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LOK SABHA

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

(a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) in its Report has recommended for conducting a survey to identify urban poor in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC), in its Sixth Report concerning Local Governance has recommended that `an exhaustive survey to identify the urban poor should be carried out within one year. The parameters to be used for such identification should be simple and easily comprehensible, allowing objective measurement without the use of discretion. The identification should be based on a door-to-door survey with the survey teams including at least one person from the Area Sabha concerned. The urban poor so identified may be issued multi-utility identity cards for availing benefits under all poverty alleviation programmes.`

(c): In so far as Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is concerned, under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), the employment oriented urban poverty alleviation scheme implemented by this Ministry, house to house survey is carried out by the States / Union Territories for the identification of genuine beneficiaries of the scheme from among the urban Below Poverty Line (BPL) population on the basis of certain economic / non economic parameters. State/UTs are requested from time to time to carry out such BPL survey on the basis of the revised / updated state specific poverty lines provided by the Planning Commission, so that identification o f genuine beneficiaries (i.e. poorest of the poor) can be done under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on the basis of non-economic parameters.