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HOUSING SHORTAGE IN URBAN AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government is unable to provide affordable houses to the people in th country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether several such projects are pending with the Union Government for approval;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the reasons for their pendency and the time by which these are likely to be cleared, State-wise;
- (e) the details of the recommendations made by the Technical Group to assess the urban housing shortage in the country;
- (f) whether the Government has carried out any survey and developed any comprehensive strategy to counter the acute shortage of housing facilities in the urban areas of the country including Delhi during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (g) if so, the target fixed for construction of such houses during the XI Five Year Plan alongwith the details of the projects under implementation, city/town-wise; and
- (h) the details of the target so far achieved in various States during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : The National Urban Housing & Habitat Policy (NUHHP) 2007 aims at promoting sustainable development of habitat in the country with a view to ensuring equitable supply of land shelter and services at affordable prices to all sections of the society. However, 'land' and 'colonisation' being state subjects, it is for the State Governments to pursue the initiatives under the NUHHP:2007 and no timeframe for facilitation of housing to all citizens can be assigned.

However, the Central Government is supporting the construction of housing for poor sections of the society in urban areas through various programmatic interventions.

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). The schemes are demand driven and so far 15,70,908 have been sanctioned and Central share of ` 21039.87 crores committed for the purpose.

The Interest Subsidy Scheme for Housing the Urban Poor (ISHUP) provides for interest subsidy on housing loans to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Low Income Group (LIG) as part of credit-enablement measures and encourages those households to avail of loan facilities through Commercial Banks/Housing Finance Companies for the purposes of construction/acquisition of houses and avail 5% subsidy in interest payment for loans upto Rs. 1 lakh. The scheme aims to cover 3.10 lakh beneficiaries over the 11th Plan Period. So far 5573 households have benefited under the scheme in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.

The Government has launched the scheme of Affordable Housing in Partnership with an outlay of Rs. 5,000 crores for construction of one million houses for EWS/LIG/Middle Income Group (MIG) with at least 25% for EWS category. The scheme aims at partnership between various agencies/ Government/ parastatals/ Urban Local Bodies/ developers for realizing the goal of affordable housing for all. So far 19100 houses with Central Government assistance of ` 53.96 have been sanctioned to various States under the scheme.

(c) & (d) : No proposals in relation to above schemes are pending in the Ministry.

(e) : 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 total requirement of housing during the 11th Five Year Plan period (2007-2012) as 26.53 million.

(f) : No year-wise survey of housing shortage has been conducted by the Ministry on the shortage of housing facilities in the last three years or current year in the States including in Delhi.

(g) & (h) : As the various housing schemes being implemented by the Ministry are demand driven, no state-wise target has been assigned. However, Details of 7 year allocation made under Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) are given at Annexure.