

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

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HOUSES FOR LOWER AND MEDIUM INCOME GROUPS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build houses for lower and medium income groups in the country with an estimated cost of 5,000 crores;
- (b) if so, the details of dwelling units proposed to be constructed in the country with particular reference to Bihar;
- (c) whether any quota of houses has been fixed for the widows and the poor; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): In pursuance of the Government's vision of creating a Slum-free India, a new scheme 'Rajiv Awas Yojana' (RAY) has been launched on 02.06.2011. The Phase I of Rajiv Awas Yojana is for a period of two years from the date of approval of the scheme with a budget of 5,000 crores and expenditure limited to actual plan outlays. The Scheme will provide financial assistance to States that are willing to assign property rights to slum dwellers for provision of decent shelter and basic civic and social services for slum redevelopment, and for creation of affordable housing stock.

(b): The Scheme is expected to cover about 250 cities, across the entire country by the end of 12th Plan (2017). The selection of the cities will be done in consultation with the Centre. The States would be required to include all the mission cities of JNNURM, preferably cities with more than 3 lakh population as per 2001 Census; and other smaller cities, with due consideration to the pace of growth of the city, of slums predominance of minority population, and areas where property rights are assigned. The scheme will progress at the pace set by the States. Funds have released to 157 cities for undertaking preparatory activities under Slum Free City Planning Scheme; the list of cities in Bihar is enclosed.

(c) & (d): The scheme is targeted at slum-dwellers and the urban poor. No quota for widows has been fixed.

LIST OF CITIES IN BIHAR

Amount Released (Rs.in lakhs)/ Number of cities	Cities - Fund released for SFCP
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191.59 (4 cities)	Patna
	Gaya
	Bhagalpur
	Muzaffarpur