

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4266  
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URBAN SLUM POPULATION  
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**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether as per the United Nations Population report, India's urban slum population for the year 2001 stands at 158.42 million;
- (b) if so, whether the above number is about 3 times the figure of 52.4 million as per the Census of India 2001, which enumerated slums in 1,743 towns;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the government thereto;
- (d) whether the government has undertaken/propose to undertake any study with the Asian Development Bank to make India slum free; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): As per "World Urbanization Prospects 2001" by UN Population Division, the estimated Slum population in India – 2001 (at Mid-year) stands at 158.418 million.
- (b): As per Census 2001, in 1743 cities and towns having a population of 20,000 and above, the total slum population is 52.37 million.
- (c): Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation had constituted the "Committee on Slum Statistics / Census" under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Pronab Sen to look into various aspects of Slum Statistics/Census. According to the report of the committee the estimated slum population in 5161 cities and towns for 2001 is 75.26 million and projected slum population for 2011 is 93.06 million.
- (d): No, Madam.
- (e): Does not arise.