

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF FLATS FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing construction of LIG, MIG and HIG flats for the earthquake victims in Gujarat;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and released by the Government for the purpose;
- (c) the manner in which the Government intend to arrange funds for this purpose;
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the extent of success achieved so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)&(b): There is no specific scheme for construction of LIG, MIG and HIG flats for the earthquake victims in Gujarat. However, HUDCO the Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of this Ministry has sanctioned loans as under:

Two Million Housing Programme	Dwelling Units Sanctioned	Completed	Amount released
2001-2002	6801	3914	Rs.4.31 crores
2002-2003	18136	2136	Rs.3.56 crores

OTHER HOUSING SCHEMES

Loan sanctioned

2001-2002	Rs.49.62 crores
2002-2003	Rs. 6.19 crores

(c): Union Government has directed HUDCO to lend liberally for the purpose from its available resources. In addition it has permitted HUDCO to raise tax free bonds worth Rs. 1500 crores for financing rehabilitation work in Gujarat for earthquake victims.

(d)&(e): Apart from providing financial assistance, Union Government has provided/is providing techno-legal support to the State Government in the following ways:

- (i) Guidance to the State Government for amendment in their building bye-laws by incorporating earthquake resistant features in the new construction.
- (ii) Setting up building Centres in urban & rural areas to demonstrate earthquake resistant technology.
- (iii) Construction of community buildings.

(iv) Addition of a few badly damaged towns/ villages for comprehensive development as model basti.

(v) Technical brochures have been brought out in Gujrati indicating simple `Do` and Don`t` for construction of safer houses.