

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes / undertake projects to improve low cost housing in urban areas in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has chalked out any plan in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the time by which the plan / project is likely to be started; and
- (e) the manner by which funds are likely to be allocated for this purpose?

Answer

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

(a): The Government of India through the National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy (NUHHP) 2007 aims to promote development of cost-effective, quality approved building materials and technologies with a view to bringing down the cost of houses to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) / Low Income Group (LIG). However, 'Land' and 'Colonisation' being State subjects, it is for the State Governments to pursue the initiatives under the NUHHP: 2007.

Government of India has set up Building Materials & Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) under the aegis of this Ministry. BMTPC has been involved in propagation of the alternate building materials & technologies including low cost housing through demonstration construction, seminars, exhibitions, training programmes and awareness programmes all over the country.

(b): BMTPC has initiated a Pilot Project on "Confidence Building in Alternate Housing Technologies through Demonstration construction & Training". The Pilot Project aims to facilitate wide spread dissemination and adoption of both existing proven and emerging cost-effective and sustainable building materials and construction technologies as an alternate to the conventional in different geo-climate parts of the country.

(c)to(e): The proposed "Confidence Building in Alternate Housing Technologies through Demonstration construction & Training" being a pilot project, no State specific plan or allocation of funds has been chalked out. The project is likely to be started in 2012-13.

Government is constructing houses for urban Poor under Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and recently initiated Rajiv Awas Yojna (RAY). The details for the same are available with the Ministry.