

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

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

- (a): The norms/parameters adopted by the Government for inclusion of city/towns of the country under Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY);
- (b): The number of cities/towns of the country identified so far for construction of houses under the RAY in the first phase, State-wise;
- and (C): The measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said scheme in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Rajiv Awas Yojana(RAY) has been approved on 2nd June 2011. As per RAY Guidelines, 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.

(b): The Scheme is expected to cover about 250 cities, across the entire country by the end of 12th Plan (2017). 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/UTRs 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.

(c): Under Phase-I of RAY which will extend for two years from the date of approval of the Scheme, States are being supported to develop GIS based Slum Free City Plans with comprehensive household-wise slum surveys as RAY emphasises a whole city, all slums and whole slum strategy. The States/UTs are also being encouraged to prepare innovative pilot projects which would form the basis for replication and upscaling in Phase-II of the Scheme. 8 pilot projects with project cost of Rs.446.2 crores have been sanctioned for construction of 6240 Dwelling Units and 2160 units of rental/transit housing.