

Houses for BPL people

52. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to build houses for people belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA):
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), launched by the Government in the year 2005, caters to provision of housing and basic services to urban poor in specified mission cities under the Sub-Mission Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and in other cities and towns under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP).

A new scheme-Interest Subsidy Scheme for Housing the Urban Poor (ISHUP) has been launched for providing interest subsidy on home loans taken by the urban poor to make the housing affordable and within the repaying capacity of economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Low Income Group (LIG).

The scheme encourages poor section to avail of loan facilities through Commercial Banks/Housing Finance Companies for the purpose of construction/acquisition of houses and avail 5% subsidy in interest payment for loans up to Rs. 1 lakh.

(c) Does not arise.

Slum-free India

53. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI : Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to make India slum-free in five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds being released to each State where SC/ST people live especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA):
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to introduce a new scheme namely Rajiv Awas Yojana for the slum dwellers and the urban poor on the lines of the Indira Awas Yojana for the rural poor. The scheme would extend support to States that are willing to assign property rights to people living in slum areas. The Government's effort would be to create a slum free India through the Rajiv Awas Yojana. The proposed scheme envisages the states to prepare their own time bound plans to make cities/towns 'slum free'.