

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

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NATIONAL POLICY ON SLUMS

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to formulate a National Policy on Slums;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof and the factors to be addressed;
- (c) whether the draft proposal has been sent to the State Governments;
- (d) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto;
- (e) the extent to which the life of poor people staying in slums is likely to be improved;
- (f) the time by which the said policy is likely to be finalised;
- (g) the total number of house-holds living in slums, State-wise; and
- (h) the action taken so far to ameliorate their lot and improve their living conditions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a)to(f): The National Slum Policy is under consideration.

(g): Slum development being a State subject, State Governments survey and take stock of slums in their respective States. However, the Town and Country Planning Organisation (TCPO) conducted a one-time study on slums in 1995-96 and brought out a report titled 'A Compendium on Indian slums-1996'. According to this report the estimated slum population of the country in 1991 and 2001 was 462.603 lakhs and 618.258 lakh respectively.

(h): Slum Development is a State subject. The State Governments formulate specific plans, programmes and schemes for development of slums in various cities as per their priorities and make necessary provisions therefor, in their respective State Plans. To improve the living standards of slum dwellers by providing the basic facilities, National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) was launched by the Central Government in August, 1998. Under this programme Additional Central Assistance (ACA) is being provided to the States/UTs for provision of basic amenities.

In 2001, Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) was launched to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people living below the poverty line in urban slums. There is also a component for providing community toilets under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan.