

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

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NIGHT SHELTERS IN CITIES
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of permanent night shelters constructed in the metropolitan cities of the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the State Governments and civic agencies are facing financial crunch for constructing adequate numbers of night shelters for the increasing number of the homeless poors; and
- (c) if so, the additional funds sanctioned and released by the Government to each State for the said purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): 'Housing' and 'colonization' being State subjects, the primary responsibility of providing shelter lies with the State Governments. However, earlier from 1988-89, the Central Government was extending financial support for construction of night shelters under the scheme 'Night Shelter for Urban Shelterless'. Since 2005-06, the scheme was transferred to the State sector and financial assistance from the centre was discontinued. Hence no support has been extended by Government of India for the purpose of construction of night shelter for the past three years.