

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

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

- (a) whether the Government plans to construct night shelters for homeless and destitute people and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number and names of such cities where night shelters are being constructed including Delhi; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide other facilities like blankets and public conveniences in such night shelter; and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION [SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO]

(a) to (c): It is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to provide shelter for homeless and destitute people. However, in order to complement and supplement the initiatives taken by State/ UT Governments, Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation 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). This scheme is applicable in all the District Headquarter towns and other towns having population of one lakh or more.

As per the guidelines of the scheme, the State/UT Governments can utilize the funds released under National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) for construction, operation and maintenance of shelter for urban homeless as per their requirement.