

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

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URBAN HOUSING

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

(a) Whether the Government has made any assessment of the constraints being faced by the real estate developers in the country including access to loans from banks and Housing Finance Corporations for developing affordable housing especially for middle and low income population living in urban areas of the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the steps taken in the matter;

(c) whether the Government proposes to explore the possibility of Public Private Partnership and involving/incorporating Corporate Social Responsibility for developing affordable urban housing in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any survey has been undertaken for making an assessment about the need for urban dwellings for different segments of the society covering the needs for the upper/middle/low income groups; and

(e) if so, the details and future projections in this regard and steps proposed to achieve the same?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a).

(c): The National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy, 2007 provides a framework for Public Private Partnerships. The Scheme for Affordable Housing in Partnership of this Ministry, provides for an incentive of Rs. 75,000 per dwelling for undertaking affordable housing on PPP basis. However, there is no proposal for treating development of affordable housing as a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity.

(d) & (e): 'Housing' and 'colonization' being State subjects, the primary responsibility of undertaking surveys and assessments about the need for urban dwellings for different segments of the society lies with the State Governments. However, this Ministry has set up a Technical Group for estimating urban housing shortage, which indicated a shortage of 18.78 million dwellings in 2012. This Ministry is also holding consultations for a new Scheme for Housing for All by 2022.