

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

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National Network of Building Centres
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Building Centres which are set up under the National Network of Building Centres (Nirman Kendras) in India are still functional;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) If not, the current position of these Centres; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to revive these Centres?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): Yes Madam. There were total 655 number of building centres (577 urban and 78 rural) established across the country. Out of these, 442 (387 urban and 55 rural) building centres are at various stages of functionality.

(d): Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has taken the initiative to set up a committee in February 2012 for rejuvenation and strengthening of National Network of Building Centres under the chairmanship of Shri Kirtee Shah, eminent architect and social housing specialist. Besides members from HUDCO, the committee has representatives from Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC), building research and development agencies, and the private sector.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoHUPA) has launched Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) with a vision to provide Housing For All (HFA) by the year 2022. Under this mission, a Technology Sub-Mission has been set up to facilitate adoption of modern, innovative, sustainable, green and disaster-resistant technologies and building material for low cost, faster and quality construction of houses. Technology Sub-Mission also facilitates preparation and adoption of layout designs and building plans suitable for various geo-climatic zones. To facilitate this, the Ministry has entered into Memorandum of understanding with certain prominent institutes (IITs/NITs/SPAs). Within the Ministry, HUDCO's HSMI and BMPTC are working on similar goals under the sub-mission.
