

National urban housing and habitat policy

441. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to revise National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy, 2007, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Socio Economic Caste Census, 2011 data are being used for revision of Housing Policy; and

(c) how the States are being involved in revision of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) In the backdrop of the recent transformative changes in the urban development sector, especially the housing and real estate sector, lessons learnt from implementation of the National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy (NUHHP)-2007, new programmes/schemes launched by the Government, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the new Urban Agenda, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has decided to review/revise the existing NUHHP, 2007. Relevant data from various sources, including the Socio Economic Caste Census, 2011 are likely to be used during the revision of this policy. This Ministry has already initiated the process of dialogue with various stakeholders, including States/Union Territories, for formulation of NUHHP, 2017.

Steps taken to reduce urban poverty

442. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Socio-Economic and Caste Census in urban areas to identify the people below poverty line have been concluded and if so, the details thereof, category-wise for SC, ST, OBCs and others;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by when the said census would be completed;

(c) the total number of urban poor in the country, category-wise for SC, ST, OBCs and others, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for reducing urban poverty and the outcome thereof in the last two years including current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The SECC in