

Shelter for urban poor

1180. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the urban poverty has grown over the years due to migration of people from rural areas and is growing further;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware that there are large number of people who live in these cities without shelter;

(c) what is the estimated number of people living in cities without shelter including the people living in major cities of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) what is projected requirement of housing for these poor people and what Government propose to do in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA):
(a) to (c) Migration of people from rural areas to urban areas is one of the factors in increase of number of urban poor. As per the report of Technical Group on Estimation of Urban Housing Shortage, as on 2007, the estimated urban housing shortage in the country was 24.71 million. Out of this, the estimated urban housing shortage for the State of Uttar Pradesh was 2.38 million.

(d) As per the report of Technical Group on Estimation of Urban Housing Shortage, the projected housing shortage by year 2012 will be 26.53 Million. Out of the total housing shortage, more than 99% shortage is projected for the EWS and LIG categories of urban households. The Government is implementing Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (Basic Services to the Urban Poor and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme components), aimed at providing basic amenities and affordable housing to the urban poor, since December, 2005.

The Government has recently launched a new scheme called Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) on 02.06.2011 for the slum dwellers and the urban poor. This scheme aims at providing support to States that are willing to provide property rights to slum dwellers.

Shortage of houses for BPL in Andhra Pradesh

1181. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is acute shortage of houses for people below poverty line in the country;

(b) if so, the effective measures Government is taking to resolve this problem;

(c) the total number of houses required for this category, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;