

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

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BRINGING VACANT HOUSES INTO HOUSING MARKET  
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**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to bring in the houses lying vacant in the country into the housing market through taxation and incentive policies; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION [DR. (MS.) GIRIJA VYAS]

(a) & (b): As per Census of India 2001 and 2011, the total number of Census Houses, Vacant Census Houses and Occupied Census Houses are as under:

| S. No. | House List Item                        | Numbers (in Millions) and percentage |                |
|--------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|
|        | 2001                                   | 2011                                 |                |
| 1.     | Total Number of Census Houses          | 71.56                                | 110.14         |
| 2.     | Total Number of Vacant Census Houses   | 6.45 (9%)                            | 11.09 (10.10%) |
| 3.     | Total Number of Occupied Census Houses | 65.11 (91%)                          | 99.05 (89.90%) |

Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has constituted a study to analyse the reasons for vacant houses and further action, if necessary will be taken based on the findings of the study.