

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

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CHILDREN LIVING IN SLUMS
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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 number of children living in slum areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the number of children living in slums of urban areas has increased alarmingly during each of the last three years;
- (d) if so, the extent of increase during the said period; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide better living conditions in slum areas of the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the Census, 2001, the number of children in the age group 0-6 living in slum areas of the country was 75.77 lakh. The latest data from Census, 2011 is not available.

(c) to (d): The number of children living in slums for last three years is not available.

(e): The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (Basic Services to the Urban Poor and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme components), aimed at providing basic amenities and affordable housing to the urban poor, especially slum dwellers since December, 2005.

The Government has recently launched a new scheme called Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) for the slum dwellers and the urban poor. This scheme aims at providing support to States that are willing to provide property rights to slum dwellers.