

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:207

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SLUM FREE CITIES

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified/earmarked several cities/towns in various States for making the country slum free;
- (b) if so , the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken so far in this regard, State-Wise and city/town-wise;
- (d) whether the Union Government has also engaged some private agencies in different States in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Odisha?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) : In pursuance of the Government's vision of creating a Slum-free India, a new scheme 'Rajiv Awas Yojana' (RAY) has been launched on 02.06.2011. The Phase I of Rajiv AwasYojana is for a period of two years from the date of approval of the scheme with a budget of 5,000 crores. The Scheme is expected to cover about 250 cities, across the entire country by the end of 12th Plan (2017). The selection of the cities will be done in consultation with the Centre. The States would be required to include all the mission cities of JNNURM, preferably cities with more than 3 lakh population as per 2001 Census; and other smaller cities, with due consideration to the pace of growth of the city, of slums, predominance of minority population, and areas where property rights are assigned. The scheme will progress at the pace set by the States.

Under the Slum Free City Planning Scheme i.e. the preparatory phase of RAY an amount of Rs. 99.98 crores has been released to 34 States/ UTs during the years 2009-10 & 2010-11 for undertaking preparatory activities. The list of 162 cities for which these funds are to be utilized for undertaking preparatory activities is at Annexure-I.

(d): No ,Madam

(e): Does not arise