

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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URBAN HOUSING POLICY

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**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has finalised the new Urban Housing Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the issues such as environment, disaster management and low cost construction have been considered while preparing the policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The National Urban Housing & Habitat Policy is not yet finalized.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The proposed Policy aims at developing cities and towns in a manner which provides for a healthy environment, increased use of renewable energy sources and pollution free atmosphere with a concern for solid waste disposal, drainage, etc. and use of technology for modernizing the housing sector to increase energy and cost efficiency, productivity and quality. Technology would be particularly harnessed to meet the housing needs of the poor. The concept of `green` and `intelligent` buildings would be put in place. Technology would also be disseminated for prevention and mitigation of the effects of natural disasters on buildings e.g. in case of earthquakes, floods, cyclones, etc. The draft policy also seeks to provide quality and cost effective housing options to the citizens, especially the vulnerable groups and the poor.