

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

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

- (a) the names of the agencies entrusted with the responsibility of constructing low cost housing in various cities under the centrally sponsored schemes;
- (b) the number of such houses built by the said agencies during each of the last three years, city/town and State-wise;
- (c) the details of the facilities provided in such houses;
- (d) whether the said agencies have succeeded in providing low cost housing in such cities; and
- (e) if not, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : The Government of India does not select agencies for constructing low cost houses in various cities under Centrally sponsored / supported schemes. It is States/parastatals/cities that select agencies and entrust them with the responsibility of constructing houses in cities as per terms of agreement.

'Land' and 'Colonization' being State subjects, it is upto the State Governments to frame policies to provide Low Cost Housing to the people in their respective States. However, under Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) components of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM), Central Assistance is provided to assist States/Union Territories (UTs) in taking up housing and infrastructural facilities for the urban poor in 65 select cities in the country under BSUP and for other cities/towns in the country under IHSDP.

As on 30.04.2012, a total of 529 projects with the total project cost of Rs. 30,420.87 crores under BSUP and a total of 1086 projects with the total project cost of Rs. 12,080.18 crores under IHSDP, have been approved for construction / upgradation of 16,02,387 dwelling units .