GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1855

TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 28, 2022

NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE

NO.1855. SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

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

- (a) the status of homelessness and the number of people homeless in the country;
- (b) the details of funds allocated by the Government to provide temporary accommodation houses to them during extreme weather conditions like heat wave, rainy season and cold wave;
- (c) whether the Government is constructing houses for homeless population; and
- (d) if so, total allocation made by the Government for providing houses to people who are homeless or without houses?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

- (a): As per Census of India 2011, there are 9.38 lakh homeless people in urban areas.
- (b) to (d): Land and colonization are State subjects. The construction of houses/ accommodations/ night shelters is done by the respective State/ Union Territory (UT) Governments including arranging for finance. The details of such accommodation and funding are not maintained by the Ministry. However, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is supporting the efforts of State/ UT Governments through Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana -National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) by providing Central Assistance for construction and operation of night shelters

as proposed by the States/ UTs to save homeless people from extreme weather conditions like heat wave, rainy season and cold wave.

Additionally, MoHUA under the vision of 'Housing for All' by 2022, is also supplementing the efforts of States/ UTs by providing Central Assistance under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) for construction of houses for all eligible families/ beneficiaries including homeless population since 25.06.2015. Based on the project proposals submitted by States/ UTs, so far more than 122 lakh houses have been sanctioned under PMAY-U in all urban areas, out of which more than 102 lakh have been grounded and more than 61 lakh have been completed/ delivered to the beneficiaries. A total Central Assistance of Rs. 2.03 lakh crore has been sanctioned so far under PMAY-U.

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