

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

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'USHA' SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented a scheme named 'Usha' to assess the activities related to slum housing and building construction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any programme has been started by the Government for the development of slums under the said scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing a Central sector scheme called Urban Statistics for HR and Assessments (USHA). The scheme supports National Resource Centre on Data base, MIS, Surveys, Monitoring, Impact Assessment, Action Research and Capacity Building relating to Urban Poverty, Slums, Housing, Building Construction and other Urban Statistics.

(c) and (d): USHA is a scheme for supporting development or urban statistics and no programme has been started by the Government for development of slums under USHA. However, the Government has announced a new scheme called Rajiv Awas Yojana for slum dwellers and urban poor aimed at ushering in a Slum-Free India through provision of Central support to States that are willing to assign property rights to slum dwellers.