

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2761  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 13, 2018

DEATHS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE

No. 2761 SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

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

- (a) whether a large number of homeless people in different parts of the country had died due to extreme cold/hot conditions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF  
THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS

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(a) to (c): One of the reasons for deaths due to extreme weather conditions could be lack of proper habitat. It is the primary responsibility of Governments of the States/Union Territories to provide shelter for the urban homeless population. Data on the number of deaths in urban areas during winter and summer season due to extreme weather condition is not available.

In order to complement and supplement the efforts of Governments of States/ UTs in this regard, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs is administering a scheme 'Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH)' as one of the seven components of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), through respective States/UTs. It focuses on providing permanent shelters equipped with basic facilities to the urban homeless. As on 28.02.2018, a total of 1331 shelters have been sanctioned by 25 States/UTs, out of which 789 shelters are operational.

Provision of shelter for urban homeless is a step in the right direction to prevent deaths of homeless people due to extreme weather conditions.

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