

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:209

ANSWERED ON:16.08.2011

SURVEY ON URBAN POOR

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey to determine the number of urban poor so as to finalise plans for making the cities slum free and bringing the urban poor under the Food Security Act;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria fixed by the Government for determining the urban poor;
- (d) the time by which the survey is likely to be completed;
- (e) whether the Government also proposes to set up an expert committee to decide the methodology for the urban poor head count; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 209 (9TH POSITION) FOR ANSWER ON 16-08-2011 REGARDING SURVEY ON URBAN POOR.

(a) & (b): With a view to have authentic identification of those below poverty line, Government of India has launched the combined Rural-Urban Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) in June, 2011 throughout the country. The SECC would be carried out by the respective State Government with financial and technical support of Government of India.

(c): As per recommendations of the Tendulkar Committee Report accepted by the Planning Commission for the purpose of identification of beneficiaries for the schemes targeting for BPL population, urban poverty line is fixed at Rs. 578.80 per capita per month.

(d): The States/Union Territories have been advised to complete the survey by the end of this year.

(e) & (f): The Planning Commission has already constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Professor S.R. Hashim to recommend the detailed methodology for identification of BPL families in the urban areas. The Committee has submitted its interim report containing the questionnaire for the Socio-Economic Survey.