

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

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REPORT OF NATIONAL BUILDING ORGANISATION (NBO)  
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**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Building Organisation in its report has recommended that there is acute shortage of houses for economically backward and middle class people in the urban areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to provide houses to such people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the funds allocated for the implementation of the said plan?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(d): The Technical Group on estimation of urban housing shortage in the urban areas, constituted in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, has estimated the shortage of houses in urban areas to the tune of 24.71 million at the beginning of 11th Plan i.e. year 2007. Out of this shortage, 99.82% accounts for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Lower Income Group (LIG) only.

Government launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in December 2005 with the basic objective to strive for holistic slum development by providing adequate shelter and basic infrastructure facilities to the urban poor/slum dwellers in identified urban areas. Additional Central Assistance is provided to States for taking up projects for housing and infrastructural facilities for slum dwellers/urban poor in 65 select cities in the country under the Sub-Mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP). Other cities and towns are covered under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). The Mission period is 2005-2012. State-wise details of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) committed are annexed.

The Government has also launched new scheme of Affordable Housing in Partnership with an outlay of Rs.5000 crores for construction of one million houses for EWS/LIG/MIG with at least 25% for EWS category. The scheme aims at partnership between various agencies/Government/ parastatals/ Urban Local Bodies/ developers. The Government has also launched the scheme for Interest Subsidy for Housing the Urban Poor (ISHUP) that envisages the provision of interest subsidy to EWS and LIG segments to enable them to buy or construct houses.

The Government has decided to introduce a new scheme called Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) for the slum dwellers and the urban poor. It aims at providing support to States that are willing to provide property rights to the slum dwellers. The Government's effort would be to create Slum free India through implementation of RAY.