

CHAPTER 28

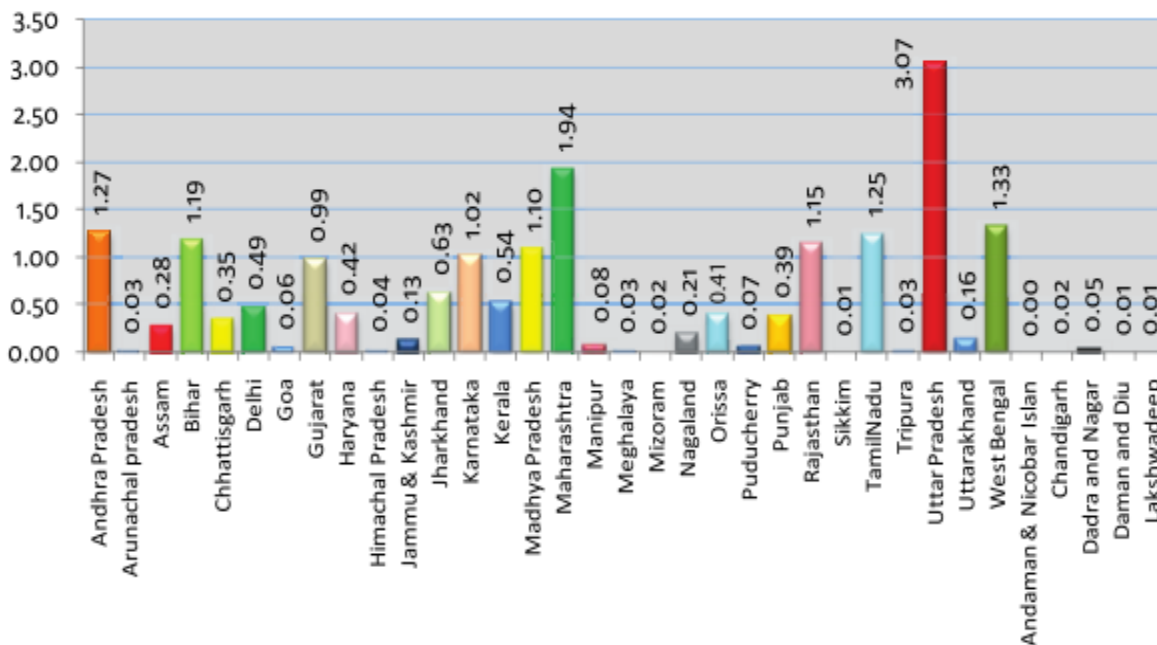
HOUSING

28.1 India is a part of Global trend that is advancing towards an increasing urbanization, according to which more than half of the world's population is living in towns and cities. According to Census 2011, India has a total population of 1.21 billion out of which 31.1 % live in urban areas. Therefore, the urgent need of the national policy makers, at present, is authentic data on Housing viz, the housing stock, addition to housing stock, investment in housing, housing conditions and needs (Structure, Congestion, obsolesce) role of public and private sector in the housing, prices of building materials etc. An idea about the size of shortage is essential so that the interventions may be scaled up accordingly.

Distribution of Housing shortage across major States:

28.2 Taking into account the fact that the shortage in housing is significant in lower income group, for 2012, TG-12 distributed the shortage on the basis of State's contribution to the total, on the basis of average of total number of households below poverty line in urban areas & households with katcha houses in urban areas. In the past national level housing shortage was distributed among the states in proportion to number of urban households.

Distribution of Housing shortage across major States



Main sources of Housing Statistics in India

(i) Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India (RGI): The decennial population census throws up good deal of data on housing, although after a gap of ten years . The items covered from census to census are the number of houses, the uses to which they are put, the nature of construction, the number of rooms, condition of house (2001 onwards) etc.

(ii) National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO): NSSO takes up rounds every five years on various aspects of housing through surveys on housing conditions. In its 32nd, 38th and 43rd rounds, NSSO collected data relating to tenure status, covered area, land possessed, plinth level, type of dwelling, type of structure, no. of floors, monthly rental value (for urban areas only) and housing conditions etc. NSSO data has its own limitation, as it is not comparable over a period of time, because some information collected on a set of form is not repeated in the other subsequent survey, now this limitation is taken care of up to some extent. The other limitation is all the information required by the NBO is not covered in each round. In future surveys, it is expected that this limitation will be resolved.

(iii) National Buildings Organisation (NBO): Apart from the NSSO, and Registrar General of India, National Buildings Organisation is the principal Organisation concerned with the collection of data on various aspects of housing.

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