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Title: Need to address the problem of homelessness in the country - Laid.

DR. RATNA DE (NAG) (HOOGHLY): With ever-growing population of the country, the homelessness too has been growing uninterruptedly in the country. Particularly in urban areas, homelessness has grown enormously. Study of the Supreme Court Panel as appeared in the Times of India dated 27th August, 2017, 'No Shelter for Urban Homeless' is very disturbing. To add to the dismal picture, 50% of funds released under the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) which was launched in 2013 are not utilised by States. It seems the Centre being the implementing authority has failed in monitoring the NULM at the State level, inspite of having its vast machinery.

There is a need to urgently address homelessness otherwise we would be encouraging slums mushrooming everywhere specially in the urban areas. I would like to urge the Central Government to address homelessness specially in urban areas.