THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir. The Hon'ble Prime Minister in his address to the Nation on 15th August, 2012 had announced: "to provide housing for our poor brothers and sisters residing in urban areas of our country, we will soon launch the Rajiv Housing Loan Scheme. Under this Scheme, people belonging to the economically weaker sections (EWS) will be given relief on Interest for housing loans of less than Rs. 5 Lakh".

(b) This Ministry is in the process of obtaining necessary approval of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for its implementation.

(c) In the light of the above does not arise.

Rise of slum in Metro cities

2065. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of slums has been rising at a faster pace in Metro cities of the country including Maharashtra over a period of time, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has taken or proposes to take steps to address the problems of these slums in the above Metro cities, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. GIRIJA VYAS): (a) As per Census 2001, slums population reported from four metropolitan cities *viz*. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, was about 10.6 million which constitutes 20.3% of the total slum population of 52.4 million in the country. Out of these metro cities, the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai reported the largest slum population of 6.5 million, constituting 12.4 per cent of the total slum population reported in the country. Census 2011, Slum data based on Population Enumeration is yet not released by Registrar General of India (RGI). However, Census 2011 datasets on the House Listing and Housing Census released by RGI reports 20,86,628 Slum Households in the above four metro cities.

(b) To address the issues of housing and infrastructure of the slum dwellers, the Government of India launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December, 2005. 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 total numbers of 724535 dwelling units have been completed.

'Rajiv Awas Yojana' (RAY) for the slum dwellers and the urban, poor was launched on 2nd June, 2011 in two phases: Phase-I. preparatory phase, for a period of two years from the date of approval of the scheme and Phase-II, implementation phase, for the remaining period of the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2013-2017). Under the preparatory phase of RAY, States were assisted to draw up their Slum-free Plans of Action to proceed towards the goal of Slum-free cities/States in a systematic and time bound manner. The Scheme adopts a 'whole slum' approach based on prioritization of slums as per Slum Free City Plan of Action prepared under the scheme. The Ministry is in the process for seeking Cabinet-approval for the implementation phase of RAY.

Regularisation of slums as housing colonies

2066. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of slums (indicating unit numbers and population thereof) got constructed during the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2013 in Mumbai and Delhi metropolitan areas, the number of slums regularised as "housing colonies";

(b) whether such utilities like electricity, water, drainage, etc. have been provided in such approved colonies;

(c) the number of slums demolished and their residents provided alternative living place in the metropolitan regions of Mumbai and Delhi; and

(d) the steps taken that recurrence of "jhuggies/slums/road-side shops" is not allowed to be set up in future?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Government of Maharashtra and National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) have reported that year-wise data on number of slums (indicating unit numbers and population thereof) is not available as no survey is conducted. However, data from different sources have indicated the number of slums (indicating unit numbers and population thereof) as under:—

- National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) has Published a report namely "Some Characteristics of Urban Slum 2008-09" based on its 65th round sample survey on conditions of slum in the country. The estimated number of slums in Delhi was 3,133 and those in Maharashtra were 17,019.
- As per "Report of the Committee on Slum Statistics/Census", Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation projected slum population in 2011 for Delhi as 31.63 lakh and that for Maharashtra as 181.51 lakh.