

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BSUP PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) programme;
- (b) whether some cities/towns have been identified under BSUP programme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the criteria adopted in selecting the cities/towns; and
- (e) the plans of the Government to expand this programme to other cities?

Answer

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

(a): The aims and objectives of the Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) are, inter alia, as follows:-

Focused attention to integrated development of basic services to the urban poor.

Security of tenure at affordable price, improved housing, water supply, sanitation.

Convergence of services in the education, health and social security sector.

To provide housing near the place of occupation of the urban poor, to the extent possible.

Effective linkage between asset creation and asset management to ensure efficiency in maintenance of Basic Services to the urban poor.

Scaling up delivery of civic amenities and provision of utilities with emphasis on universal access to urban poor.

Ensuring adequate investment of funds to fulfill deficiencies in the basic services to the urban poor.

(b)&(c): 63 cities/towns have been identified under BSUP. State-wise details are annexed.

(d)to(e): Keeping in view the paucity of resources and administrative constraints in taking up all cities and towns under the Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP), only 63 selected cities have been taken up, as per norms/criteria as under:-

Category	Number
A Cities with 4 million plus population as per 2001 census population	: 07
B Cities with 1 million plus but less than 4 million population	: 28
C Selected cities (State Capitals and other cities/Urban Agglomerations of religious/historic and touristic importance.	: 28

In all other towns/cities in the country, the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) is implemented.