

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

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of shelters for homeless in the country with all the basic amenities during the next Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the ratio in which it would be shared by the States and the amount likely to be spent for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): 'Land' and 'Colonisation' are State subjects, therefore it is the primary responsibility of State Governments to provide shelters for homeless.

However, in order to complement and supplement the initiatives taken by State Governments, Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has drafted a programme namely 'Shelters for Urban Homeless (SUH)' to provide 24x7 shelters with basic facilities like drinking water, toilet and bathroom facilities, beds, storage and locking facilities, community kitchen etc. as part of the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) during the current Five Year Plan period.

Since necessary approvals have not yet been received, no details or firm commitment on its final form can be given at this juncture.