

Rent to own scheme by HUDCO

541. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) proposes to launch 'Rent to own' housing scheme in certain parts of the country for jhuggies dwellers; if so, salient features of the scheme;
- (b) the names of the cities/towns identified for the purpose in the First phase; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the beneficiaries of the scheme do not sell such flats in connivance with building mafia and return back to their original jhuggies as in the past?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BABUL SUPRIA BARAL): (a) No, Sir. 'Rent to own' scheme of HUDCO is meant only for salaried employees, in public Sector.

(b) and (c) The questions do not arise in view of (a) above.

Difficulties in MSMEs sector

542. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the investors are facing difficulties in starting-up small units;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the help extended to such units so far; and
- (c) the views of the State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) to (c) MSME entrepreneurs who are starting units are facing difficulties such as lack of adequate capital, issues like that of getting power connection and clearances related to pollution, environment, labour etc. The Government is conscious of the problems being faced by start-up units. The Ministry of MSME is implementing a number of schemes and programmes to address the credit, infrastructure, technology and marketing needs of the start-ups. Some of the important schemes are: Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, Cluster Development Programme and National Manufacturing Competitiveness