

## PROVISIONS RELATED TO HOUSING AND LAND IN ELECTION MANIFESTOS: LOK SABHA 2024 (OF NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES IN INDIA)

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<b>Affordable Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Ease of Living in Cities’ <b>Promoting Affordable Housing</b> - We will strengthen the <b>RERA act</b> which has helped make the real estate sector in Bharat more transparent and citizen friendly than ever before. Further, we will facilitate home ownership for middle-income families through comprehensive measures including cost reduction in construction and registration, regulatory reforms like enabling automatic approvals for standard housing designs and <b>promoting mixed-use housing</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the transfer of sufficient financial resources to urban local bodies from the government to meet the <b>requirements of developing proper housing, water and sanitation facilities</b> for all the residents.</li> <li>• Record tenancy and <b>protect the rights of tenants</b> in all states where this has not been done.</li> <li>• Ensure registration of all tenancies; protect the rights of tenants in all states; ensure benefits to all tenants including subsidies, insurance, and income support by giving Licensed Cultivator Cards.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Forced Evictions, Informal Settlements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Garib Parivar Jan’ <b>Slum Redevelopment</b> - We have successfully provided houses to many slum dwellers. We will scale it up by making new policies to <b>construct houses on slum land so low-income families can be rehabilitated into high-quality houses.</b></li> <li>• <b>Expanding PM Awas Yojana</b>- We will now further expand the PM Awas Yojana to ensure every garib parivar has access to quality housing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop eviction drives and demolition of slums. Ensure in <b>situ development</b> of basic facilities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Homelessness</b>			
<b>Discrimination in Access to Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas’, <b>Providing Affordable Housing Priority to Divyangs</b> under the PM Awas Yojana - We will continue to prioritize the <b>housing needs of divyangs</b> under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, guaranteeing <b>affordable and accessible housing solutions</b> that cater to their unique requirements.</li> <li>• Expanding the Network of Garima Grahas for Transgenders – We will <b>expand the network of Garima Grahas</b> to cater to the needs of transgender individuals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A special drive with budgetary allocations to close the continuing gap between SC/STs and other communities in <b>housing and civic facilities.</b></li> <li>• Distribution of 5 acres (per each) of arable land for cultivation to all landless families from SC and ST communities.</li> <li>• Protecting land rights of Adivasis and restoring land illegally alienated from them. Withdrawals of amendments to various laws, which in the name of ease of doing business, removes the right of consent of Adivasi communities for land acquisition.</li> </ul>	Senior Citizens, Persons with Disability and LGBTQA+ - We will take measures to ensure <b>easy access to legal services</b> for senior citizens especially in cases of neglect, abuse, abandonment, <b>eviction</b> and financial fraud.
<b>Land Acquisition</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend the <b>Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition,</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congress will <b>enhance the role and authority of Gram Sabhas</b></li> </ul>

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		<p><b>Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013</b> to ensure its universal application on all laws requiring land acquisition; rigorous definition of public purpose, full and prior informed consent from all affected persons, binding social impact assessment and compensation and R&amp;R in such a manner as to ensure a <b>far better quality of life and share in enhanced land value share</b> in enhanced land value.</p>	<p>in matters concerning village panchayats. We will enhance the authority of the Gram Sabha in the administration of the following Acts:</p> <p>(a.) The Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996.</p> <p>(b.) The Forest Rights Act, 2006.</p> <p><b>(c.) The Land Acquisition Act, 2013.</b></p>
<b>Land Reform and Redistribution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Infrastructure: <b>Land Records Digitization</b> - We will implement next generation 'Land Record Digitization' and the integration of various institutions like Revenue Courts and Registration Offices.</li> <li>• Strengthening the Urban Land Record Systems – We will undertake the creation of the <b>Digital Urban Land Records System</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure speedy and comprehensive steps for implementing land reforms; incentivise state governments <b>to take possession of remaining ceiling surplus lands and immediately distribute all surplus land taken possession of</b>; ensure priority to SCs and STs in land distribution; <b>provide for joint pattas that safeguard the equal right of women to land ownership</b>; provide enhanced funding for state governments to establish new land tribunals to ensure time bound resolution of legal issues.</li> <li>• Protect all government and public sector land held in public trust from transfer by lease, sale, diversion or any other manner to the private sector.</li> <li>• Handing over of cultivable wasteland to landless and poor peasant households free of cost, with priority to SCs and STs; joint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equity and Social Justice - We will establish an authority to monitor the <b>distribution to the poor</b> of government land and surplus land under the <b>Land Ceiling Acts</b>.</li> <li>• Congress is committed to notify as 'Scheduled Area' all habitations or groups habitations where ST are the largest social group outside the present <b>Scheduled Areas in all States and Union Territories</b>.</li> </ul>

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		<p><i>pattas</i> (titles) to be distributed including equal right of women to the land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reverse the dilution of land ceiling laws intended to favour corporates and large agriculture businesses.</li> <li>• Record tenancy and protect the rights of tenants in all states where this has not been done.</li> </ul>	
<b>Homestead</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Provide house sites and homestead land</b> to all sections of the rural and urban landless.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural and Urban Development - For rural areas, Congress will pass the <b>Right to Homestead Act</b></li> </ul>
<b>Women and Land/Housing</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting women with disabilities for <b>livelihood and housing</b> as well as for exercising sexual and reproductive rights</li> <li>• <b>Enacting a law for equal rights</b> in marital and inherited property for all women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women Empowerment - The government will fund state governments to <b>build sufficient night shelters for migrant women workers</b></li> <li>• In matters of marriage, succession, <b>inheritance</b>, adoption, guardianship, etc., women and men should have equal rights. We will review all laws and ensure equality between men and women.</li> </ul>
<b>Forest Rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will work with state governments and all stakeholders to sensitively manage <b>human-animal conflict</b> in areas close to forests.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Protecting land rights of Adivasis and restoring land illegally alienated from them.</b> Withdrawal of amendments to various laws, which in the name of ease of doing business, removes the right of consent of Adivasi communities for land acquisition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A national mission will be set up for effective implementation of the <b>Forest Rights Act, 2006</b> through a dedicated FRA division, a separate budget and action plans.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prevent the encroachment</b> and takeover of common lands like pastures, community forests, scrublands, etc.</li> <li>• <b>Withdrawal of National Forest Policy</b> which advocates privatisation of forests and replacement with an appropriate policy protecting tribal rights.</li> <li>• Implementing the <b>Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006</b>, in full; amending the Act to include other traditional forest dwellers with 1980 as the cut-off year; <b>no eviction of Adivasis from their habitat.</b></li> </ul>	

\*Text in bold/emphasis provided by Housing and Land Rights Network.

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