

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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HOMELESS PEOPLE  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of homeless people in different parts of the country died due to extreme cold conditions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) to (c): Data regarding death of homeless people due to extreme cold conditions are not centrally maintained. However, various Ministries of the Central Government are implementing various Schemes for the homeless/poor people. The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is supporting the construction of housing for poor sections of the society in urban areas under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The Ministry is also implementing the Interest Subsidy Scheme for Housing the Urban Poor (ISHUP) and the Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) for undertaking slum survey, GIS mapping of slums, developing slum information system, GIS-MIS integration and preparation of Slum-free City/State Slum-free Plans etc. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) under which financial assistance is provided to voluntary organisations for running and maintenance of old age homes, day care centres, mobile medicare units, etc. for the destitute elderly.

The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Indira Awaas Yojana Scheme (IAYS) under which financial assistance is provided to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes, freed bonded labourers and other below the poverty line non-SC/ST rural households for construction of dwelling units in all the States/ UTs (except Delhi & Chandigarh).