

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

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- (a) whether some new policy declarations have been made by the Government to promote real estate sector under smart city along with the details thereof;
- (b) the additional relaxations provided under the provisions to entrepreneurs constructing houses for the people of low income group under real estate sector along with the details thereof; and
- (c) the fresh steps being taken by the Government to increase the participation of private buildings in fulfilling the increasing demand of houses for the people of low and middle income group along with the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a): The Smart Cities Mission is not to promote the development of the real estate sector, but to provide core infrastructure and to give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and

sustainable environment and to apply smart solutions to improve services and infrastructure. Area-based development will transform existing areas (by retrofitting and redevelopment), including slums into better planned ones, thereby improving the liveability of the whole city. New areas (greenfield) will also be developed around cities in order to accommodate the expanding population in urban areas. Comprehensive development in this way will improve quality of life, create employment and enhance incomes for all, especially the poor and the disadvantaged, leading to inclusive Cities.

(b) & (c): In pursuance to Government's vision of facilitating housing to all by 2022, this Ministry has launched the 'Housing for All (Urban) Mission' for EWS and LIG segments. This has four components – Slum rehabilitation of Slum Dwellers; Promotion of Affordable Housing for weaker sections through Credit Linked Subsidy; Affordable Housing in Partnership with public & private sectors; Subsidy for beneficiary-led individual house construction or enhancement. The Mission specially envisages an important role of the private sector in slum rehabilitation by using land as a resource and in the Affordable Housing in Partnership components of the Mission.
