

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NEW POLICY FOR URBAN HOUSING

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

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to come out with a new policy for urban housing, with focus on the twin problems of providing shelter to all at affordable prices and improve the standard of living of the urban poor ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said policy is likely to be finalised and implemented ?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): The current National Housing & Habitat Policy came into effect in in 1998. To streamline and augment housing development particularly for urban poor in the new emerging context, it has been decided to have an updated housing policy. The Draft National Urban Housing & Habitat Policy, inter-alia provides for accelerating the pace of development of housing and related infrastructure; creating adequate and affordable housing stock both on rental and ownership basis; encouraging State Governments/Development Authorities to periodically update their Master Plans and Zoning Plans; and facilitating accelerated supply of serviced land in housing with particular focus on Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and Low Income Group (LIG) categories.

The policy is likely to be finalized and implemented shortly.