

(c) and (d) Government is aware of the whereabouts of some precious artifacts and objects like the Koh-i-noor diamond. Government has been in touch over the years with concerned authorities in the British Government through our High Commission in London on this matter. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has informed that such items are not covered under the UNESCO Convention 1972 dealing with the restitution of cultural property.

Construction of houses for economically weaker sections

3297. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to launch housing schemes for urban poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will enforce the private builders to construct houses for economically weaker sections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The ongoing housing scheme of Government of India in the urban slums *viz.*, 'Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY)' was implemented under pilot phase during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. With the experience gained during the pilot phase, revised scheme of RAY is being worked out for implementation during Twelfth Five Year Plan period. Similarly, the Interest Subsidy Scheme for Housing the Urban Poor (ISHUP) scheme which was also under pilot phase during Eleventh Five Year Plan period is being revised for launch as Rajiv Rinn Yojana (RRY) with enhanced credit limits and targets. However, since necessary approvals have not been received, details and time frame for actual launch of these schemes, cannot be committed at this juncture.

(c) and (d) Apart from reservation of 20-25% of developed land for Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/Low Income Group (LIG) housing in every new public/private residential development projects, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty alleviation through its two schemes namely 'Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) and Rajiv Rinn Yojana (RRY)' envisages encouraging private builders to construct houses for

urban poor through incentivization and creation of demand led growth in housing respectively.

Problems of slum dwellers in Delhi

3298. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the unique Credit Risk Guarantee Fund Scheme for low income housing, proposed to be launched in the urban cities to benefit the poor;
- (b) whether this project has since been launched in Delhi;
- (c) the details of the categories of poor people who would be eligible for such loans under the project; and
- (d) how far will this address the problems of slum dwellers in Delhi and other Metros of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Government has established a Credit Risk Guarantee Fund Trust (CRGFT) for guarantee without collateral loans taken for low income housing, with an initial corpus of Rs. 1000 crore. The Credit Risk Guarantee Fund Trust has been registered on 1st May, 2012 and the Credit Risk Guarantee Fund (CRGF) Scheme has been launched on 31st October, 2012.

(b) The CRGF Scheme is applicable for urban areas in all the States/UTs of India including Delhi.

(c) The housing loans taken by urban people belonging to Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/Low Income Group (LIG) categories' for the housing unit of maximum size of 430 sq.ft. (40 sq.m) of carpet area, are eligible, under the scheme to get guarantee. This scheme is to be operated by National Housing Bank and is available through participating Banks and Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)

(d) The Scheme aims at facilitating flow of credit to the low income households in the EWS/LIG category from the formal financial sector. The aim of the Scheme is to act as a risk mitigant for the lending institutions for the housing loans sanctioned and disbursed by them to the EWS/LIG segments, thereby increasing the flow of institutional funds to the targeted segment all over the country including Delhi thereby helping slum dwellers.