

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

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UNDP REPORT ON SANITATION
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the recently released UNDP report on sanitation stating that India is lagging behind on the sanitation front and two-third of its population have no access to sanitation;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. Human Development Report 2006, released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) provides a figure of 33% as the percentage of people with sustainable access to improved sanitation in India. The Government is according priority to water and sanitation under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).