

**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 due to rise in urbanization most of the cities are directly or indirectly transforming into slums;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is conducting any review in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Rise in urbanization is one of the factors responsible for growth of slums as migration of people from villages and small towns to metropolitan cities takes place and migrants tend to settle down in slums due to their meager resources to afford a formal house. As per 2001 Census a total of 42.6 million people living in 8.2 million houses have been enumerated in slums of 640 cities/towns spread across 26 States and Union Territories.

(c), (d) & (e): A Mid-term appraisal study of the 11th Plan by the Planning Commission, which covers implementation of JNNURM among other things, reveals that there is a renewed focus on the urban sector across the country due to schemes like JNNURM, which has allowed states and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to raise their aspirations. However, the need to raise capacity and investment resources is substantial. In accordance with the observations, the Government is supporting activities to raise capacity at State and ULB level.