

**Rehabilitation of slum dwellers**

2118. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has estimation on slum dwellers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details with the number, of slum dwellers in major cities including Bangalore, Mysore, Delhi, Mumbai for the last three including current year;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to rehabilitate slum dwellers in the country;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) if no, the steps taken to effective rehabilitation of slum dwellers?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir. As per Census 2001, slum population in 1743 cities/towns having population of 20,000 or more, which were covered under slum population enumeration, was 52.4 million (23 per cent of the population of these 1743 cities/towns).

(b) The number of slum dwellers in cities/Municipal Corporations with population above 5 lakh is reported by the Census 2001 as 2,35,11,065 (69 cities/Municipal Corporations where slum population enumeration was conducted). The slum population of Bangalore, Delhi, Greater Mumbai and Mysore are reported as 430501, 1851231, 6475440 and 74781 respectively. Data on slum population based on 2011 Census are not published by the Registrar General of India.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. Slum improvement and upgradation and urban poverty alleviation fall under the domain of State Governments. Under Twelfth Schedule of the Constitution of India brought in by the Constitution (Seventy-Fourth Amendment) Act, 1992, slum improvement/upgradation and urban poverty alleviation are envisaged as function of Municipalities. However, the Government of India launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December, 2005 to assist States/UTs in taking up housing and infrastructural facilities for the urban poor/slum dwellers in 65 select cities in the country under the Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) Programme. For other cities/towns, the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) was launched. The

duration of Mission was upto 31.3.2012 and it has now been extended by 2 years upto the end of financial year 2013-14 for completion of projects sanctioned upto March, 2012.

A new scheme 'Rajiv Awas Yojana' (RAY) aimed at ushering in a Slum-Free India has been launched on 02.06.2011. The scheme envisages providing Central support to States that are willing to assign property rights to slum dwellers for provision of decent shelter and basic civic and social services for slum redevelopment, undertake reservation of land/Floor Area Ratio (FAR)/dwelling units for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)/Low Income Groups (LIG), earmark 25 per cent of municipal budget for basic services to the urban poor/slum-dwellers and bring in legislative amendments and policy changes to redress land and affordable housing shortages for the urban poor.

The phase 1 of Rajiv Awas Yojana, which is for a period of two years from the date of approval of the scheme, *i.e.* till June, 2013, is currently under implementation. This is the preparatory phase of RAY to undertake preparatory activities like slum survey, GIS mapping, preparation of Slum-Free City Plans and prepare pilot projects. Funds have been released to 194 cities for undertaking preparatory activities under Slum-Free City Planning Scheme in the preparatory phase of Rajiv Awas Yojana.

#### **Rajiv Awas Yojana in Jharkhand**

2119. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched the 'Rajiv Awas Yojana' for creating a slum free India;
- (b) if so, the number of cities, in Jharkhand for which funds has been released for undertaking preparatory activities under Slum Free City Planning Scheme; and
- (c) the progress made in the implementation of scheme in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir. In pursuance of the Government's vision of creating a Slum-Free India, Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) has been launched on 02.06.2011.

Under RAY, Central assistance will be extended to States that are willing to