GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) has given any report on slums in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of notified and non-notified slums;
- (c) whether the State Governments have commissioned their independent surveys on slums;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the funds released to States/UTs for the purpose during 2009-10 and 2010-11, State/UT-wise;
- (e) the funds allocated and released to States for providing housing and basic amenities to slum dwellers during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to make the country slum-free in a stipulated time?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. The National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) on the basis of its 65th Round Sample Survey, has published a report namely "Some Characteristics of Urban Slums 2008-09".
- (b): As per the NSSO report, the estimated number of notified slums and non-notified slums in 10 States is 24781 and 24213 respectively. A detailed Statement is at Annexure-I.
- (c) and (d): Under the Plan scheme of "Urban Statistics for Human Resources and Assessment (USHA)", an amount of Rs. 1078.03 lacs has been released during 2009-10 to the States/UTs to conduct slum, slum household and livelihood surveys in those cities and towns which have a population of more than 1 lac as per the 2001 census. The details of the funds released are at Annexure-II. No funds have been released under the above scheme in the year 2010-11.
- (e): Under Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) 475 projects with a Central Share of Rs. 13473.12 Crores have been approved. Under Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) 946 projects with a Central share of Rs. 6437.46 Crore have been approved. The State / UT-wise and year-wise Additional Central Assistance (ACA) approved and released under BSUP and IHSDP during 2007-08 to 2010-11 are at Annexure-III and Annexure-IV respectively.
- (f): The President of India, through her Address to both Houses of Parliament in June 2009 and the Prime Minister, in his Independence Day Address, have announced the Government's vision of a "Slum-free India" through a new scheme "Rajiv Awas Yojana" (RAY). 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 country through i mplementation of RAY.