

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) A total of 3912 beneficiaries have been assisted under Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) component of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) in the State of Uttarakhand since 2009-10. As reported by the State Government, these beneficiaries have taken the loan for setting up of small shops such as General Store, Photoshop, Beauty Parlor, Cycle Repair, Mobile Repair Shop, Welding shop, House wiring etc. and they are marketing these goods and services on their own.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has launched the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) in the Twelfth Five Year Plan *w.e.f.* 24th September, 2013 by replacing the existing scheme of Swarn Jayanti Sahari Rozgar Yojana. The Self Employment Programme component of NULM will focus on financial assistance to individuals/groups of urban poor for setting up gainful self-employment ventures/micro-enterprises. Under NULM, the States/UTs are allowed to set up City Livelihoods Centres (CLCs) which will provide a platform whereby the urban poor can offer their goods and services in an organized manner to the potential buyers and also can access information and business support services as and when needed by them.

Plan for cognizance of catastrophic earthquake

‡2854. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has prepared any plan while taking cognizance of catastrophic earthquakes that occurred in various parts of the country, if so, its nature and the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the details of the reasons due to which the plan could not be materialized?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has issued National Disaster Management Guidelines for management of earthquakes. The Guidelines lay down strategies for earthquake risk management in the country.

‡ Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

As per Section 9.4.4 and Executive Summary of the above Guidelines, Ministry of Earth Science has been delegated the responsibility for preparation of earthquake management plan to cover the aspect of earthquake preparedness, mitigation public awareness, capacity building, training, education research and development, documentation, earthquake response, rehabilitation and recovery.

In addition as decided by the NDMA, Building Material and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) under Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has developed Vulnerability Atlas of India 2006, using Seismic Zoning Map of Bureau of Indian Standard(BIS) for disaster mitigation and planning.

Affordable housing schemes

2855. SHRI SANJAY RAUT : Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government is considering any housing projects with the help of private sector/financial institutions for providing housing including new houses, incremental houses, rental houses, transit housing in various cities, particularly in Maharashtra State, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has set any target for making such affordable housing structure in the country for the next five years, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) In order to increase affordable housing stock, as part of the preventive strategy, Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) is implemented as part of the Rajiv Awas Yojana scheme all over the country including Maharashtra. It is implemented by the States/UTs through partnership with private sector or public sector including parastatal bodies like housing boards, municipal bodies.

The scheme provides Rs.75,000 of actual grant assistance per EWS/LIG dwelling unit of upto 40 sqm size for housing and internal development components with an objective to encourage private sector participation in affordable housing. A project must build at least 250 dwelling units to avail benefits under the scheme. The DUs can be a mix of EWS/LIG-A/LIG-B/Higher Categories/Commercial of which at