

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Summary of Questions Asked

1) *Sky Rail :*

Raising the issue of Delhi Metro and the need of same in Mumbai. Getting positive response, commitment from Urban Ministry to start Sky Bus Project between Ghatkopar and Andheri.

2) *Salt Pan Land :*

It will be a windfall for people of Mumbai. 5400 acres Government of India's Salt Pan land to be presented to people of Mumbai. GoI and State Government will jointly develop the same for housing, etc. for middle class, lower middle class, labour class, slum rehabilitation, etc.

3) *Fund for slum :*

Consistently following for sanction and release of more fund under National Slum Development Programme. Government of India Fund is used for sanitation, water connection, storm water, drain, street light, etc.

4) *Nirmal Bharat Sauchalaya Yojana :*

An unique Slum Sanitation Scheme drafted, planned and implemented. Rs.100 crore from Central Government for people of Mumbai for construction of toilet for slum dwellers sanctioned.

LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 246

ANSWERED ON 25.07.2000

TRANSFER OF SALT PAN LAND

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

- (a) whether in a meeting of Committee of Secretaries in 1985 a decision was taken to transfer the salt Pan Land, Mumbai to his Ministry from the Industry Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether his Ministry has taken possession of this land;
- (d) if so, the purpose for which the land has been used and the earnings therefrom;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the said land has been encroached by the slum dwellers;
- (g) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to get the land free from the encroachers and develop the same; and
- (h) the time by which the transfer decision is likely to be implemented by his Ministry?

ANSWER

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. The Committee of Secretaries in its meeting held on 24th December, 1985 decided that the lands having become unsuitable for salt manufacture should be transferred to the Ministry of Urban Development for being allotted to different Ministries/Departments. Accordingly, Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Development issued orders dated 9th January, 1986, 30.12.1987 and 22.2.1990, transferring 5378 acres (approximately) of lands in Greater Bombay, on 'as is where is' basis with all the assets and liabilities, to the Ministry of Urban Development, for use as considered appropriate.

(c)&(d) : No, Sir. Appropriate strategies to take over these lands are in the advanced stage of finalisation.

(e)to(h) : Yes, Sir. An area of about 60 to 80 acres has been encroached upon by slum dwellers. The Salt Department has been taking measures from time to time for removal of encroachments. The issue relating to taking over and development of salt pan lands is under process and all out efforts are being made to take over the lands at the earliest.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 256

TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2001

DEVELOPMENT OF SALT PAN LANDS IN MUMBAI

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

- (a) whether the Union Government have taken a decision for the development of Salt Pan lands in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government has shown interest in developing this land;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the manner in which this land is likely to be developed;
- (f) whether the Union Government have received any representations from the public representatives in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

(a)to(e) : The Union Government has decided to transfer the Salt Pan lands at Mumbai from the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion to the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation to develop the same in cooperation with the Govt. of Maharashtra. It has also constituted a Group of Ministers to examine the issues relating to utilisation of surplus salt lands.

(f)&(g) : Yes, Sir. Communication has been received from Sh. Kirit Somaiya, Hon'ble member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) suggesting utilization of salt land for mass housing projects, commercial exploitation, development of public amenities, resettlement of slums and development of marine mangrove park as Eco-tourism environment project.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 331

ANSWERED ON 16.07.2002

UTILIZATION OF SALT PAN LAND AT MUMBAI

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

- (a) whether the Group of Ministers have taken a final decision about utilization of salt pan land at Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the proposal, view point of the Government thereon and reasons for delay in its implementation;
- (d) whether the Government of Maharashtra and public representatives have urged the Union Government to take an early action in the matter; and
- (e) if so, the efforts made by the Union Government in this regard?

ANSWER

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b)&(c) : Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The matter is under the active consideration of the Government.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 5595

ANSWERED ON 24.04.2001

NEW HOUSING PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to take some new housing projects in various States during 2001-02;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Mumbai (Maharashtra); and
- (c) the financial assistance proposed to be provided by the HUDCO for the purpose, State-wise?

ANSWER

(a)to(c): There is no Central Sector scheme extending direct Central Govt. assistance for construction of houses in urban areas. However, Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO), a Central Public Sector Undertaking, extends loan assistance to eligible housing schemes of various States/Union Territories including Maharashtra and as per HUDCO guidelines.

During the year 2001-2002, HUDCO proposes to sanction loans worth Rs.4100 crore for implementation of various housing schemes throughout the country.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 3494

ANSWERED ON 06.08.2002

USE OF SALT PAN LAND IN MUMBAI

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

- (a) whether the Maharashtra Housing Development Authority (MAHDA), Government of Maharashtra is considering to allow the builders to use Salt Pan land in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have enquired with the State Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of proposal;
- (d) whether the builders lobby is trying to exploit the Salt Land;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the manner in which the Salt Pan Land originally will be leased, transferred to builders; and
- (g) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

ANSWER

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b)to(g) : This Ministry received proposals from Maharashtra Chamber of Housing Industry and M/s Mahesh Garodia & Others, Mumbai expressing their willingness to participate in the utilization of Salt Pan Land. The Maharashtra Chamber of Housing Industry has proposed that 2.5 FSI could be given to land owners, out of which 0.5 FSI will be constructed and handed over by them to the State and Central Government Authority free of cost.

M/s Mahesh Garodia has proposed to utilize the land for construction of housing project by private participation under Build, Own and Transfer Scheme.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 9

ANSWERED ON 18.02.2003

SALT PAN LAND MUMBAI

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

- (a) whether a group of Ministers led by the Urban Development Minister had paid visit in January, 2003 to the Salt Pan Land in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the observations made;
- (c) whether he has made an announcement in Mumbai that in February, 2003 the whole proposal to exploit the Salt Pan Land for the people of Mumbai will be finalized;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the present status thereof;
- (f) the time by which the proposal is likely to be processed by the Government and the Group of Ministers and it is likely to be finalized; and
- (g) the site-wise details of Salt Pan Land available along with its reservation, legal ownership, possession, status?

ANSWER

- (a)to(f) : Yes, Sir. A Group of Ministers visited Salt Pan Lands at different locations in Mumbai and expressed need for expeditious development of the immediately available Salt Pan Lands. The detailed modalities for development of these lands are being worked out for consideration by the Group of Ministers constituted for the purpose.
- (g) The village-wise details of Salt Pan Lands along with status are given in Annexures-I & II. ANNEXURES REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 9 FOR 18.2.2003.

ANNEXURE-I

VILLAGE-WISE DETAILS OF SALT PAN LAND IN MUMBAI

Sr.No.	Village	Total land (Ha)
1.	DAHISAR	175.00
2.	MALVANI	18.00
3.	PAHADI	40.00
4.	MULUND	456.00
5.	NAHUR	86.00
6.	BHANDUP	220.00
7.	KANJUR	598.00

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8.	WADALA	164.00
9.	ANIK	54.00
10.	TURBHE	148.00
11.	MANDALE	105.00
12.	CHEMBUR	57.00
13.	GHATKOPAR	56.00
TOTAL		2177.00

ANNEXURE-II

SUMMARY OF SALT PAN LANDS

1.	Area Available for development		346.00 Ha
2.	Additional areas to be made available for development with modification of Development Plan:		
	i) Areas under NDZ	71.00 Ha	
	ii) Areas under CRZ-II	74.00 Ha	321.00 Ha
	iii) Area under CRZ-III	176.00 Ha	
3.	Areas already allotted to:		
	i) State Govt. Agencies (including 75.00 Ha area given for Bhandup Sewerage Project and is falling under CRZ-I)	194.00 Ha	269.00 Ha
	ii) Central Govt. Agencies	75.00 Ha	
4.	Area under ownership disputes		134.00 Ha
5.	Area under Encroachment:		
	i) Multi-storied Development	156.00 Ha	174.00 Ha
	ii) Slums	18.00 Ha	
6.	Areas not available for development:		
	i) Areas under CRZ-I	923. Ha	933.00 Ha
	ii) Area lost in court case in Nahur Village	10.00 Ha	
	Total Salt Pan Land under Transfer of M/o UD & PA		2177.00 Ha

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 148

ANSWERED ON 26.02.2002

**VALMIKI AMBEDKAR AWAS YOJANA
AND NIRMAL BHARAT YOJANA**

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

- (a) whether his Ministry has finalised the norms, rules and regulations for Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana and Nirmal Bharat Yojana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of plans and objectives thereof;
- (d) the manner in which the scheme is likely to be implemented;
- (e) the budgetary provisions for the year 2001-2002 in this regard;
- (f) the provisions made and target fixed for the next Five Year Plan thereunder;
- (g) whether the Government have considered to support such schemes which are under implementation in Mumbai, Pune and other places in the country;
- (h) if so, the details thereof; and
- (i) the likely role of NGOs under the scheme?

ANSWER

- (a)to(d) : The details of the scheme of Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana containing the norms, objectives, manner of implementation etc. including the component of Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan are given in the Annexure.
- (e)&(f) : An amount of Rs.69 crores has been approved in the revised estimates for 2001-2002. The information regarding the approved budgetary provision for the 10th Five Year Plan has not been received by this Ministry.
- (g)&(h) : The Central Sanctioning Committee for Valmiki Ambadkar Awas Yojana considered the project proposals of the Governments of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Rajasthan, Delhi and Chhattisgarh. Some of the proposals were approved by the Committee. No proposal in regard to the cities of Mumbai and Pune has been received in this Ministry.
- (i) Non-Government Organizations with proven good track record, wherever applicable may be associated with the construction of dwelling units as also can be entrusted some role in the areas such as motivation, supervision, guidance and monitoring.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.148 FOR 26.2.2002.

VALMIKI AMBEDKAR AWAS YOJANA (VAMBAY)

Shelter is a basic human requirement. For a shelterless person, getting a house brings about a profound social change in status and welfare, endowing him with an identity and integrating him with his social milieu. The provisional estimates made from 2001 Census indicate that while India is urbanising markedly, slums in urban India are increasing alarmingly. The slum population in urban India is estimated to be about 62 million.

There is at present no housing scheme in the Central Sector for the urban poor. There are two Central Sector programmes targeted towards the urban poor, namely the SJSRY and NSDP. The SJSRY attempts to provide employment in order to bring the urban poor above the poverty line while NSDP is basically a programme for the environmental improvement of urban slums. The urban poverty alleviation strategy is incomplete without a significant component pertaining to housing delivery for the slum dwellers.

In order to fill this gap in a major policy initiative, the Prime Minister of India announced a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme called the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) on the 15th August, 2001 to ameliorate the conditions of the urban slum dwellers living below poverty line.

The objective of VAMBAY is primarily to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people living below the poverty line in urban slums in a march towards the goal of slumless cities with a healthy and enabling urban environment. The target group under the VAMBAY will be all slum dwellers in urban areas who are below the poverty line including members of EWS who do not possess adequate shelter.

Another very important basic amenity for slum dwellers especially in congested metropolitan cities is the lack of rudimentary toilet facilities. A new National City Sanitation Project under the title of 'Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan' is an integral sub component of VAMBAY. 20% of the total allocation under VAMBAY will be used for the same at the rate of Rs.200 crores as loan from HUDCO and Rs.200 crore as subsidy. The State Governments/Local Bodies of course will be free to supplement this amount with their own grant or subsidy as the case may be. The average cost for a community toilet seat has been estimated to be Rs.40,000/- per seat. Therefore, a 10-seat or a 20-seat toilet block meant for men, women and children with separate compartments for each group and special design features will cost around Rs.4 lakhs or Rs.8 lakhs respectively. Each toilet block will be maintained by a group from among the slum dwellers who will make a monthly contribution of about Rs.20 or so per family and obtain a monthly pass or family card.

During the current financial year, 2001-02, a modest beginning may be made with a limited sum of Rs.100 crore made available out of the savings of the Ministry of Urban Development. However, during the 10th Plan period when VAMBAY will be launched in full swing, the annual allocation will be Rs.1000 crores which will be matched with a long-term loan by HUDCO of Rs.1000 crore on a 1:1 basis. The rate of interest of this loan will be the same as the rate of interest charged by HUDCO for EWS housing. State Government has the option to mobilize its matching portion of 50% from other sources, such as their own budget provision, resources of local bodies, loans from other agencies, contributions from beneficiaries or NGOs etc. In all cases, however, the Government of India subsidy will only be released after the States matching share of 50% has been released. Both the subsidy and the loan (when it is required) will be released by HUDCO. The funds will be released by HUDCO either to the State Urban Development Agency (SUDA), District Urban Development Agency (DUDA) or any other agency designated by the State Government.

The implementation of VAMBAY will be dovetailed and synergised with other existing programmes such as NSDP and SJSRY. The availability of drinking water, sanitation and drainage facilities should be ensured under these programmes. On an average, 25% of the funds under the scheme will be spent for providing water and sanitation facilities including approximately 20% of the amount for community sanitation project - Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan.

Selection of beneficiaries will be made by the SUDA/DUDA in consultation with the local authorities. Help of reputed NGOs may be enlisted. They will also formulate projects, prepare estimates and submit the same for sanction to the State Government which will in turn recommend them to the Government of India for release of funds allocated for each State.

In selecting the beneficiaries the following reservation/percentage will be followed:

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| 1. | SC/ST | - | not less than 50% |
| 2. | Backward classes | - | 30% |
| 3. | Other weaker sections | - | 15%(OBC,BC,Etc.) |
| 4. | Physically & mentally disabled & handicapped persons and others | - | 5% |

After identification of the beneficiaries, the latter must be provided title as a pre-condition for the loan or subsidy. This may be done by the State Government/Local Body either by regularization in-situ or by relocation. The title to the land should be in the name of the husband and wife jointly or preferably in the name of the wife. Till the repayment of the loan, if any, the house built with VAMBAY funds along with the land shall be mortgaged to the State Government/implementing agency. It may please be noted that no provision is made for land acquisition in VAMBAY. No hard and fast type/design is prescribed for VAMBAY dwelling units. However, the plinth area of a new house should normally be not less than 15 sq.mts.

The upper financial limit for construction of VAMBAY units normally will be Rs.40,000/- with provision for sanitary toilet also. However, for metro cities with more than 1-million population, it will be Rs.50,000/- and mega cities (Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore) it will be Rs.60,000/- per unit. In hilly and difficult areas this ceiling may be enhanced by 12.5%. A portion, say, 20% of the funds may be used also for upgrading existing dwelling units in slums. The upper limit for upgradation of an existing unit shall not be more than 50% of the ceiling specified for construction of a new house. The norms for Town & Country Planning of the State Government and the rules and bye-laws of the Local Bodies should, of course, be kept in view.

Monitoring of VAMBAY will be done by the State Government and status report submitted to GOI regularly.

Entitlement of State/UT under VAMBAY will be initially determined on the basis of slum population in the State or UT. The State Governments are required to allocate the share for cities and towns within the State/UT also on the same norm i.e. in proportion to the slum population as a percentage of the total slum population of the State.

The detailed proposals with cost estimates will be processed and submitted by HUDCO to a Committee headed by the Secretary, Deptt. of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation, Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation. If, however, sufficient proposals under VAMBAY are not forthcoming from some of the States, the balance funds can be reallocated to other States which have submitted their proposals.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 2388

ANSWERED ON 04.12.2001

CONSTRUCTION OF METRO RAIL

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

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has raised some objections for construction of underground metro rail near Jantar Mantar, Parliament House and Central Secretariat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the DMRC in this regard?

ANSWER

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India had raised objection to the construction of underground metro rail corridor near Jantar Mantar monument but not near Parliament House or Central Secretariat.
- (b) As the underground corridor is to pass nearby the Jantar Mantar monument, it was apprehended by the Archaeological Survey of India that vibrations caused due to its construction and later during the operation of metro services on the Corridor may have an adverse effect on the safety of this monument.
- (c)
 - (i) Alignment of underground metro corridor which was to be at a distance of 8.5 m from the Jantar Mantar monument has been shifted and now it will be at a distance of 22.5 m from it.
 - (ii) National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi was commissioned to conduct studies regarding the effect of vibrations on the Jantar Mantar moonument caused due to construction of the underground corridor and later operation of metro services on it. Results of the studies have confirmed that the safety of the monument will not be adversely affected in either of these two situations.
 - (iii) Adequate measures like grouting of soil to increase its strength have been incorporated in the construction plan for this corridor.
 - (iv) To reduce the level of vibrations during the construction of the underground corridor, it is proposed to use sophisticated tunnel boring machines.
 - (v) To further reduce the vibration level, elastic track fittings with resilient rubber pads under the rail seat have been incorporated in the track design.
 - (vi) State-of-the-art rolling stock which generates minimal level of vibrations is being procured for metro train services.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 3242

TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2002

LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT IN MUMBAI

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

- (a) whether his Ministry and HUDCO have received any proposal for Light Rail Transport in Mumbai from MMRDA, Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether he has received representations from the representatives of people in this regard;
- (d) if so, whether he has given the positive response in this regard;
- (e) if so, the action taken on the above said proposal;
- (f) whether it can be treated as infrastructure project; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

(a)&(b) : Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) through the Govt. of Maharashtra has furnished a proposal for preparation of a Detailed Project Report with German grant assistance, for introduction of a Light Rail Transit System in Mumbai. HUDCO has not received any such proposal from MMRDA. The proposal was referred to Deptt. of Economic Affairs for German grant assistance. However, the Germans were not inclined to provide funds for this study. Govt. of Maharashtra has also commissioned a techno economic feasibility study for introduction of Sky Bus Metro in Andheri-Ghatkopar alignment in Mumbai which is nearing completion. After completion of the study the Govt. of Maharashtra will have to take a firm decision in this regard and formulate a project proposal.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)to(g) : Further action will be taken after the detailed project is formulated by the Govt of Maharashtra.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 103

ANSWERED ON 18.02.2003

SKY BUS PROPOSALS

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

- (a) whether Sky bus proposals from the various State Governments including the Governments of Goa, Kerala and Maharashtra have been received by the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these proposals are being accommodated/adjusted under the urban infrastructure fund or any such other fund;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this direction so far?

ANSWER

- (a) Sky Bus proposals have been received from the Governments of Goa, Kerala and Maharashtra.
- (b) The Govt. of Maharashtra has got a Techno-economic feasibility Report prepared for introduction of Sky Bus in Andheri-Ghatkopar alignment in Mumbai. The estimated project cost is approx. Rs.550 crores. However, the Govt. of Maharashtra has not so far taken any decision as to whether a Light Rail Transit system or Sky Bus system should be adopted for Andheri-Ghatkopar alignment. Government of Kerala has got a Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared for introduction of Sky Bus in Kochi. The estimated cost of the project is approx. Rs.798 crores. The Government of Goa has proposed introduction of Sky Bus Metro in a stretch of about 10 kms, at an approximate cost of Rs.550 crores.
- (c)to(e): No, Sir. The proposals received from the State Governments, are being examined by this Ministry in consultation with the technical experts in the field. As such a system has not been implemented so far anywhere in the world, detailed technical appraisal of this concept is necessary before any investment decision by Government can be taken.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 234

ANSWERED ON 16.07.2002

FUNCTIONING OF ADVISORY COUNCILS

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

- (a) whether formation of Advisory Councils for VAMBAY and Nirmal Bharat Yojana at State level has started functioning;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any decision has been taken to form such committees to strengthen the implementation of VAMBAY and Nirmal Bharat Yojana;
- (d) if so, the guidelines thereof;
- (e) the duties and responsibilities of the Advisory Councils;
- (f) whether the Maharashtra Committee has been formed;
- (g) if not, whether any time frame has been given in this regard;
- (h) if so, the details thereof;
- (i) the competent authority for appointing these councils; and
- (j) the action plan for implementation of the schemes?

ANSWER

- (a) to (e) : There are no Advisory Councils for VAMBAY and Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan at State level. However, an order to constitute a State Level Coordination committee for each State/UT to monitor the implementation of projects under VAMBAY under the chairmanship of a Member of Parliament with specific functions on the basis of the guidelines laid down by the Central Government has been issued to all States/UTs. A copy of the order dated 3rd June 2002 is annexed.
- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) No, Sir.
- (h) Does not arise.
- (i) Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation is competent to constitute such councils.
- (j) Since VAMBAY is a demand driven scheme to be implemented by the State Governments/UTs, it is the responsibility of the State Government/UT to formulate an action plan to implement the scheme.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) of LOK SABHA UNSTARRED
QUESTION NO.234 FOR 16.07.2002

No. O-11011/24/002-VAM

Government of India

Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation

(Department of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation)

Dated the 3rd June, 2002

ORDER

Sub: Formation of State Level Coordination Committee to Monitor the implementation of projects under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana.

Valmiki Ambekdar Awas Yojana which has been recently launched by the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty alleviation envisages a central subsidy of 50% with a matching share of the State Governments/Union Territories for the projects involving construction/upgradation of shelter and construction of community toilets for slum dwellers. In view of the importance of the scheme, it has ben decided that a State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) will be constituted for each State/UT under the chairmanship of a Member of Parliament from the State/Union Territory concerned to be nominated by the Central Government with the following composition:-

1. A Member of Parliament from the State/UT (to be nominated by the Central Government) - Chairman.
2. Secretary to the State Government/UT dealing with Housing/Urban Development/LSG/Water Supply & sanitation and such other officers as may be nominated by the State Government/UT- (Members)
3. Upto Two officers of Government of India to be nominated by this Ministry - (Members)
4. Regional Chief of HUDCO - (Member).
5. Central/State Govt./UT may nominate upto 5 members each representing MLAs/Social Workers/NGOs/Urban Local Bodies etc.
6. An officer of the State Government to be nominated as Member Secretary.

FUNCTIONS OF STATE LEVEL COORDINATION COMMITTEE:

The State Level Coordination Committee may, inter-alia, look into the following aspects:

- (a) Progress of implementation of VAMBAY.
- (b) Progress of implementation of Nirmal Bharat abhiyan.
- (c) Encouragement of role of NGOs/CBOs especially in sustaining maintenance of the community toilets.
- (d) Quality of constructions, transparency and speedy implementation of the schemes.
- (e) Any other issue that may be referred to it by the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation (Dept. of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation).

The State Level Coordination Committee will function on the basis of the following guidelines:

1. The State Level Coordination Committee may meet as frequently as necessary to facilitate meaningful monitoring of implementation of the scheme.
2. The meeting of the committee will be held on such date and time as may be fixed by the Chairman.
3. Agenda for the meeting duly approved by the Chairman will be circulated at least 10 days in advance and the minutes of the meeting of the committee shall be issued after approval by Chairman.
4. For the purpose of quorum there should be at least one third of the members of the committee.
5. Meetings may normally be held at the Headquarters of State/UT. However, the committee may inspect construction sites when complaints about quality, eligibility of beneficiaries etc. are received by it.
6. Minutes of the meeting as well as special report if any, should be sent to the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty alleviation by the Member Secretary within fifteen days of holding the meeting.

OFFICIAL FACILITIES :

Member Secretary of the Committee shall provide office facilities and secretarial assistance for the purpose of holding the meeting and for the purpose of field visit.

Expenditure of the committee shall be borne by HUDCO and a separate account shall be maintained by them for the purpose.

Sd/- 03.06.2002

(S.C. SHARMA) Deputy Secretary to the Government of India Tele.No. 3017630

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 7835

ANSWERED ON 16.05.2000

SLUM DWELLERS. NO.

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government have gone for an appeal against the lower court's decision to evacuate 25,000 slum dwellers on CPWD land, Nityanand Nagar, Ghotkapur, Mumbai;
- (b) whether it is true that all of them are residing over there for more than 40 years;
- (c) whether the local resident's association and people representatives had submitted their representation to stop this evacuation;
- (d) whether the Government have given assurance that proper measures would be taken to safeguard the interest of these 25,000 slum dwellers; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

- (a) No, Sir. The land in question had been requisitioned by the Government for defence purposes of which two plots stand derequisitioned. The possession could not be handed over due to encroachment by slum dwellers. The Govt. had gone in appeal against the orders of the Hon. High Court of Maharashtra, on the petition filed by legal successor of one of the owners of land (566 sq.yds) in Civil Writ Petition No. 2445 of 1998.
- (b) No inventory of this kind is being maintained by CPWD.
- (c) Representations from the peoples Representatives have been received.
- (d) The matter was taken up with the Government of Maharashtra to acquire the land under Slum Area Redevelopment Act 1971. However, in compliance with the orders of the High Court, the Govt. has also issued notices to the squatters for eviction under PPE Act.
- (e) The matter is subjudice.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 7794

ANSWERED ON 16.05.2000

ENCROACHMENT SLUMS

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

- (a) whether the Government have taken note of recent Supreme Court Judgement on encroached slums;
- (b) whether it is going to affect crores of people staying in jhuggis;
- (c) whether they will be rendered homeless;
- (d) the policy and reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government will provide them shelter/alternative accommodation/arrangements for the safety of these people;
- (f) whether the Government propose to provide 'no objection certificate' to give basic amenities like sanitation, electricity to these people; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the recent Supreme Court Judgement given in the case of Almitra H. Patel and anr. Vs. Union of India.
- (b)to(g) : Development of slums being a state subject, a copy of the above mentioned Supreme Court Judgement has been circulated to all States/UTs to evolve their own policy and guidelines keeping in view the Supreme Court judgement.

The Government of India will advise the State Governments/UT Administrations to keep the interest of the urban poor in mind.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 3464

ANSWERED ON 06.08.2002

MISUTILIZATION OF NSDP FUNDS BY MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) whether the funds sanctioned under National Slum Development Programme for Maharashtra remains unutilized;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ;
- (c) whether the State Government has diverted/diverting the NSDP funds ;
- (d) if so, whether there is any internal check-up system;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the status as on March, 2002; and
- (g) the position of NSDP funds in the State as on date?

ANSWER

(a)&(b) : Under the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), the Government of India has so far released an amount of Rs.205.50 crores to the Government of Maharashtra. Out of this amount, an amount of Rs.176.26 crores has been released by the Government of Maharashtra to the Implementing Authorities. The Government of Maharashtra has informed that the remaining amount will be released shortly and utilized by December, 2002.

(c): No Sir.

(d)&(e) : Do not arise.

(f)&(g) : The State Government of Maharashtra has submitted Utilisation Certificates for Rs.123.43 crores against the total released amount of Rs.205.50 crores upto March, 2002. For the current financial year i.e. 2002-2003, an amount of Rs.55.00 crores has been allocated by the Planning Commission under the National Slum Development Programme(NSDP) for the Government of Maharashtra.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 2483

ANSWERED ON 08.08.2000

FUNDS FOR SLUM IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

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

- (a) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to various States for the development of slums during each of the last three years;
- (b) the amount out of them utilised by each State during the said period;
- (c) whether there is any system to monitor the utilisation of funds;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

- (a) The Additional Central Assistance (ACA) released to States/UTs during the last three years under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) is given in Annexure-I (enclosed).
- (b) The Cumulative amount utilised by each State/UT upto March, 2000 as reported by them is given in Annexure-II (enclosed).
- (c)to(e) : Slum development is a State subject. The implementation of Schemes is, therefore, done by them. The utilisation of funds are checked through regular monitoring of work, field visits, verification of Utilisation Certificates submitted by Urban Local Bodies, verification of expenditure reported in Management Information system (MIS) reports, Administrative/Technical Sanctions, Periodical review etc.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURES REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 2483 FOR 8.8.2000.

DETAILS OF TOTAL ADDITIONAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE (ACA) RELEASED TO THE STATES/UTs DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS UNDER NATIONAL SLUM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (NSDP) (INTRODUCED IN AUGUST, 1996):-

(Rupees in lakhs)					
S.No.	Name of the State/UT	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	TOTAL
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	2205	2842.00	3575.00	8622.00
2.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	88	88.00	110.00	286.00

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3.	ASSAM	207	253.00	281.00	741.00
4.	BIHAR	1818	2425.00	2668.00	6911.00
5.	GOA	88	12.00	110.00	210.00
6.	GUJARAT	1368	2292.00	2013.00	5673.00
7.	HARYANA	429	514.00	565.00	1508.00
8.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	88	168.00	106.00	362.00
9.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	374	590.00	725.00	1689.00
10.	KARNATAKA	1485	2112.32	2174.00	5771.32
11.	KERALA	847	929.00	1028.00	2804.00
12.	MADHYA PRADESH	1738	2192.00	2088.00	6018.00
13.	MAHARASHTRA	4191	5713.00	5831.00	15735.00
14.	MANIPUR	88	100.00	110.00	298.00
15.	MEGHALAYA	88	88.00	110.00	286.00
16.	MIZORAM	88	88.00	110.00	286.00
17.	NAGALAND	88	88.00	122.00	298.00
18.	ORISSA	528	560.00	727.00	1815.00
19.	PUNJAB	825	904.00	994.00	2723.00
20.	RAJASTHAN	1232	1349.12	1479.00	4060.12
21.	SIKKIM	88	92.00	88.00	268.00
22.	TAMIL NADU	2233	2674.00	2711.00	7618.00
23.	TRIPURA	88	90.00	110.00	288.00
24.	UTTAR PRADESH	3674	3674.00	4026.50	11374.50
25.	WEST BENGAL	2893	3101.00	4093.00	10087.00
26.	A&N ISLANDS	100	100.00	100.00	300.00
27.	CHANDIGARH	100	100.00	100.00	300.00
28.	D&N HAVELI	100	100.00	100.00	300.00
29.	DAMAN & DIU	100	100.00	100.00	300.00
30.	LAKSHADWEEP	100	100.00	100.00	300.00
31.	PONDICHERRY	100	100.00	100.00	300.00
32.	NCT OF DELHI	1660	1819.00	2635.00	6114.00
	GRAND TOTAL :	29099	35357.44	39189.50	103645.94

ANNEXURE-II

NATIONAL SLUM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME(NSDP)-CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURE
REPORTED BY THE STATES/UTs UPTO MARCH, 2000.

(Rupees in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of States/UTs	Expenditure reported by States/UTs
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	5362.79
2.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0
3.	ASSAM	199.28
4.	BIHAR	4136.00
5.	GOA	0
6.	GUJARAT	3930.00
7.	HARYANA	776.43
8.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	350.00
9.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0
10.	KARNATAKA	4536.00
11.	KERALA	0
12.	MADHYA PRADESH	3038.89
13.	MAHARASHTRA	0
14.	MANIPUR	0
15.	MEGHALAYA	68.37
16.	MIZORAM	137.00
17.	NAGALAND	0
18.	ORISSA	1108.96
19.	PUNJAB	344.41
20.	RAJASTHAN	2170.02
21.	SIKKIM	0
22.	TAMIL NADU	8796.40
23.	TRIPURA	339.00

24.	UTTAR PRADESH	10350.76
25.	WEST BENGAL	7488.41
26.	A&N ISLANDS	0
27.	CHANDIGARH	0
28.	D&N HAVELI	100.00
29.	DAMAN & DIU	0
30.	LAKSHADWEEP	0
31.	PONDICHERRY	0
32.	NCT OF DELHI	0
	TOTAL :	53232.72

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 3469

ANSWERED ON 14.08.2001

INTRODUCTION OF LEASING SYSEM

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

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce leasing system as in Banking and other Public Sector Undertakings in order to provide Government accommodation to their employees; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

- (a) At present no decision has been taken to introduce lease system.
- (b) Question does not arise.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 1296

ANSWERED ON 31.07.2001

BASIC AMENITIES TO SLUMS IN MUMBAI

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that basic amenities like sanitation, water, electricity are not available in the slums located on Union Government land in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have decided to provide such amenities there;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government have received any representations from the public in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Union Government propose to give 'No Objection Certificate' to the State Government and Mumbai to provide basic amenities; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

(a)to(c) : No specific information on provision of basic amenities like sanitation, water, electricity etc. in slums located on Union Government land is available with it. The Slum improvement is a State subject.

(d)&(e) : General complaints are received regarding lack of civic amenities from the public in Mumbai. These have to be attended to by the State Government.

(f)&(g) : Under the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), funds are provided by the Union Government to all States/UTs including the State of Maharashtra but not on city-wise/town-wise basis. Funds are in the form of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for provision of basic amenities like sanitation, water, street light, storm water drains, community latrines etc. in the slum areas.

The scheme also has a component of shelter upgradation or construction of new houses (including EWS) as may be required. Not less than 10% of the allocation to States under this assistance shall be utilised for construction and/or upgradation of houses for the urban poor.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 2280

ANSWERED ON 04.12.2001

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SLUM PROJECTS

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

- (a) the role of his Ministry and HUDCO regarding supporting/financial assistance to slum projects of various State Governments and Government Institutions;
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided by the Union Government and HUDCO to Maharashtra during each of the last three years, scheme-wise;
- (c) the nature of financial assistance made available;
- (d) the contribution made by the Government of Maharashtra in the nature of grant;
- (e) whether the Government of Maharashtra, SPPL, MHADA and BMC have approached HUDCO for funding;
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the policy adopted by HUDCO;
- (g) whether the private builders and agencies from Maharashtra have approached for the same;
- (h) if so, the details in this regard;
- (i) whether HUDCO has agreed to finance Rs.3000 crores for slum rehabilitation schemes in Mumbai through Shivshahi Punarvasan Prakapla Limited;
- (j) if so, the funds made available by HUDCO; and
- (k) the project projection and repayment schedule and present status of the project?

ANSWER

- (a) The role of the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation under the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) is to provide funds in the form of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to all States/UTs.

HUDCO provides loan assistance for various Environment Improvement of Slum Areas like water supply, sanitation etc. HUDCO also provides loan for house upgradation, rehabilitation of slum dwellers under site and services scheme.

- (b)&(c) : The details of financial assistance provided by the Union Government during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
5713.00	5831.00	1248.58

During the last 3 years, HUDCO has sanctioned only one Slum Rehabilitation Scheme at Mumbai. The project cost of this scheme is Rs.105.67 crores for which HUDCO loan commitment is Rs.60 crores. The scheme will benefit 2803 slum families.

- (d) Under Slum Improvement Project the year-wise details of Budget provision and Grant released by Govt. of Maharashtra is as under:

Y E A R	BUDGET PROVISION	GRANT RELEASED
1998-99	40.60 crores	29.81 crores
1999-2000	41.60 crores	9.21 crores
2000-2001	40.88 crores	3.35 crores
2001-2002	11.72 crores	2.00 crores

- (e)&(f) : At present there is no slum development scheme received from any agency in the State of Maharashtra pending with HUDCO. At present, there are 19 housing projects which have been received in HUDCO from various housing agencies in the State of Maharashtra. The total loan sought for these projects is of the order of Rs.74.57 crores. All these projects are at various stages of processing for sanction and will be considered as per HUDCO guidelines.
- (g)&(h): HUDCO has sanctioned private builders scheme for housing in Maharashtra in a number of towns at a project cost of Rs.2723.85 lakhs at a loan amount of Rs.750 lakhs for 576 dwelling units.
- (i)&(j) : At present, there is no Slum Rehabilitation Scheme in Mumbai through Shivshahi Punarvasan Prakapla Ltd. pending in HUDCO for sanction. However, in the year 1998-99, Shivshahi Punarvasan Prakapla Ltd. approached HUDCO for slum rehabilitation programme in Mumbai seeking HUDCO loan assistance of Rs.300 crores. Later on, the agency curtailed the project, with HUDCO loan commitment is of Rs.60 crores only and the balance assistance of Rs.240 crores was withdrawn by the agency.
- (k) The project is known as 'Slum Rehabilitation Scheme' in various parts of the city of Mumbai in Maharashtra. The agency implementing is Shivshahi Punarvasan Prakapla Ltd. (SPPN) at a revised project cost of Rs.105.67 crores with a loan amount of Rs.60 crores for 2803 dwelling units under LIG and MIG category. The documentation has been completed and an amount of Rs.58.22 crores released as loan. Dwelling units under LIG are nearing completion and under MIG they are under progress. The repayment schedule is to be worked out by the concerned agencies who will recover the amount from the beneficiaries.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 4415

ANSWERED ON 17.04.2001

IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC PREMISES (EVICTION) ACT

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

- (a) whether the Union government have issued specific guidelines in 1994 to all the Ministries/ Departments including the Ministry of Textile to restrain from the implementation of Public Premises (Eviction) Act;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether NTPC is misinterpreting the Act in regard to Public premises;
- (d) if so, whether any specific case has brought to the notice of the Government in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the instructions issued to Textiles Ministry in this regard?

ANSWER

(a)&(b) : After interministerial consultations suitable guidelines were formed by this Ministry in 1992. These were communicated by the then Minister of Urban Development to all members of the Union Council of Ministers, advising them to issue similar guidelines to organisations under their control so as to prevent misuse/arbitrary use of the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, to evict genuine tenants. Compliance of these guidelines was reiterated to all Members of Union Council of Ministers in November, 1997 and again in December, 2000.

(c)to(e) : No such case of misinterpretation of the Act by NTPC has come to the notice of the Govt. in the recent past. However, it was brought to the notice of the Government in December, 2000 that the National Textile Corporation authorities in Mumbai have allegedly resorted to misuse of provisions of this Act on large scale against tenants staying in Mumbai in various Chawls and tenanted buildings of National Textile Corporation. The position was immediately reported to the Minister of Textiles with the specific request to personally look into the matter and ensure fair and just implementation of the Act.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 3051

ANSWERED ON 14.03.2000

URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether conference of Ministers for State Urban Development was held in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the agenda discussed and the decisions arrived at in the conference;
- (c) whether the participants have pleaded for more financial aid in view of the severe shortage of funds for providing efficient civic services and carrying out development work; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

- (a)to(c): A two-day Conference of Ministers of Local Self Government and Urban Development of States and Union Territories was held at New Delhi on 17 - 18 January, 2000. In this Conference, various issues relating to urban development and municipal administration were discussed. During the course of discussion, the participants desired for more financial assistance to local bodies for better civic service and development work.
- (d) As per Entry 5 of the State List of the Constitution, Local Government is a State subject. Therefore, it is for the concerned State Governments to take remedial steps to improve the financial conditions of municipal bodies. In order to assist the State Governments and Municipal Bodies, the Ministry of Urban Development is already operating Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns; Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities; Low Cost Sanitation for Liberation of Scavengers; Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme; etc. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided to State Governments to improve the urban infrastructure to provide better civic facilities to the people.

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