

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 403
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 05, 2019**

NIGHT SHELTERS FOR HOMELESS

No. 403 SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

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

- (a) the number of deaths due to cold and exposure reported in the country during the last five years;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps to combat the same and also construct shelters for homeless people and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of night shelters and homeless shelters for men and women separately, at present, State and UT- wise;**
- (d) the facilities provided in the said shelters; and**
- (e) the details of the last audit conducted relating to these shelters along with the findings of the said audit and the steps taken to rectify the shortcomings noticed therein?**

ANSWER

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

[SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI]

(a): A total of 849, 997, 946, 913 and 1,149 deaths due to Cold and Exposure were reported annually in the country during 2011-2015 respectively. A total of 60, 40, 52, 23 and 38 deaths due to Avalanche were reported annually in the country during 2011-2015 respectively. Latest data is available only for the year 2015 in both the cases.

(b) & (c): One of the reasons for deaths due to cold and exposures in the country could be because of lack of proper habitat. It is the primary responsibility of Governments of the States/ Union Territories to provide shelter for the urban homeless population. 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

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for Urban Homeless (SUH)' as a component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), through respective States/UTs to provide permanent shelter. Under DAY-NULM, a total of 1126 shelters are operational, out of which, 170 shelters for men and 54 shelters are for women. The remaining shelters belong to the categories viz. family shelter, general shelter and special shelters. The States/UTs wise details of men and women shelters is at Annexure-I.

(d): As per SUH guidelines, the facilities to be provided in the shelter, *inter-alia*, include well ventilated rooms, water arrangements and sanitation, adequate bathing & toilet facilities, adequate fire protection measures, standard lighting for shelter etc.

(e): The operational guidelines provide that States/UTs would undertake independent quality evaluation for quality checks on projects being implemented. In addition, quality audit of operational shelters will be conducted at the shelter level on a quarterly basis. The audits are expected to be conducted by third party external reviewers. Apart from that, social audit of each shelter should be organized at least once a year.

**Annexure-I to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 403 for Answer on
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S.No	State Name	No. of Men Shelters	No. of Women Shelters
1	Andhra Pradesh	16	5
2	Bihar	2	0
3	Chandigarh	0	0
4	Chhattisgarh	0	0
5	Goa	0	0
6	Gujarat	2	1
7	Haryana	0	0
8	Himachal Pradesh	2	1
9	Jharkhand	4	2
10	Karnataka	11	3
11	Kerala	1	2
12	Madhya Pradesh	0	4
13	Maharashtra	6	2
14	Mizoram	1	0
15	NCT of Delhi	95	18
16	Odisha	1	0
17	Puducherry	0	1
18	Punjab	2	0
19	Rajasthan	1	0
20	Tamil Nadu	12	11
21	Telangana	14	4
22	Uttar Pradesh	0	0
23	Uttarakhand	0	0
24	West Bengal	0	0
	Total :	170	54