

Besides, a new scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) has been launched by the Government during the year 2001 - 02 with the purpose to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people living below the poverty line in urban slums, towards the goal of slumless cities with a healthy and enabling urban environment. The scheme also has a component known as Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan for the community toilets.

**Declaring Ahmedabad a Metro City**

†2159. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state whether his Ministry has any plan to declare Ahmedabad a "metro city"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): No, sir.

**Schemes for Houseless urban poor in Orissa**

2160. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have sponsored any schemes for the urban shelterless people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any such scheme has been launched in Orissa; and
- (d) the other States where such schemes have been launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Centrally sponsored scheme of "Night Shelter and Sanitation Facilities for the Footpath Dwellers in Urban Areas" is in operation since 1988-89. The scheme is a demand driven scheme and implementation of the scheme is done by the State Government or local municipal bodies or State sponsored agencies. The scheme was reviewed in October, 2002 and has been

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