

SLUMS

- A slum is predominantly an overcrowded area which is in an advanced stage of decay where dwellings are unfit for human habitation.
- It is like an area where the basic amenities like water supply, drainage, for standard living are lacking, unsanitary conditions prevail, and diseases flourish.
- It is a poverty stricken area, where there is a high rate of birth, infant mortality, death thus representing a state of hell on the surface of earth.
- The areas characterized by sub standard housing conditions within the city or someplace outside the city are known as the slum.
- Slum is a menace to health, safety, mortality and general welfare of inhabitants.

Cause of slums:-

★ Decentralization

Rich and middle class people move out of the extended portions of the town. Poor people are left unattended in the overcrowded central area of the town.

★ Improper use of land

Easily dragged into social evil without any attention to improvement of the living condition.

★ Education

Easily dragged into social evil without any attention to improvement of the living condition.

★ Industrialisation

No proper planning of houses of labor

- Poverty
- Absence of proper housing facilities
- Migration
- Rapid rise of urban populations

- Careless and neglect of house owner
- High rental rate in the city
- Lack of cheap transport systems
- Unplanned growth of cities
- The attraction of the city
- Negligence of govt. and municipality

The Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1956

- To facilitate inclusive growth and slum-free cities.
- To provide assured security of tenure, basic amenities and affordable housing for slum dwellers.
- To prevent the occurrence of epidemics in the town or city.
- To remove the ugly spots or slums from the map of town or city.

Slum Clearance Methods

- ① Complete Removal Method
- ② Improvement Method

Complete Removal Method

- In this method the ill constructed houses are demolished and only those which are really good are retained.
- The open spaces left are used for widening of roads, providing recreation ground or building new houses of approved standard.

Improvement Method

- If the houses are fairly good, certain steps such as
 - Improvement of the streets system
 - filling up of low ground
 - modification of drainage arrangement
 - Removal of obstructing structure etc.
- may be taken up to implement slum

Clearance scheme

Prevention of slum

- Social Education
- Unauthorized Construction
- Cheap housing - available to the poor people
- Compulsion to Employers
- Maintenance and Repair
- Social Education

Slum Area in Indian Cities

- It is a sad state of affair that some of the worst slum in the world can be found in major Indian cities like Mumbai, Calcutta, Ahmadabad, Surat, Chennai and Delhi.
- From recent study it is reflected that nearly 74.20% of slum exists in 222 big towns and cities.

- with the limited resource available, the government and semi government bodies will have to plan out intelligently slum clearance programmes to grant adequate and decent housing to every human being.
- Another stepping stone by Modi government towards Mission 'Housing for all' by 2022. (Pradhanmantri Awas Yojna).