

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

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SHORTAGE OF HOUSES
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the acute shortage of housing for Below Poverty Line (BPL) in the country particularly in West Bengal and Delhi;
- (b) if so, the effective measures taken by Government to resolve the housing problem;
- (c) the total number of houses required for this category;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive scheme in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government for its implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a): The Housing Shortage in the Country is 22.44 million as per 10th Plan document. The shortage for West Bengal is 1.73 million (1.09 million in Rural and 0.64 million in Urban) and for Delhi is 0.55 million (0.02 million in Rural and 0.53 million in Urban) as per the estimates given by National Buildings Organisation (NBO) based on 2001 census.

(b)to(e): The total number of housing requirement in the country is 22.44 million. The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), a sub-mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) is implemented in select 63 cities. Under BSUP, houses at affordable costs for slum dwellers/urban poor/ Economically Weaker Section/ Low Income Group categories are provided through demand driven projects submitted by States/Urban Local Bodies. In all other cities/ towns, an Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) is implemented.