

National Buildings Organisation (NBO)

Prototype Interactive Public Questions & Answers

Ques: 1. What is National Buildings Organisation (NBO)?

Ans: The National Buildings Organization (NBO) is an attached office under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is functioning as an apex organization in the country for collection, tabulation and dissemination of statistical information on housing and building construction activities

Ques: 2. what are the main functions of National Buildings Organisation (NBO)?

Ans The main functions of National Buildings Organisation (NBO) are as follows:

- Functioning as an apex organization in the country for collection, tabulation and dissemination of statistical information on housing and building construction activities.
- Supporting the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoHUPA) with appropriate database, MIS and knowledge inputs connected with housing, construction, slum development, urban poverty alleviation and related activities,
- The National Building Organisation is designated by MoHUPA as the nodal agency for coordination of appraisal, sanction, monitoring and review of projects under Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) components of JNNURM.

Ques: 3. what is the importance of Housing & building construction Statistics?

Ans: Reliable housing and building construction statistics are important in the formulation of National Housing Policy and programmes for improvement of living conditions of people especially the needy poor.

Ques: 4. what are the major statistical data collected by NBO?

- Ans:**
1. The following Housing and Building Construction statistics collected by NBO
 - Building Construction data from Central Government Organisation like CPWD, Railways, Posts, Communication, MES and all Central PSU.
 - Building Construction data from State PWD, Housing Boards, and All State PSU.
 - All Urban approved Building Construction activities.
 2. Building Permits and Completion certificate of above one lakh population Cities.

3. Prices of Building Materials and Wage rates of Building Labour.

Ques: 5. What kind of information is being collected by NBO?

- Ans:**
- i) **Housing Stock:** - Total number of dwellings occupied, unoccupied, vacant, use to which houses are put, materials of wall and roof etc.
 - ii) **Housing Conditions :-** Uninhabitable/unhygienic dwellings, homeless over-crowding, congestion, tenure status, type of structures, conditions, basic facilities like safe drinking water, electricity, toilet facility etc.
 - iii) **Current Housing & Buildings Activity :-** Nature of construction(new, addition or alternations, repairs and maintenance), type and state of construction, repair, floor area added, size and number of dwelling units etc.
 - iv) **Housing Costs:** - Cost of an average permanent dwelling rental value of house, prices of land, building materials wages of labour and residential building cost index numbers etc.
 - v) **Housing Finance/ Investment:** - Value of work done, sources of housing finance, institutions providing finance for housing.
 - vi) **House building materials:** - Production of buildings materials in organized and un-organized sectors, traditional, conventional and local materials, consumption of materials, norms of consumption of building materials (inputs rates) etc.
 - vii) **Housing Employment:** - Construction workers- manpower planning-skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers etc.

Ques: 6. What are the main estimates for which housing statistics is used?

Ans:

- (i) Assessment of housing stock in the country.
- (ii) Assessment of housing conditions and needs.(Structure, Congestion, obsolesce)
- (iii) Estimation of housing shortage in the country.
- (vi) Evaluation of housing programmes from time to time,
- (vii) Estimating the supply and demand of construction materials equipments and labour.
- (viii) Estimating the requirement of financial resources and for implementing the housing programmes.
- (ix) Framing appropriate land use policy for orderly and planned growth of the city.
- (x) Development of infrastructure like water supply, electricity, and other basic amenities.

Ques: 7. What is "USHA" Plan Scheme launched by NBO?

Ans: The Urban Statistics for HR and Assessments "USHA" scheme aims at the

development and maintenance of national database, MIS and knowledge repository relating to urban poverty, slums, housing, construction and other urbanization-related statistics. Its key objective is to support the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and other Ministries with an information base and knowledge inputs for the purpose of planning, policy-making, project design, formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, particularly in the context of programmes relating to urban poverty, slums and housing. It seeks to specially support the effective implementation of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission - Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP).

Ques: 8. Since when the Scheme is in operation?

Ans: The Centrally Sponsored Scheme Urban Statistics for HR and Assessments (USHA) started from 2007-08 and is implemented the National Buildings Organisation.

Ques: 9. What is the objectives of "USHA"?

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Ques: 10. What are the main components of "USHA"?

Ans: The four pillars of "USHA" are: database including MIS & sample surveys; action research; impact assessment; and capacity building/training with the following components:

- (i) Data Centre and MIS on Urban Poverty, Slums, Housing, Building Construction and related Urbanization Statistics
- (ii) One time grants to State Governments / UT Administrations for computerization
- (iii) Knowledge Centre/National Resource Centre for Urban Poverty and Slums
- (iv) Sample Surveys in areas of Urban Poverty, Slums, Housing & Building Construction with the help of States/UTs Directorates of Economics & Statistics and Municipal Administration & Urban Development, utilizing the

service of existing staff or staff engaged on contractual/outsourcing basis by the respective State/UT Directorates/ Departments.

- (v) Socio-Economic Research Studies in areas of Urban Poverty, Slums, Housing & Building Construction impacts with the help of leading socio-economic research institutes/organizations specializing in action research.
- (vi) Capacity Building & Training in areas of Urban Poverty, Slums, Housing & Building Construction Statistics.

Ques: 11.What is Building Related Information & knowledge System (BRIKS)?

Ans: National Buildings Organisation (NBO) has implemented a state-of-the-art decentralized web-based online system BRIKS - Building Related Information and Knowledge System. Using BRIKS the e-Unit in NBO will be up-linked to State Governments - Departments/Bureaus of Economics & Statistics and Municipal Administration & Urban Development, Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Urban Development Authorities, Research and Training Institutions etc. This decentralized system will help overcome the constraints of data collection faced by NBO and will ensure timeliness of data, data completeness, data accessibility and data visibility to multiple stakeholders.

Ques: 12.What is the use of BRIKS to NBO and other users?

Ans: BRIKS will allow NBO and all the users of the system to:

- (a) Adopt holistic approach for evolving developmental schemes
- (b) Continuous development of assessment schemes
- (c) Research
- (d) Training and capacity building

Ques: 13.What is Housing shortage?

Ans: Housing shortage has been defined as the excess of households over available housing stock of acceptable standard.

Ques: 14.What type of data required for estimating Housing Shortage?

Ans: In order to estimate housing shortage as defined by NBO, the following data are required pertaining to the urban areas:-

- (i) Total no. of households, (ii) Total no. of pucca and semi-pucca houses occupied, (iii) No. of married couples who do not have independent room to live in, and (iv) Percent dilapidated urban houses (pucca and semi pucca) occupied by households

Ques: 15.Explain the role of NBO under JNNURM?

Ans: NBO is the nodal agency for coordination of JNNURM-related activities. NBO has been assigned the key role by MoHUPA accordingly NBO is gearing up its activities to meet the data and MIS challenges of JNNURM and development of poverty-free and slum-free cities. NBO has already taken action to develop a National Resource Centre, including Data Centre, on Urban Poverty, Slums, Housing & Building Construction; a MIS Cell for JNNURM; and a Socio-economic Research Unit to deal with data-based and applied statistical research studies.

NBO is being closely involved by MoHUPA in the development and maintenance of JNNURM Tracking System, Integrated Urban Poverty Monitoring System and Performance Management System for Programmes/Projects of the Ministry. It is also coordinating capacity building activities for project development and management under BSUP and IHSDP in collaboration with State Governments, Urban Local Bodies, Experts and National Resource Institutions. NBO is working closely with organizations such as Centre for Good Governance (CGG), National Informatics Centre (NIC), Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA) and other reputed institutions and agencies.

Ques: 16. What are the main Publications of NBO?

Ans: NBO brings out various publications on the basis of data collected from diverse sources. The major publications that NBO undertakes periodically include:

- Hand Book of Housing Statistics in India
- Compendium on Urban Poverty in India
- Compendium on Urban Slums in India and
- Occasional Reports on Surveys conducted on Socio-economic aspects of Housing.

Ques: 17. What is the vision of NBO?

Ans: NBO intends to emerge as a knowledge centre of excellence in the country in matters relating to collection, collation, compilation, reporting and analysis of urban poverty, slums, housing, construction and other urbanization-related statistics. It will make effort to cater to the requirements of relevant data and MIS by various Central Ministries, State Governments, Urban Local Bodies, research and training institutions online in partnership with State Governments and resource centres.

