

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

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NATIONAL SLUM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether no target has been set under National Slum Development Programme in the country;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the data on the basis of which problems with regard to slums are solved in the country; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b): The National Slum Development Programme has been discontinued and subsumed into the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) after launching of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) w.e.f. 03.12.2005.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has used Slum population data estimated by the Town & Country Planning Organisation (TCPO) for its Slum upgradation programme/schemes. The TCPO has estimated trends in Slum population as under:

year Slum population

1981 27.9 Million
1991 46.2 Million
2001 61.8 Million

It may also be mentioned that the Census of India, 2001 conducted enumeration of slum population in 640 cities and towns with population of 50,000 or more. Subsequently, at the request of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, the Registrar General of India has conducted enumeration of slum population in 1,103 towns with population between 20,000 and 50,000, which reveals that the slum population in the 1,743 cities and towns (where enumeration took place) was 52.4 million.

The Government has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) with effect from 3.12.2005 to address the issues of provision of housing and civic amenities in slums in addition to city-wise infrastructure facilities. The Government has also started the scheme of Interest Subsidy for Housing the Urban Poor (ISHUP) envisaging the provision of interest subsidy to the tune of 5% to Economic Weaker Section/Lower Income Group beneficiaries on loan upto Rs.1 lakh. The Government has also launched a new scheme called Affordable Housing in Partnership for construction of 10 lakh houses for Economic Weaker Section / Low Income Group and Middle Income Group categories. Further, the Government has announced a new Scheme called Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) for the slum dwellers and urban poor. This Scheme aims at providing support to States that are willing to provide property rights to slum dwellers. The Government's effort would be to create Slum free India through the implementation of RAY.