

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1634  
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 05, 2024**

**SHELTERS FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE**

**NO. 1634. SHRI NARESH GANPAT MHASKE:**

**SHRI RAJESH VERMA:**

**SMT. SHAMBHAVI:**

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

- (a) the data on the number of homeless people present in urban areas across the country, State-wise;**
- (b) the data on the number of urban homeless people who have been provided shelter under the Shelters for Urban Homeless (SUH) scheme across the country, State-wise;**
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for recognizing, identify and locating homeless people; and**
- (d) the challenges faced by the Government in implementing the said scheme along with the steps taken/being taken to address these issues?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): Census of India conducts enumeration of population in the country on decadal basis including homeless people. As per Census of India 2011, the total urban houseless population was 9,38,348. State / UT wise list is at Annexure-I. Further, operational guidelines of Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH) component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) prescribe systematic third-party surveys to be undertaken in cities / towns by the urban local bodies to identify the number of urban homeless to assess the need for shelters. The detail of homeless identified in the survey is annexed as Annexure-II.**

- (b): As per information given by States/ UTs, as on 20.11.2024, a total of 1,994 shelters having capacity of 1.16 lakh are functional under DAY-NULM. Further 722 non-NULM shelters are functional with a capacity of 24,757. Number of functional NULM shelters along with capacity created is at Annexure-III.**
- (c): It is the primary responsibility of Government of the States/ Union Territories to provide shelters for the urban homeless. However, in order to complement their efforts, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs is administering SUH under DAY-NULM, through respective States/UTs. It focuses on providing permanent shelters equipped with basic facilities to the urban homeless. Operational guidelines of SUH provide for identification and rescue of urban homeless under which Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and the agency running the shelter have the responsibility to ensure that no homeless person in the area spend night in the open. Further, Shelter Management Agencies are responsible for identifying and persuading the urban homeless persons to come to the shelters. Local police and line department are also engaged during the rescue process.**
- (d): As reported by States /UTs, the key challenges include unavailability of suitable land for construction of new shelter, mobilization of resources for Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of SUH beyond 5 years, unwillingness of homeless to leave the place where they have been living for so long and frequent migration of the homeless people etc.**

**States / UTs have also been advised to mobilize their own resources to make shelters self-sustainable after first 5 years of being operational.**

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**ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA  
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**Houseless Urban Population in India as per census 2011**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Urban Houseless Population</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh*	75,857
2	Arunachal Pradesh	313
3	Assam	2,527
4	Bihar	12,591
5	Chhattisgarh	6,533
6	Goa	1,693
7	Gujarat	84,822
8	Haryana	23,789
9	Himachal Pradesh	872
10	Jammu & Kashmir	10,848
11	Jharkhand	6,967
12	Karnataka	35,473
13	Kerala	7,761
14	Madhya Pradesh	66,055
15	Maharashtra	1,11,373
16	Manipur	1,331
17	Meghalaya	177
18	Mizoram	104
19	Nagaland	344
20	Odisha	14,053
21	Punjab	18,374
22	Rajasthan	73,236
23	Sikkim	32
24	Tamil Nadu	37,117
25	Tripura	1,352
26	Uttar Pradesh	1,80,929
27	Uttarakhand	5,556
28	West Bengal	1,04,967
29	A & N Islands	65
30	Chandigarh	4,133
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	281
32	Daman & Diu	591
33	Delhi	46,724
34	Lakshadweep	0
35	Puducherry	1,508
	<b>India 2011</b>	<b>9,38,348</b>

**Source: Primary Census Abstract: Houseless Population, office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India.**

**Note: \*: Andhra Pradesh means the erstwhile State of Andhra Pradesh i.e., the area now comprising the present-day State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.**

**ANNEXURE-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA  
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Number of homeless identified through systematic third-party surveys**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>No. of Urban homeless persons identified</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	11,173
2	Assam	636
3	Bihar	10,253
4	Chandigarh	2,064
5	Chhattisgarh	10,216
6	Goa	173
7	Gujarat	35,293
8	Haryana	19,015
9	Himachal Pradesh	879
10	Jammu & Kashmir	42
11	Jharkhand	3,043
12	Karnataka	7,371
13	Kerala	3,196
14	Manipur	4
15	Madhya Pradesh	3,212
16	Maharashtra	21,882
17	Meghalaya	48
18	Mizoram	3,888
19	Nagaland	49
20	Odisha	13,651
21	Puducherry	719
22	Rajasthan	39,512
23	Sikkim	13
24	Tamil Nadu	14,040
25	Telangana	4,629
26	Tripura	328
27	Uttar Pradesh	28,409
28	Uttarakhand	2,202
29	West Bengal	10,565
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,46,505</b>

**Note: - (i) No urban homeless have been identified in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu in Systematic Third-Party Survey.**

**(ii) Third party Survey is not done in 03 States/UTs – Ladakh, NCT of Delhi and Punjab.**

**ANNEXURE-III REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA  
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Number of functional shelters along with their capacity -State /UT wise**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Names of the States/UTs</b>	<b>Shelters Functional</b>	<b>Capacity Created</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	95	4,880
2	Assam	6	170
3	Bihar	111	3,969
4	Chhattisgarh	47	2,221
5	Goa	3	73
6	Gujarat	78	9,754
7	Haryana	54	2,812
8	Himachal Pradesh	20	688
9	Jammu & Kashmir	2	100
10	Jharkhand	57	1,618
11	Karnataka	108	4,013
12	Kerala	27	2,964
13	Madhya Pradesh	118	4,187
14	Maharashtra	99	5,467
15	Meghalaya	4	95
16	Mizoram	96	5,243
17	Nagaland	3	90
18	Odisha	46	2,282
19	Punjab	30	1,550
20	Rajasthan	237	10,900
21	Tamil Nadu	276	19,398
22	Telangana	45	2,530
23	Tripura	9	450
24	Uttar Pradesh	144	9,352
25	Uttarakhand	13	699
26	West Bengal	70	3,811
27	Chandigarh	1	105
29	Delhi	193	17,035
30	Puducherry	2	200
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,994</b>	<b>1,16,656</b>