GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5794

TO BE ANSWERED ON APRIL 03, 2018

HOUSING RENTAL SCHEME

No. 5794   SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

(a)   whether the Government has asked the State Governments to consult local bodies with regard to their requirement for implementing housing rental scheme for the urban poor across the country;

(b)   if so, the details thereof;

(c)   whether the Government has received any response from the State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d)   the manner in which the Government is likely to make assessment of the requirement of houses in cities and sort out the problems related to housing in cities?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (d)   At present, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs does not have any scheme for providing rental housing for the urban poor across the country. However, the Ministry has drafted a National Urban Rental Housing

Policy (NURHP) with a vision 'to create a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive rental housing market in India'. The Draft policy envisages creation of adequate rental housing stock by promoting Social Rental Housing (SRH), with direct or indirect support from Government (State/Union Territories), with special focus on affordability of vulnerable groups and urban poor (Economical Weaker Sections and Lower Income Group as defined by Government of India from time to time).

This Ministry has shared the draft NURHP with the State Governments and held wide consultations with all the stake holders. A National Consultation in this regard was organized at New Delhi on 4th December, 2015. Feedback on the draft NURHP has been received from various quarters.

"Land" and "Colonisation" are State subjects and therefore, it is the primary responsibility of State Governments and Urban Local Bodies to provide housing including rental housing.

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