GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether an expert Committee constituted for the formulation of proposed Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) aimed at making India slumfree, has since submitted its report to the Government;
- (b) if so, the recommendations given by the Committee and the action taken by the government thereon;
- (c) the number of houses to be constructed and the total expenditure to be involved under RAY to make India slum-free along with the funds earmarked thereunder during the current year;
- (d) whether the RAY is facing financial crunch;
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to involve private players to overcome its financial crunch;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the other measures taken by the Government to overcome the hurdles faced by the RAY and to implement the yojana at the earliest?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): The details of recommendations of the committee and the action taken by the Government thereon are annexed.
- (c): The number of houses to be constructed and the total expenditure to be involved would depend upon the pace of the States willing to assign property rights to slum dwellers and prepare slum-free city and plans. An allocation of Rs. 1270 Crore has been budgeted for the current financial year.
- (d), (e) & (f): No, Madam. RAY is not facing financial crunch. It is up to the States to involve private players depending upon feasibility study and the slum redevelopment model chosen after conduct of slum survey and stakeholders' consultation.
- (g): There are no hurdles faced by RAY. The preparatory phase of RAY has been launched with the Slum Free City Planning Scheme under which Rs. 60 Crores have been released to States during 2009-10 to take up the tasks of conducting slum surveys, developing slum MIS, GIS mapping of slums, integration of MIS with GIS and preparation of slum free city plans.