

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:123
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2007
HOUSES FOR WEAKER SECTIONS
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any assessment has been made in the recent years about the total housing needs in the country especially for the weaker sections;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problem on a long term basis?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 123 FOR 23.11.2007 REGARDING HOUSES FOR WEAKER SECTIONS.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A Technical Group on Estimation of Urban Housing Shortage was constituted by the Central Government. The Group Estimated a housing shortage of 24.71 million at the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan. 99% of this shortage pertains to persons belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Low Income Group (LIG).

(c): As per the Constitution of India, the subject matter of Housing has been allocated to the States. However, the Central Government has been taking several initiatives for addressing the issue of housing shortage from time to time. Under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) structured for a seven year period (2005-06 to 2011-12), the Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) programme seeks to provide housing and basic services to the urban poor in 63 selected Mission Cities and the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) makes a similar provision for non-mission cities. Further, an amount of Rs.30 crores has been allocated in the budget for 2007-08 for an interest subsidy scheme for provision of housing to the economically weaker sections (EWS) of the society.