

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 26.11.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**USHA SCHEME**

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Shri Kaptan Singh Solanki

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has implemented a scheme named 'USHA' to assess the activities related to slums housing and building construction;
- (b) if so, comprehensive details of the scheme;
- (c) whether any programme has been started by the Government for development of slums under the said scheme; and
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the details of amount allocated for the purpose?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Central Sector scheme 'Urban Statistics for HR (Human Resources) and Assessments' (USHA) is under implementation by National Building Organisation (NBO) under the aegis of Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation. The scheme aims at the development and maintenance of national database, (Management Information System (MIS) and knowledge repository relating to urban poverty, slums, housing, construction and other urbanization-related statistics. The components of the Scheme are Database including MIS and Sample Surveys, Action Research, Impact Assessment and Capacity Building/Training. No programme has been started by the Government for development of slums under the said scheme and as such no State-wise allocation was made under the scheme.