

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

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LOW COST DWELLING UNITS

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

- (a) the estimated number of shortage in housing for various classes of people in the country;
- (b) the details of the amount allocated by the Union Government to provide low cost dwelling units to the poor people living in cities and towns in the country during the last three years,State-wise;
- (c) whether the various State Governments have sent proposals to the Union Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to launch an ambitious plan for providing low cost affordable housing to all categories of people;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the new houses are likely to be constructed; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a): A Technical Group constituted by the Ministry in 2006 to assess the urban housing shortage has estimated that at the end of the 10th Five Year Plan (2007-08), the total housing shortage in the country was 24.71 million. The Technical Group has further estimated the categorywise shortages as under:

Category	Dwelling units in Millions
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Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)	21.78
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Low Income Group (LIG)	2.89
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Middle Income Group (MIG)	0.04
Higher Income Group (HIG)	

Total	24.71
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(b) to (d): The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), launched by the Government in the year 2005 supports provision of housing and basic services to urban poor in slums in 65 specified cities under the Sub Mission Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and in other cities and towns under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). Details of 7 year allocation made under Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) are given at Annexure I. Details of projects

sanctioned during last three years under BSUP and IHSDP are given respectively at Annexure II & III.

(e) to (g): The proposed scheme of Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) aims to provide support for shelter, and basic civic & social services for slum redevelopment and creation of affordable housing stock to States that are willing to assign property rights to slum dwellers. The scheme is awaiting approval and no time frame for the programmatic components can be assigned at this stage.