GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2356 TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 13, 2025

POVERTY LEVEL AMONG URBAN WORKERS

NO. 2356 SHRI SUDAMA PRASAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government has completed the survey to identify poverty levels among urban workers and if so, the details thereof along with the agencies involved and the criteria used in this regard;
- (b) the details of cities where the survey has been conducted along with the details of key findings from the survey;
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to tackle urban poverty based on the survey results along with the details of targeted policies for affordable housing, social security and employment generation; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to extend the survey to more cities and if so, the name of cities along with the timeline fixed for the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)

(a)& (b): It is pertinent to mention that 'Land' and 'Colonization' are State subjects and the implementation of schemes / programmes under this is the responsibility of State / UT Government. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) supplements the effort of States/UTs by providing Central Assistance under "Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana -National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)".

As per DAY-NULM Mission Document, the target of DAY-NULM is the urban population identified as below poverty line in urban areas by the States/UTs. The coverage may be broadened to include families of disadvantaged groups like SCs, STs, women, minorities, disabled etc. subject to a maximum of 25 percent of the above urban poor population. Accordingly, States / UTs/ ULBs have been undertaking surveys for identification of urban poor. DAY-NULM was under implementation until 30th September, 2024.

(c) & (d): Schemes related to housing for citizens are implemented by States/Union Territories (UTs). Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) supplements the efforts of States/UTs including UT of Delhi by providing Central Assistance under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) Mission since 25.06.2015 to provide pucca house with basic amenities to all eligible urban beneficiaries across the country through four verticals i.e., Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC), Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP), In-Situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR) and Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS).

Also, Employment through Skill & Placement (EST&P) component of DAY-NULM aimed to provide skill training to urban poor in marketoriented courses, enabling them to set up self-employment. Further, Self-Employment Programmes (SEP) component provides for financial assistance to individuals / groups / SHGs of urban poor for setting up gainful self-employment ventures of micro-enterprises.

Further, as part of PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme, SVANidhi se Samriddhi (SSS) has uplifted more than 44.5 lakh street vendors and their families, facilitating more than 1.25 crore sanctions under eight welfare schemes of the Government of India.

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