

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

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RISING DEMAND OF HOUSING
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the rising demand of housing in the country;
- (b) if so, the estimated requirements by 2021;
- (c) the steps being taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the employment opportunities likely to be available to the people as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): The housing requirement by 2020 is not estimated. However, the Working Group on Urban Housing for the 10th Plan 2002-2007 had estimated that 22.44 million dwelling units would be required to be augmented during the Tenth Plan Period.

In order to facilitate construction of adequate housing, particularly for Economically weaker Sections (EWS) and Low Income Group (LIG), the Government launched the Two Million Housing Programme in 1998-1999. Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojna (VAMBAY) is also being implemented since 2001 to provide houses for the Below Poverty Line Population as well as Economically Weaker Sections. With the launching of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojna (VAMBAY) has been combined with National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) into the schemes of Basic Services to the urban poor for mission cities & Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme for non-mission cities for an integrated approach in ameliorating the condition of the urban slum dwellers who do not possess adequate shelter and reside in dilapidated conditions. Construction Industry including housing gives vast employment opportunities to the people.