

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

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HOUSING THE HOMELESS

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

- (a) whether the Government has not been able to provide accommodation to the homeless even after 60-65 years of independence;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) the number of homeless as on date, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Technical Committee constituted by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation to assess the housing shortage as on 2012, has estimated 0.53 million households in homeless condition in the urban areas. State-wise details in this regard are not available with this Ministry.

It is the primary responsibility of States to provide shelters to all citizens as 'Land' and 'Colonisation' are State subjects. However, this Ministry has built in a component of 'Shelter for Urban Homeless' under proposed 'National Urban Livelihood Mission' to support the States in providing shelters to homeless. Since necessary approvals have not been received, no firm commitment in this regard can be given at this juncture.