

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2619
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 17, 2022**

IMPACT OF PANDEMIC ON URBAN POOR

NO. 2619. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is true that urban poor greatly impacted due to pandemic and if so, the details thereof;**
- b) whether there is no employment guarantee for urban poor like the one for rural poor and if so, the details thereof; and**
- c) whether Government has proposal of having a scheme like National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGA) for urban poor National Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme (NUEGS) and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

- (a) The impact of Covid pandemic has been largely disruptive *inter-alia*, in terms of economic activity. It affected all sectors including livelihoods of urban poor.**
- (b)& (c) There is no employment guarantee scheme for urban poor. However, in order to mitigate adverse impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on urban poor, including urban street vendors, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has implemented schemes like Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) and PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi. Further, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) is being implemented in all statutory towns of the country to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households on a sustainable basis.**