

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1485
ANSWERED ON 09/12/2024**

ENGAGING YOUTH FOR A BETTER FUTURE

**NO. 1485. SHRI MADAN RATHORE:
 SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:**

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

- (a) the initiatives taken by the Ministry to enhance youth education and employment opportunities in the urban settings; and
- (b) the benefits derived from various programmes like PMAY-U, DAY-NULM, AMRUT 2.0?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

- (a) & (b): ‘Land’ and ‘Colonization’ are State subjects and the implementation of schemes/programmes under this is the responsibility of State/UT Governments. In order to enhance education and employment opportunities in the urban settings, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) supplements the effort of State/UT by providing Central Assistance under various programmes.

Under the Smart City Mission (SCM) of MoHUA, more than 9,433 smart classrooms have been developed across 2,398 government schools. Over & above SCM is implementing 37 projects in 23 Smart Cities amounting to Rs.241 Cr on Skilling and Incubation Centre for youths. The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP) was conceptualized for strategically engaging youth of the country to participate in the urban reform process at City, State/UTs and National level.

PMAY–Urban has a Technology Sub Mission component under which youth, engineering graduates etc. are exposed to innovative construction technologies. Out of sanctioned 1.18 crore houses, 11.77 lakh houses have been sanctioned to beneficiaries of less than 30 years age.

Further, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs was implementing the “Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)” from February 2016 to 30th September, 2024. The mission aimed to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households by enabling them to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities, in order to improve their livelihoods on a sustainable basis, through building strong grassroots level institutions of the urban poor. The Employment through Skill Training & Placement (EST&P) and Self Employment Programme (SEP) of NULM aimed at providing skill training to urban poor as to enable them to find gainful employment or set up self-employment ventures.

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In addition, under AMRUT 2.0 reforms, 'AMRUT Mitra' initiative has been launched to actively involve women Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the water sector in convergence with DAY-NULM. This initiative emphasizes involvement of women in works such as water quality testing, bill collection/distribution, maintenance of WTPs/STPs/FSTPPs, park, water bodies etc. MoHUA has approved proposals from 29 States/UTs comprising 1,426 projects of worth Rs.117.50 crore. Rs. 19.87 crore has been released to the State/UTs. A total of 4,800 SHG members have been trained so far. AMRUT 2.0 provides for engaging youth in projects of water/sewage sector. College students are provided an opportunity to get insights into actual working of project. For implementing this, MoHUA has collaborated with AICTE that trains the mentors and students for undertaking field verification.
