

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

RAJYA SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 23
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 03, 2021**

FORCED EVICTIONS AND DEMOLITIONS OF HOMES

No. *23 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the report documented by Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) at least 83 incidents of forced eviction and home demolition which affected over 54,000 people in 22 States and Union Territories were observed under Central and State Governments across urban and rural India during the lockdown imposed for COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (b) if so, the measures taken to end forced evictions and demolitions of homes of the urban poor, especially during the coronavirus emergency?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a)& (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) & (b) Urban Development including regulation of land use comes under the jurisdiction of the respective State/UT Governments. Further, the 74th Constitution Amendment Act empowers the State/UT Legislatures to make laws to endow the municipalities with such powers, authority and responsibility to perform related functions and the implementation of schemes entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the Twelfth Schedule.

The data relating to evictions and demolitions is not maintained by the Ministry.
