

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify the number of urban homeless handicapped persons in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to improve their condition, especially with respect to providing them with food, clothing and shelter?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Registrar General of India has informed that no attempt has been made by RGI to specifically assess the number of Urban Homeless Handicapped in the country.

(c): Department of Disability Affairs in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment administers the following major schemes for the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities:

# Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme under which financial assistance is provided to non-governmental organizations running various projects for the welfare of persons with disabilities;

# Scheme for Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase / Fitting of Aids/ Appliances is a scheme under which assistance is provided to implementing agencies for providing aids and appliances to persons with disabilities.

# Seven National Institutes and eight Composite Regional Centers under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment are engaged in the activities of human resource development, providing rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities, research and development efforts , awareness generation etc.,

# The National Trust for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, a statutory body under the

Department of Disability Affairs is also running various schemes for the welfare of its target groups.

Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has also proposed a programme namely 'Shelters for Urban Homeless (SUH)' to provide 24x7 shelters with basic facilities like food, 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.