

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

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SURVEY ON URBAN POOR
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has mooted any nation wide survey to ascertain the figures of urban poor;
- (b) if so, whether the survey is being conducted on the basis of religion and caste under the said scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the date on which this scheme was launched;
- (e) the organisation through which the said survey is being conducted;
- (f) the details of the action plan in this regard; and
- (g) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (g): Survey of below poverty line (BPL) persons in urban areas is carried out by the State Governments on the basis of State Specific Poverty Lines, provided by the Planning Commission. In so far as Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is concerned, under the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), the employment oriented urban poverty alleviation scheme implemented by this Ministry, house to house survey is carried out by the States/Union Territories for the identification of genuine beneficiaries of the scheme from among the urban BPL population on the basis of certain economic/non economic parameters.

Recently, in the context of preparation of appropriate projects and prioritizing them under the scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has provided part financial support to the State Governments/Urban Local Bodies for the development of Slum Profiles and Household Profiles of Slum-dwellers under the scheme of Urban Statistics for HR & Assessments (USHA). Certain model survey formats have been circulated to the States/UTs for this exercise. However, the States are free to make additions and alterations depending on their need and approach to urban poverty.