

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

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

- (a) the growth of urban population in the country during the last two decades;
- (b) whether any assessment has been made in regard to the number of houses required commensurate with the rise in population of the cities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to initiate any scheme to meet the growing needs of housing or new townships so as to neutralise the pressure of migrants; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a): The growth of urban population in the country during the last two decades as per the "Census of India 2011: Provisional Population Totals: Rural- Urban Distribution: Figures at a Glance" by Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India is as under:

Urban Population as per Census Growth in Urban Population
(In million) (in Percentage)

1991 2001 2011 1991-2001 2001-2011

217.57 286.12 377.11 31.5 31.8

(b) and (c): A Technical Group constituted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation had estimated urban housing shortage at the beginning of Eleventh Plan as 24.71 million households in 2007 which was projected to increase to 26.53 million by the end of 11th Five Year Plan. State-wise details are annexed. Further, the Ministry has constituted a Technical Group in September, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Amitabh Kundu to estimate the housing shortage in urban areas of the country for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17).

(d) and (e): Housing and colonisation being a State subject, it is upto the State Governments to frame and implement programmes to meet the growing needs of housing or new townships in their respective States and to identify/engage/entrust the work of housing to agencies/ parastatals depending on their priorities and availability of resources. However, Government launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December, 2005 for providing housing and basic services to urban poor/ slum dwellers in 65 select cities under the Sub Mission Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and in other cities and towns, under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). Mission duration was 7 years from 2005-06. JNNURM has now been extended for 2 years (upto March, 2014) for completion of projects sanctioned upto March, 2012 and implementation of reforms. In addition, Government has launched the scheme of 'Rajiv Awas Yojana' (RAY) on 02.06.2011 with a vision to create 'slum-free India' by providing financial assistance to States that are willing to assign property rights to slum dwellers for provision of decent shelter and basic civic and social services for slum redevelopment, and for creation of affordable housing stock.