

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1342**

TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 19, 2022

SCHEMES FOR URBAN POOR

NO.1342. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the assessment of the schemes being run by Government for the urban poor in the country;
- (b) the extent to which these schemes have been helpful for the poor in urban areas;
- (c) the details of shortcomings found in these schemes; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken or being taken under these schemes to extend the benefits to the urban poor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

- (a) to (d) Urban Development is a State subject. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs assists the States / Union Territories (UTs) through its Missions / Schemes in urban areas- Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0), Smart Cities Mission, Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) and schemes under urban transport.

Ministry is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely "Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)" in the statutory towns of the country, to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households on a sustainable basis. Mission, inter-alia, aims to enabling urban poor to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities. Also, financial assistance is provided to individuals/groups / Self Help Groups (SHGs) of urban poor for setting up gainful self-employment ventures or micro-enterprises. Since 2014-15 till 30th November 2022, more than 13 lakh urban poor have been imparted skill training to enhance their employability, out of which more than 6.78 lakh skill trained have been placed under self and /or wage employment. Loans with the provision of interest subvention have been disbursed to more than 7.8 lakh beneficiaries for self-employment through individual or group micro-enterprises. More than 7.8 lakh Self-Help Groups have been formed, more than 5.36 lakh SHGs have been assisted with Revolving fund and 7.17 lakh loans have been disbursed under SHG bank Linkage Programme for taking up activities for improving incomes. Street Vendor Survey has been completed in 3,307 cities and towns, more than 49.93 lakh street vendors identified and more than 28.06 lakh street vendors have been provided ID Cards. 2,457 Shelters for Urban Homeless have been sanctioned under the Scheme and 1788 are operational.

Ministry is also implementing PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme since June 01, 2020, to facilitate micro-credit to street vendors in urban areas so that they can restart their businesses which were adversely affected during the Covid-19 pandemic. Under this scheme street vendors may avail a working capital loan of up to Rs. 10,000 followed by loans of Rs 20,000 and Rs. 50,000 in the second and third tranches respectively, on repayment of earlier tranche. As on 08.12.2022, over 38 lakh loans amounting to Rs. 4405 cr. have been disbursed to street vendors across the country.

Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) was launched on 2.10.2014 and continued till 30.9.2021 with the objectives of (i) achieving 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) status in all States and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) (ii) 100% scientific processing of all the municipal waste in the country and (iii) behavior change through Jan Andolan in all statutory towns. The outlay for the Mission was Rs.62,009 crores including Government of India share of Rs. 14,623 crores. The Mission achieved significant levels of success against the declared objectives of the Mission, with massive engagement of citizens across all categories of societies. Under SBM-U, the individual households not having access to toilet were identified and 62,79,304 units of Individual House Hold Latrines (IHHL) were completed against the target of 58,99,637 IHHL Units.

Further, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 Mission aims to make cities 'water secure' and provide functional water tap connections to all households in all statutory towns across the country. It also targets universal coverage of sewerage & septage management in 500 AMRUT cities. Both AMRUT & AMRUT 2.0 are reducing the strain on urban poor through provision of basic amenities. The Mission through provision of tap connections is mitigating the hardships & reduces burden of poor. Improved sewerage & septage facilities reduce the disease load, health risks, enhancing the quality of their lives.
