GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 77 ANSWERED ON 01/12/2025

HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY

77. SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK:

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

- a) whether Government has any data on the homeless people in the country;
- b) if so, the total number Urban and Rural homeless people, gender-wise, age wise, as of 31st October 2025; and
- c) the year-wise details of urban slums demolished during the last five years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per Census of India 2011, a total of 17,73,040 people is houseless in the country, out of which 9,38,348 are in urban areas and 8,34,692 are in rural areas. Total population of male and female houseless people are 10,46,871 and 7,26,169 respectively. [The information is available at: https://censusindia.gov.in/nada/index.php/catalog/5047/download/8124/PCA_HL_2011_Release.xls]. Age-wise detail of Houseless population is not maintained by this Ministry. Also, data pertaining to the number of slums demolished during the last five years is not maintained by this Ministry.
