

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) and (b) Housing being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to provide housing facility to citizens of the State and set timelines for such provision.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Scheme of Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) has been discontinued and has been subsumed in the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), launched in December, 2005. JNNURM targets both housing and basic civic amenities like water supply, storm water drains, community toilets, community baths, widening and paving of existing lanes, sewers, street light etc. to the urban poor, especially slum dwellers.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) being implemented over the period 2005-12 aims at provision of city-wide infrastructure and basic services to the urban poor especially slum dwellers. Under the Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) component of JNNURM, Additional Central Assistance is provided to 65 cities of national importance for undertaking affordable housing and basic amenities to the poor especially those residing in slums. Similar facilities are provided in small and medium towns under Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) component of JNNURM. The Government also launched a new scheme of Affordable Housing in Partnership in 2009 with an outlay of Rs. 5000 crore for construction of one million affordable houses for Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/Lower Income Group (LIG)/Middle Income Group (MIG) with at least 25% for EWS category. The Scheme is part of JNNURM and aims at partnership between various agencies/Government/parastatals/Urban Local Bodies/developers. The Government has also announced Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) in June, 2009 aimed at making the country slum free. Under this scheme, Central support will be provided to States that are willing to assign property rights to the slum dwellers.

#### **Migration of rural people to cities**

4524. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that due to rural backwardness rural people migrate to cities adding to the civic problems such as slums, shortage of drinking water, uncleanliness and urban employment; and

(b) if so, why rigorous efforts are not made to alleviate the urban poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Centrally sponsored scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY),

on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997. To make the scheme more effective, the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has been comprehensively revamped with effect from 2009-2010.

The revamped SJSRY has following components:—

- (i) Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) — targets individual urban poor for setting up of micro-enterprises,
- (ii) Urban Women Self-help Programme (UWSP) — targets urban poor women self-help groups for setting up of group-enterprises and providing them assistance through a revolving fund for thrift and credit activities.
- (iii) Skill Training for Employment Promotion amongst Urban Poor (STEP-UP) — targets urban poor for imparting quality training so as to enhance their employability for self-employment or better salaried employment.
- (iv) Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP) — seeks to assist urban poor by utilizing their labour for the construction of socially and economically useful public assets, in towns having population less than 5 lakhs as per 1991 census, and
- (v) Urban Community Development Network (UCDN) — seeks to assist the urban poor in organizing themselves in self-managed community structures so as to gain collective strength to address the issues of poverty facing them and participate in the effective implementation of urban poverty alleviation programmes.

Further, the shelter and basic amenities requirements of the urban poor and slum dwellers are addressed through the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The Sub-Mission of Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP) under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), catering to 65 identified Cities, and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), which applies to cities/towns other than the 65 identified cities, are aimed at providing basic amenities viz. affordable shelter, land tenure, water, sanitation, primary health, primary education and social security, to the slum dwellers and urban poor.

#### **Hindus and Sikhs in Pakistan**

†4525. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to save Hindu and Sikh brethren and sisters from Taliban atrocities in Pakistan;
- (b) whether Government does not believe that its time to talk tough with Pakistan on this important issue; and
- (c) if so, the details of the steps Government is going to take into this matter?

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