

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

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LOW COST HOUSES  
Jakhar Shri Badri Ram

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

(a): whether Government proposes to chalk out any action plan to make available cost effective houses with new technology and specially by using eco friendly cheaper construction material to middle and lower classes; and

(b): if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Government through the National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy (NUHHP) 2007 aims to promote development of cost-effective, quality approved building materials and technologies with a view to bringing down the cost of Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/Low Income Group (LIG) houses. Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC), under the aegis of this Ministry, has been involved in propagation of the alternate building materials & technologies through demonstration construction, seminars, exhibitions, training programmes and awareness programmes all over the country.

Recently, BMTPC has initiated a Pilot Project on "Confidence Building in Alternate Housing Technologies through Demonstration Construction & Training". The Pilot Project aims to facilitate wide spread dissemination and adoption of both existing proven and emerging cost-effective and sustainable building materials and construction technologies as an alternate to the conventional in different geo-climatic parts of the country.

The Regional Sensitization Programme for the Western/Central Region was organized at Ahmedabad on 23rd July, 2011 to discuss in detail the design package and the draft plan of action for implementation. The programme at Ahmedabad was attended by the State officials from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh including Rajasthan.