GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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LOW COST HOUSING SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the HUDCO has taken any interest in developing the Low Cost Housing;

(b) if so, whether the HUDCO has sought designs for low-cost housing schemes from architects all over the country;

(c) if so, whether any financial incentives have been advertisd for such designs;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether HUDCO has received various designs suitable for different climates and geographical areas and regions;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the selected designs are likely to be propagated through the State Governments; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN
DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. HUDCO has been carrying out anAll-India low-cost Housing Competition every year since 1974 under three categories, namely Urban, Rural and Design Ideas competition, on a rotational basis i.e. three-year cycle for each category.

The Urban and Rural Low Cost Housing competition are conducted for Housing Boards and Development Authorities, who have taken loan from HUDCO for implementation of Low-cost housing projects. Design Ideas Competition is organised for the practising architects for getting innovative design solutions for low cost housing.

(c)&(d): A prize money ranging from Rs.20,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/- is given with total prize money averaging Rs.2,00,000/-.

(e)&(f): HUDCO has received and awarded designs suitable for different climates, geographical areas and regions viz. use of mud in construction (1989), solar efficient building design (1993) etc.

(g)&(h): HUDCO has propagated cost-effective building designs and technologies through its various publications which are distributed from time to time to various State Housing Boards, Development Authorities etc.