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The details of number of dwelling units sanctioned year-wise is as under:-

Year	Target	HUDCO*	NCHF**	HFI***	Total No. of units
		Total no. of units sanctioned (Urban)	Total no. of units sanctioned (Urban)	Total no. of units sanctioned (Urban)	
1998-99	700000	430399	174944	193671	799014
1999-00	700000	460218	88218	226495	774931
2000-01	700000	470881	80899	333736	885516
2001-02	700000	401078	73659	458615	933352
2002-03	700000	459969	73461	637107	1170537
2003-04	700000	427455	89948	621331	1138734
Total	4200000	2650000	581129	2470955	5702084

*HUDCO - Housing and Urban Development Corpn. Ltd.

** NCHF - National Cooperative Housing Federation of India.

*** HFIs - Housing Financial Institutions including Public Sector Banks.

(c) to (e) A new Centrally sponsored scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojna (VAMBAY) is being implemented since 2.12.2001 with a view to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for the urban slum dwellers living below poverty line who do not possess adequate shelter. The scheme has the primary objective to facilitate the construction and upgradation of the dwelling units for slum dwellers and provide healthy and enabling urban environment through community toilets under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (a component of the scheme). Government of India gives 50% subsidy in this scheme and the balance 50% is borne by the concerned State Government.

Unemployed people in metro

† 1383. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 crore of people are living below poverty line and are unemployed in metros;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the details of the action plan prepared by Government to remove this unemployment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARISELJA): (a) and (b) As per the Planning Commission's Estimates in 1999-2000, the total number of persons living below the poverty line in urban areas is 6.70 crore. As per the employment and unemployment rounds of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), the estimated number of unemployed in the country was 2.66 crore in 1999-2000.

(c) Tenth Five Year Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities. To create employment potential, the Tenth Plan has identified the labour intensive sector and sub-sectors for development: agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism, information technology, financial sector, education and health.

For the urban areas, Government is implementing an employment oriented urban poverty alleviation programme namely Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) *w.e.f.* 1.12.1997. The scheme strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures or provision of wage employment.

Under SJSRY, in urban areas, targets for setting up of 4 lakh micro enterprises and skill upgradation training to 5 lakh persons, living below the poverty line, have been fixed in the Tenth Plan.

Slum population in Chennai

1384. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the population of Chennai which is living in slums and on Government land at present;

(b) the details of the population evicted and relocated to other areas during the last five years;