

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 688
ANSWERED ON 10/02/2025**

HOMELESS PEOPLE IN URBAN AREAS

688. SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

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

- a) whether Government has data on families living under flyovers, bridges, and other such structures in urban areas, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- b) if not, whether Government is ready to conduct a comprehensive study to identify and document these families; and
- c) whether Government is ready to formulate and implement a special plan to rehabilitate these families?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per census 2011, the total urban houseless population in the country is 9,38,348. The details are at Annexure-I. In addition to this, under Scheme for Shelters for Urban Homeless (SUH)' component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), a total of 2.52 lakhs urban homeless have been identified through systematic third-party survey conducted by States / UTs during the Mission period.

As per 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India, Land & Colonisation are State subjects. Therefore, it is the primary responsibility of States / Union Territories (UTs) to take steps and devise schemes to provide for rehabilitation of homeless persons. Central Government is supplementing the efforts of State Governments / UTs through programs and schematic interventions. Further, MoHUA also implements Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U) for providing assistance to States / UTs for addressing the housing requirement of eligible urban households. PMAY-U envisages providing all weather pucca houses with basic civic amenities to all eligible urban households. Also, SUH component of DAY-NULM provides shelters equipped with basic facilities to the urban homeless.

ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED
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Sl. No.	State/ UT	Urban Houseless Population
1	Andhra Pradesh	75,857
2	Arunachal Pradesh	313
3	Assam	2,527
4	Bihar	12,591
5	Chhattisgarh	6,533
6	Goa	1,693
7	Gujarat	84,822
8	Haryana	23,789
9	Himachal Pradesh	872
10	Jammu & Kashmir	10,848
11	Jharkhand	6,967
12	Karnataka	35,473
13	Kerala	7,761
14	Madhya Pradesh	66,055
15	Maharashtra	1,11,373
16	Manipur	1,331
17	Meghalaya	177
18	Mizoram	104
19	Nagaland	344
20	Odisha	14,053
21	Punjab	18,374
22	Rajasthan	73,236
23	Sikkim	32
24	Tamil Nadu	37,117
25	Tripura	1,352
26	Uttar Pradesh	1,80,929
27	Uttarakhand	5,556
28	West Bengal	1,04,967
29	A & N Islands	65
30	Chandigarh	4,133
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	281
32	Daman & Diu	591
33	Delhi	46,724
34	Lakshadweep	0
35	Puducherry	1,508
	Total	9,38,348

Source: Primary Census Abstract: Houseless Population, office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India.