GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 866 TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 11, 2023

INCOMPLETE REAL ESTATE PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

NO. 866. SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- a. Whether any plan has been made by the Government to deal with the problem of incomplete real estate projects in the country;
- b. if so, whether the real estate projects remaining incomplete have been identified under this scheme;
- c. if so, the number of such projects identified in the country;
- d. the total number of such projects identified in the state of Gujarat;
- e. the plans put in place by the Government to tackle this problem; and
- f. the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

(a) to (f): 'Land and Colonization' is a State subject. The data sought is not maintained centrally by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

However, in order to protect the interest of homebuyers and to ensure transparency and accountability in the Real Estate Sector, Parliament has enacted the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 [RERA]. Under the provisions of RERA, the real estate projects are required to be registered with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority of the State / Union Territory (UT) concerned. Further, on lapse or revocation of the registration under RERA, the Regulatory Authority in consultation with the appropriate Government is empowered to take action for carrying out the remaining development works of the project by competent authority or by the association of allottees or in any other manner, as may be determined by the Authority.

Further, to give relief to homebuyers of stalled projects, Government has established a Special Window for Completion of Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH investment fund) for funding stalled projects that are net-worth positive and registered under RERA, including those projects that have been declared as Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) or are pending proceedings before the National Company Law Tribunal under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. As on 16th November 2023, under SWAMIH, 342 proposals aggregating to ₹37,554 Crores have been approved and this will benefit around 2,18,699 homebuyers and unlock projects worth ₹94,367 Crore.

Moreover, the Government of India had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa, to examine the issues related to legacy stalled real estate projects. The Committee recommended various measures to complete these stalled projects and handover the same to the homebuyers. The Committee has observed that the primary reason for stress in real estate projects is lack of financial viability. Accordingly, the Committee has recommended a slew of measures aimed towards improving the financial viability of stalled real estate projects, so as to enable their completion.

The report of the Committee has been shared with the States and all the concerned stakeholders and the same has also been uploaded on Ministry's website.
