

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:20
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2011
URBAN POVERTY IN NE REGION
Rai Shri Prem Das

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently conducted a survey to assess the level of urban poverty in North-Eastern Region including Sikkim;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether urban poverty alleviation programmes have been specifically designed to target the North-Eastern Region;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the success achieved so far in implementing these programmes in the said Region during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 20 (20TH POSITION) FOR ANSWER ON 22-11-2011 REGARDING URBAN POVERTY IN NE REGION.

(a) & (b): No separate survey has been conducted, however, with a view to identify 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 including North-Eastern States and Sikkim. The State/UT Governments have already initiated the SECC with financial and technical support of Government of India.

(c) & (d): Under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) meant to address issues of employment, skill training and community development of the urban poor, the funding for North-Eastern States including Sikkim is shared between the Centre and the States in the ratio of 90:10, considering the lack of financial resources with the States in the region. This Ministry is also implementing the scheme of 10% lumpsum provision for the benefit of North- Eastern Region including Sikkim. Projects benefiting the urban poor and low income groups are provided support under the central pool. Community market, Slum re-development, multipurpose resource centres, community sanitation works, etc. are some of the areas which are covered under the scheme.

(e): Statements showing progress of SJSRY and 10% NER Scheme in the North- Eastern Region including Sikkim in last three years and the current years are Annexure-I to II respectively.