

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

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SLUMS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey to assess the condition of slums in various cities and towns of the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to resettle slum dwellers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Slum Development being a State subject, State Governments take stock of slums in their respective States.

Recently the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) under Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation conducted a survey during 2002 on the condition of the urban slums and has brought out Report No. 486 namely 'Condition of Urban Slums, 2002 - NSS 58th round (July 2002 - December 2002)'. This Report portrays the condition of urban slums with respect to the infrastructure facilities like the area where the slum was located, road within and approaching the slum, electricity connection, drinking water, sewerage, drainage, garbage disposal etc.

(c)&(d): Though slum development is State subject with a view to ameliorate the living conditions of slum dwellers, a programme known as National Slum Development Programme(NSDP) was launched at national level by the Government in 1996 for the development of urban slums. Subsequently, a centrally sponsored scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) was launched on 2-12-2001 with a view to further improve the conditions of the urban slum dwellers living below the poverty line who do not possess adequate shelter. The Scheme has the primary objective to facilitate upgradation & construction of dwelling units for slum dwellers and to provide a healthy and enabling urban environment through community toilets under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan.

Under recently launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) focused attention will be paid to integrated development of 'Basic Services to the Urban Poor' in the cities covered under the Mission. Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), a component of the Mission, will be for non-mission towns by combining the erstwhile schemes of Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana(VAMBAY), National Slum Development Programme(NSDP) and will cover the requirement of both housing and infrastructure in urban slums.

(e): Does not arise.