

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

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

- (a) whether the Working Group on Housing constituted for formulation of 10th Plan had observed that around 90% of Housing shortage pertain to the weaker sections and stressed the need to increase the supply of affordable houses to economically weaker sections and low income category;
- (b) if so, the number of EWS houses constructed by HUDCO during the 10th Plan under Two Million Housing Programme of Union Government which started in 1998-99;
- (c) whether HUDCO has achieved the target of EWS houses;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether HUDCO gives preference to large houses rather than EWS houses for commercial purposes; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that HUDCO construct more houses for EWS?

Answer

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

(a): As per the report of Working Group on Urban Housing and Urban Poverty with Focus on Slums for the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007), the Urban Housing shortage at the beginning of the Tenth Plan was 8.89 million.

(b): Under the Housing programme of the Government year-wise details from 1998-1999 to 2006-2007 of total dwelling units sanctioned by HUDCO in urban area is as under:-

10th Year Plan Total units sanctioned (Urban)
(DUs in lakhs)

1998-1999 5.66

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2000-2001 7.21

2001-2002 4.03

2002-2003 4.59

2003-2004 4.27

2004-2005 2.55

2005-2006	1.85
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2006-2007	0.61
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Total	36.45
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(c)&(d): HUDCO has achieved the assigned target by sanctioning 84-98% of the total dwelling units under Economically Weaker Section/Low Income Group during the 10th Plan

(e)&(f): HUDCO is extending substantial portion of funds to EWS category at lower rate of interest as compared to other sectors of the society to help them to own a house.