

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:30

ANSWERED ON:03.07.2009

SLUM CLUSTERS

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

- (a) whether the Government has drawn an ambitious plan to make the country free of slum clusters in the next five years;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any study on the causes of mushrooming growth of slum clusters;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the present shortage of dwelling units, the required investment and the likely time to be taken for the construction of houses under the proposed plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

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

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.30 FOR 03.07.2009 REGARDING 'SLUM-CLUSTERS'.

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government proposes to introduce a new scheme namely Rajiv Awas Yojana for the slum dwellers and the urban poor. The scheme would extend support to States that are willing to assign property rights to people living in slum areas. The Government's effort would be to create a slum free India through the Rajiv Awas Yojana.

(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. The Government has released the 'India Urban Poverty Report 2009' authored by eminent researchers and practitioners in the country dealing with various aspects of slums. The study reveals that slums grow for various reasons, viz. continuous urban growth, prevailing speculative trends in the urban land market, inadequate formal supply of land and housing to the urban poor, gradual withdrawal of state from the supply of affordable formal housing, inadequate investment in infrastructure and basic amenities in low income settlements and weak urban governance in the Indian cities.

(d): The Technical Group on Estimation of Housing Shortage constituted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has estimated that the total shortage of housing at the beginning of the 11th Plan period is 24.71 million. It is estimated that provision of affordable housing and related basic amenities would require funds to the tune of Rs. 600000 crores. The proposed scheme envisages the States/UTs to prepare their Own time-bound plans to make cities/towns 'slum free'.