

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 221

TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 03, 2021

SHELTERS FOR URBAN HOMELESS POPULATION

NO. 221 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) has presented an unofficial figure of the urban homeless population at 30 lakh (3 million) but Government's official count has only recognized 9.38 lakh (less than a million) out of which only 1.09 lakh shelters are created under the Deendayal Antyodaya- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) scheme; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken to include the remaining number of homeless population into the official count and create shelters accordingly and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a)&(b):As per census 2011, the total urban houseless population in the country is 9,38,348.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is administering 'Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH)' scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), through respective States/Union Territories. The guidelines of SUH provide for conducting systematic third party surveys in cities/towns by the urban local bodies in order to assess the need for shelters. So far, 2,39,375 urban homeless have been identified in surveys conducted by 25 States / UTs.

Further, it is the primary responsibility of Governments of the States/Union Territories to provide shelter for the urban homeless and DAY-NULM complements it. So far, 1580 shelters have been created with a total capacity of 86,192 persons under the Mission.
