

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:21

ANSWERED ON:25.02.2015

SLUM POPULATION

Devi Smt. Rama;Patole Shri Nanabhau Falgunrao

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

- (a) whether the slum population is on the rise over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a National Policy to deal with the increasing number of slums in the urban areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action plan envisaged to provide basic and essential facilities in the slums?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
(SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 21 FOR 25.02.2015 REGARDING "SLUM POPULATION".

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per the Census figures, the slum population in the country has increased from 5.23 crores in 2001 to 6.55 crores in 2011. Increased urbanization attracts migration from Rural areas and lack of affordable space in the cities for the urban population ordinarily results in increased slum population.

(c) to (e) : 'Land' and 'Colonisation' are State Subjects, accordingly State Governments and city Governments are responsible for policies and plan to address the issue of slums in an organised manner. In order to supplement the initiatives of State Governments, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation assists State Government to provide housing and basic civic and essential facilities for slum dwellers and urban poor through its schemes.