

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REHABILITATION OF DESTITUTES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any data on the number of destitute and homeless persons living in inhuman conditions under flyovers, railway stations and parks etc. in the country, especially in metro cities including Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme/proposes to launch a scheme/programme for the rehabilitation of these people so as to bring them into the mainstream of the society; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number and the percentage of such people rehabilitated during the last three years and the current year State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) and (b): As per Census- 2011, the number of homeless persons in the country is 17,73,040 comprised in 4,49,787 households.

As per this Census, a total number of 47,076 houseless persons, comprised in 23,175 households are in NCT of Delhi.

A statement giving State/UT-wise houseless households and population as per Census 2011 is annexed.

(c) and (d): As per information provided by Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, 'Land' and 'Colonization' are State subjects, therefore, it is the primary responsibility of State Governments to implement appropriate schemes for the houseless. However, in order to complement and supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing various schemes viz. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Rajiv Awas Yojna (RAY) and Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) for providing dwelling units. It has introduced a new scheme namely 'Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH)' to provide permanent shelters with basic facilities to urban homeless as a component of the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) during the 12th Five Year Plan period.