies and priorities. While some of the State Governments have provided quota for SC/ST in housing allotment, a few others have launched special housing schemes for SC/ST.