

**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 the Government has recently convened any national level conference on building technologies recently; and
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. No national level conference on building technologies has been organized by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation recently. However, Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council, an autonomous body under the Ministry has organized a Consultative Meet with stakeholders on 'Knowledge Network on Innovative Housing Technologies' on 12th June, 2009 at New Delhi. The main objectives of the Consultative Meet were to find ways and means to promote cost-effective technologies in the country. The Meet deliberated on the main issues as under:-

- i. Organization of Capacity Building Programmes on larger scale on cost-effective technologies.
- ii. Development of course content for introduction in the curricula of engineering / architectural colleges.
- iii. Fiscal incentives on new technologies.
- iv. Inclusion of cost-effective technologies in the Schedule of Rates of the State construction agencies including CPWD and PWDs.
- v. To encourage contractors / architects in use of cost-effective technologies in their construction work.
- vi. To identify new technologies suitable for the Indian conditions.
- vii. To formulate BIS standards on new technologies.