

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 529
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 06, 2025**

URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

NO. 529. SHRI RAJA RAM SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has proposed to launch a new project on urban poverty alleviation as a pilot project from 1st October in twenty-five cities and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has constituted any committee before launching the pilot project and if so, the recommendations of the said committee;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey for estimating urban poverty in context with this pilot project, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the motivation for the pilot project is a reflection of the increase of urban employment, inflation and price rise and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, the pilot of the proposed New Mission on Urban Poverty Alleviation was launched with effect from 1st October, 2024, for 3 months with the preparatory period of 1 month in 25 cities with the financial outlay of Rs.180 Cr. The proposed Mission comprises of 5 components, namely, (i) Community-led Institution Development, (ii) Financial Inclusion and Enterprise Development, (iii) Social Infrastructure, (iv) Convergence, and (v) Innovative and Special Projects, aiming to address poverty alleviation of urban poor households with focused interventions to 6 vulnerable groups such as construction workers, transportation workers, gig workers, care workers, waste workers and domestic workers The list of cities is placed at Annexure-I.

(b): Yes, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, MoHUA had constituted working groups committee, members of which were from civil society, State / local bodies, research organizations, Central Government etc. for identifying vulnerable groups as mentioned above.

The key recommendations focused on targeted interventions on key vulnerable occupational groups such as formation and strengthening their institutions, financial inclusion enabling social infrastructure and collaboration with various other ministries and line departments for accessing social security benefits.

(c): The pilot uses base data of National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), besides the data identified by States, Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and in-line Departments such as data from Civil Supplies Department, Labour Department etc. for identification of urban poor.

(d): The motivation for pilot project is enhancing opportunities for livelihoods of urban poor as per learnings from Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM). Under DAY-NULM 1 crore urban poor households were brought into the frame of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through institutional mobilization of which 90% are women members. Further, the Mission created 39.2 lakhs livelihoods through financial inclusion and skill training.

**ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA
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S.N	State	City
1	Assam	Guwahati
2	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
3		Vizag
4	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
5		Puri
6		Rourkela
7	Gujarat	Surat
8		Ahmedabad
9		Dahod
10	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
11		Agra
12		Varanasi
13	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
14		Kochi
15	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
16		Ujjain
17		Indore
18	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
19		Tirupur
20	Tripura	Agartala
21	West Bengal	Kolkata
22		Durgapur
23	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba
24	Mizoram	Aizawl
25	Bihar	Patna