

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NIGHT SHELTERS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of homeless persons reported to have died due to severe cold during the last one year and the current year in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment with regard to the number of homeless persons who required night shelter arrangements including women and children in the NCT of Delhi;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up new night shelters for such persons;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the capacity thereof;
- (f) the total expenditure likely to be incurred in this regard;
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to provide basic amenities including medical facilities and doctors to such persons; and
- (h) the details of other facilities provided to such women and children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a): Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB), Government of NCT of Delhi has intimated that no person died due to severe cold during the last one year and current year in any Night Shelter managed by it.
- (b) & (c): DUSIB has not made any assessment with regard to the number of homeless persons, who required Night Shelter arrangements including women and children in the NCT of Delhi. However, there are Night Shelters meant exclusively for women & children.
- (d) & (e): DUSIB has requested to Delhi Development Authority to allot land as per the provision made in the regional layout plan so that one Night Shelter for one lakh population could be set-up as per the provision of Master Plan Delhi-2021. Moreover, there is one proposal to built Night Shelter at R-Block, Mangolpuri. The Capacity of this night shelter is 80 persons (only for men).
- (f): During the financial year 2010-11, a budget provision to the extent of Rs.350.00 lakh has been placed at the disposal of DUSIB, out of which expenditure to the extent of RS.270 lakhs has already been incurred upto January 2011.
- (g) DUSIB provides blankets, daries, Jutemating, colour TV, drinking water supply and Jan Suidha Facility in the various Night Shelters. The medical facilities are provided in coordination with Health Department.
- (h) The women and children below 16 years are allowed free entry in the Night Shelters reserved for them. In some of the Night Shelters, education and food are also provided to the Women and Children free of cost.