

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

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HOUSING FACILITIES IN URBAN AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any survey to find exact size of the population not having their own housing facilities in the urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to provide housing facilities to the people in urban areas?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): As per the working group report for the 10th Plan, a total of 22.44 million dwelling units would be required to be constructed/upgraded during the Tenth Plan Period in Urban areas.

(c): Recognizing the magnitude of Housing requirement, the Government in 1998-99 had launched Two-Million Housing Programme with a view to facilitate adequate Housing, particularly for Economically weaker sections and Low Income Group, envisaging provision of 7 lakhs houses every year in the urban areas. A scheme known as Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) had been also launched in Dec., 2001 for providing housing to the Below Poverty Line population as well as Economically Weaker Sections in urban areas.

Under the `Basic Services to the Urban Poor` (BSUP), a sub-mission under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) (launched on 3.12.2005) is being implemented in select 63 cities. Houses at affordable costs for slum dwellers/urban poor are to be provided through demand driven projects submitted by States/Urban Local Bodies. In all other cities/towns an Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) is being implemented for providing affordable houses and basic amenities.