

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2620

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NIGHT SHELTERS

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

- (a) the number of night shelters in the country and the number out of them run by the Government separately, State-wise;
- (b) whether these night shelters, especially those run by the Government lack basic facilities required during summer/winter/rainy-season;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of these shelters?

Answer

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

(a): 'Land' and 'Colonisation' are State subjects, therefore it is the primary responsibility of State Governments to provide shelters to houseless households. Government of India does not run any night shelters nor does the Government of India maintain details of night shelters in the country.

(b) to (d): In light of the above, Questions do not arise.