

Homeless people in the country

2392. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that at least 30 lakh homeless people are there across the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide shelter to those homeless people?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. GIRIJA VYAS): (a) As per Census of India 2011, the total houseless population in the country is 17,72,889. Out of this, the urban houseless population in the country is 9,38,348.

(b) 'Land' and 'Colonisation' are State subjects, therefore it is the primary responsibility of State Governments to provide shelter to homeless people. However, in order to complement and supplement the initiatives taken by State Governments, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has introduced a new scheme namely 'Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH)' to provide permanent shelters with basic facilities to urban homeless as a component of the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) during the current Five Year Plan period.

Slum population in the country

2393. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one-eighth of India's urban population lives in slum, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number is significantly lower than the 14 million slum households identified by the Census in 2011; and

(c) whether Government has set any target to reduce the said figure before the next census and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The Registrar General of India has informed that as per Census 2011 (Population Enumeration), out of urban population of 377.1 million of the country, a total of 65.49 million live in Slums which constitutes one sixth of