

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1768
TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 29, 2021**

MORATORIUMS ON BILLS/RENT

NO.1768 DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- a) the number of States that have issued moratoriums on electricity bills, water bills and rent;**
- b) whether the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) plan to revisit membership criteria of self-help groups to ensure that more women can access these loans and if so, the details thereof; and**
- c) whether BPL women have to form seventy percent of the members in a self help group currently and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

- (a)Matters concerning moratoriums lie under the jurisdiction of respective State/ UT, as Land & collection of rent, water and taxes on the consumption or sale of electricity are specified in the State List of the Seventh Schedule.**

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(b)& (c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme named "Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)" across the country, to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households on a sustainable basis, *inter-alia*, through building strong grassroots level institutions and providing financial assistance to individuals/ groups/ Self Help Groups (SHGs) for setting up gainful self-employment ventures or micro-enterprises. Further, financial assistance is provided to SHGs in the form of interest subvention at the rate over and above 7% Rate of Interest (ROI) on the bank loans. An additional 3% interest subvention is provided to all women SHGs on timely repayment of loans.

Under DAY-NULM, normally women SHGs are formed, in which at least 70% of the members should be urban poor to qualify for funding support. Mission allows respective State/ UT to decide urban poor as per their own criteria.
