

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

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PROMOTION OF LOW COST HOUSING
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to promote low cost housing in urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any plan in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the plan project is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(e): The Central Government has taken several initiatives to promote low cost housing in the country. Some of the major initiatives to popularize and promote low cost housing are as given below:

- (1) Setting up of Building Materials Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) as an inter Ministerial organization in 1990 with a view to disseminating the information relating to low cost housing technologies.
- (2) Incorporation of low cost building technologies and materials/products like clay fly ash bricks, lime fly ash bricks, under reamed piles, precast concrete lintel, precast solid and hollow blocks, particle door shutters etc. into Delhi Schedule of Rates of CPWD 2002.
- (3) Strengthening of National network of building centres through Building Materials Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) and Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) for demonstration and extension.

Government of India plays the role of facilitator. This is an on-going process.