

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1790  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 6, 2018

MEDICAL AID TO NIGHT SHELTERS

No. 1790 DR. RATNA DE (NAG):  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:  
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has any proposal to provide basic medical aid to all the Night Shelters in Urban Areas for the urban poor in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) The details of plan outlay and time limit for completion of the aforesaid project with special reference to Delhi/NCR, Ambedkar Nagar, UP and Purnea, Bihar?

ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF  
THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS  
[SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI]

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- (a) & (c): Unlike the concept of 'Night Shelters', the Scheme of Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH) component under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) aims at providing permanent all weather shelters (24x7) equipped with essential services to the urban homeless in the States/ UTs. In order to provide medical care, there is a provision of first aid kit in the shelter itself. Further,

in case of serious illness or an emergency, the Shelter Management Committee is provisioned to ensure that the homeless person (patient) is taken to the nearest hospital for necessary medication.

d) The Scheme is implemented through respective States/UTs and as per the guidelines, provision of medical aid facilities to the homeless persons residing in shelters is applicable to all States/UTs including Delhi/NCR, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The expenditure on management of shelters including provision of medical facilities is borne under 'Operations and Management' head which is sanctioned to operational shelters.

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