

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

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

- (a) whether the urban slum population in the country is expected to touch 93.06 million by 2011;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken and the plans envisaged to redevelop and upgrade slums in the country?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. As per estimates of the Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pranob Sen, Principal Adviser, Planning Commission (former Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, and Government of India) the slum population in the country is expected to touch 93.06 million by 2011. The Committee estimated slum population in 2001 at 75.26 million.

(c): The Government launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on December 3, 2005 aimed at provision of city-wide infrastructure and basic services to the urban poor especially slum dwellers. Under the Basic Services for the Urban Poor component of JNNURM, Additional Central Assistance is provided to 65 select cities of national importance for undertaking affordable housing and basic amenities to the poor especially those residing in slums. Similar facilities are provided in small and medium towns under Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) of JNNURM.

In pursuance of the address of the President of India, to both Houses of Parliament in June 2009 and the address of Prime Minister on Independence Day, in which the Government's vision of a 'Slum Free India' was announced, the Government has launched the preparatory phase of Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) supporting States for activities like slum Survey, GIS mapping of slums, preparation of slum free City and State Plans etc.