

**Houses to urban poor in Rajasthan**

†2755. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has formulated any action plan to provide houses to the urban poor in Rajasthan during the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the population of urban poor in that State and by when houses would be provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Housing is a State subject and the responsibility for providing housing to its citizen comes under the purview of the State/UT Governments.

This Ministry is, however, in pursuance of Government's vision of facilitating housing to all by 2022, implementing Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY (U)] Mission. The Mission aims to provide assistance to all States/UTs including the State of Rajasthan in addressing the housing requirements of the urban poor including slum dwellers through following four verticals:—

- (i) “*In-situ*” Slum Redevelopment;
- (ii) Credit-Linked Subsidy Scheme;
- (iii) Affordable Housing in Partnership; and
- (iv) Beneficiary-led individual house construction or enhancement.

The PMAY (U) Mission Guidelines makes it incumbent upon the States/UTs to undertake demand survey for assessing actual demand of housing under PMAY(U). Actual demand would, therefore, emerge after validation and completion of demand assessment by the States/UTs including the State of Rajasthan.

A total of 65 projects comprising Central Share of ₹ 787.46 crore has so far been approved under PMAY(U) for construction of 44,627 houses in the State of Rajasthan.

**Perspective plan for engineering courses**

2756. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education has asked States to submit a 10 year perspective plan for engineering courses, if so, the details thereof;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the number of vacant seats in engineering colleges is increasing across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in its meeting held on 14th March, 2017 has taken a decision to prepare long term perspective plan for technical education in India, so that, quality issues being faced in technical education may be addressed in a focused and planned way and State level planning be done accordingly. The Objective of the Perspective plan is to exploit opportunities and bridge the gap between envisaged future vision and current State and is supposed to provide specific and measurable goals, which are to be executed in next 10-years to enhance Access, Excellence and Inclusion in Technical education and a blue print on following:

- Expansion in Technical Education from Socio-economic Perspective
- Inclusiveness in the Technical Education.
- Quality in Technical Education, R&D in Technical Education.
- Role of ICT in Technical Education.
- Industry Demand Benchmarking.

(b) The total vacant seats (undergraduate and postgraduate) in engineering colleges during the last three years show slight variation, while the vacant seats in undergraduate courses have reduced; those in post graduate courses have gone up. The details thereof are as follow:-

Sl. No.	Academic Year	Vacant Seats (UG)	Vacant Seats (PG)	Total
1.	2014-15	8,30,671	93,564	9,24,235
2.	2015-16	7,79,864	1,18,050	8,97,914
3.	2016-17	7,78,033	1,29,599	9,07,632

(c) The AICTE has implemented different measures to reduce the vacant seats in the engineering colleges which include rationalizing the procedure to grant Extension of Approval (EoA), expansion of the courses and closure of the institute.