GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 854

TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 06, 2020

SHORTAGE OF HOUSING FACILITY

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to address the issues related to shortage of houses in a time-bound manner and if so, the steps taken in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to bring in cost effective and speedy construction technologies also; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken in this regard during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a) In pursuance to Government of India's vision of facilitating Housing for All by 2022, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has been implementing Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U) Mission since June 2015 to provide Central Assistance to States/UTs for providing all weather pucca houses with basic civic amenities to all eligible urban households. So far, against the validated demand of 112 lakh houses; 103 lakh houses have been sanctioned under various verticals of PMAY-U Mission. Out of 103 lakh houses sanctioned, 60.51 lakh houses are grounded, 32 lakh houses are completed/delivered.
- (b) & (c) MoHUA is facilitating the adoption of modern, innovative and green technologies and building materials for faster and quality construction of houses under Technology Sub-Mission component of PMAY-U Mission.

Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC), an autonomous organization under the aegis of MoHUA is mandated to identify, evaluate and promote emerging construction systems suiting to different geo-climatic conditions of the country, which are safe, sustainable and environment-friendly and ensure cost effective and faster delivery of quality houses. BMTPC has evaluated and certified 36 new housing systems/technologies under Performance Appraisal Certification Scheme (PACS). Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has issued Schedule of Rates (SoRs) for 29 innovative and alternate technologies. In order to showcase the field application of new emerging technologies which are cost effective and speedy construction, MoHUA has taken an initiative to construct Demonstration Housing Projects under PMAY-U Mission through BMTPC in various States/UTs.

MoHUA has launched Global Housing Technology Challenge - India (GHTC-India) to enable a paradigm shift in the construction sector for affordable housing in the country through a global challenge, which aims to identify and mainstream a basket of innovative construction technologies from across the globe for housing construction sector that are sustainable, eco-friendly, cost effective, speedier and disaster-resilient. As a part of GHTC-India, six Light House Projects have been taken up through open bidding process for construction of about 1000 houses along with associated services each at six locations in six States by using six distinct housing construction technologies out of 54 innovative construction technologies identified through GHTC-India.
