

New Projects by HUDCO

*167 SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state

(a) whether in view of the housing problem in the country Housing and Urban Development Corporation are considering to take up new projects to meet the demand,

(b) if so the number of cities likely to be covered during the period upto March 1978 and

(c) the number of dwelling units likely to be constructed during the period?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY & REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT) (i) Yes Sir

(b) and (c) From its inception to 31-10-1977 HUDCO has sanctioned 654 schemes in 189 cities spread over 16 States and 4 Union Territories. As regards additional cities likely to be covered during the period upto March 1978 it is for the State Government agencies to come up with schemes to be financed by HUDCO and as such it is not possible to identify in advance the additional schemes to be financed by HUDCO in various cities.

The total number of dwellings sanctioned upto 1976-77 is 1,82,360 out of which 45,810 were completed till 31-3-77. During 1977-78 the number of dwellings which are likely to be financed by HUDCO is around 79,000. This is on the basis of an average cost of Rs. 10,867 per house as sanctioned by HUDCO during 1976-77 and the planned level of loan to be sanctioned during 1977-78. The actual number that would be completed during 1977-78 out of the dwellings sanctioned/likely to be sanctioned will depend on the pace of implementation of schemes by the borrowing agencies.

Slum Clearance and Urban Development Scheme

*168 SHRI K MAYATHEVAR Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state

(a) the concrete steps taken by Government to provide a meaningful lead for slum clearance and urban development schemes

(b) whether the breakthrough in slum clearance can be achieved only by providing sites and sources and

(c) if so the resume of the efforts taken so far in this direction and firm guidelines if any issued for quicker and broadbased implementation?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS & HOUSING AND SUPPLY & REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT) (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha

(b) and (c) The scheme of sites and services, which envisages provision of developed sites for self-help and of incremental housing is one of the solutions for housing for the low dwellers and economically weaker sections of the society. The Central Government has not formulated any scheme for financing projects of sites and services.

The Housing and Urban Development Corporation has, however, sanctioned 14 projects of sites and services having an estimated cost of Rs 5,089 crores in the States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. The HUDCO has already taken up with other States the question of financing such a scheme. Under the World Bank assisted projects similar programmes have been taken up in Madras and Calcutta.

Statement

Urban Development and Slum Clearance are State subjects

The Central Government, with a view to accelerate the development in these fields initiated the undermentioned schemes:

(a) *Slum Clearance*

The Central sector Slum Clearance/Improvement Scheme was started in May, 1956 and this continued in the Central Sector upto 31st March, 1969. The basic feature of the scheme is to rehouse the slum dwellers at the existing sites or nearby and to provide minimum standards of environmental hygiene. A financial assistance of Rs 34318 crores was released to the State Governments during this period.

This scheme was subsequently transferred to the State Sector to be financed from the block loan and block grant pattern under the State Plan schemes.

The Housing and Urban Development Corporation which is a Central Government undertaking has so far approved 28 housing schemes of the two slum clearance Boards of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu and have sanctioned a loan of Rs 419161 lakhs. This will result in construction of 6285 dwelling units.

(b) *Slum Improvement*

To improve the living conditions in slum areas the Central sector scheme for Environmental Improvement was initiated in 1972-73 under which 100 per cent grant was provided to the State Governments for undertaking projects of environmental improvement in 20 selected cities in the country. This Central sector scheme was in operation upto 1973-74. Thereafter it was transferred to the State sector to be financed from State Plan funds. An amount of Rs 2011 crores has been released to the State Government and Union Territory Administration during this period.

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(c) *Urban Development:*

(i) During the Third Plan, the Scheme for preparation of Development Plans/Master Plans for major metropolitan centres, State capitals, port towns, rapidly growing industrial areas and the resource regions was taken up as a Centrally sponsored scheme. Under this scheme financial assistance was provided to the State Governments for preparation of 72 Master Plans. According to information available, the Master Plans/Development Plans have been prepared for over 500 cities and towns by now.

(ii) During the 5th Plan two undermentioned Central schemes have been introduced.

(1) Scheme for Integrated Urban Development in Metropolitan Cities and Areas of National Importance and

(ii) Scheme for Development of National Capital Region. Central loan assistance under these schemes is being provided for development of cities and towns. So far Rs 3838 crores covering 19 towns have been released under the integrated Urban Development Programme, and Rs 255 crores for 4 towns for the National Capital Region.

(iii) The Housing and Urban Development Corporation has also financed 657 schemes for a total loan amount of Rs 28090 crores. The construction of houses, shopping centres, office buildings and development of plots under these schemes will naturally contribute to urban development. Of these there are 19 projects which will help in initiating the development process either in new towns or in large extensions of present township in the form of housing, commercials or industrial development.