**Data on the CityMakers (Homeless Residents) in DELHI**

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| **SL. No.** | **YEAR** | **STUDY Conducted by the ORGANISATIONs / INSTITUTIONS** | **No. of CityMakers Counted (Estimated figures are in parenthesis)** | |
|  | **(A)** | **(B)** | **(C)** | |
| 1. | 2014 | Commissioners of the Supreme Court Book: “Shelters for the Urban Homeless - A Handbook for Administrators and Policymakers" (Books for Change: Bangalore / Delhi; 2014) | 180,000 ('We estimate that at least one per cent of the population of cities is homeless'; p.iv). | |
| 2. | 2014 | DUSIB | 16,760  (Rapid survey in nature of guesstimate. Totally unacceptable. Ad hoc and arbitrary) | |
| 3. | 2011 | Census | 46,724\* | |
| 4. | 2011 | Supreme Court Commissioner’s Office (SCCO)/ DUSIB/ MNGO/  HCRCs | 2,46,800  (Mapped: a new technique adopted by the SCCO) | |
| 5. | 2010 | MNGO (for GNCTD, financed by UNDP)  Out of 280 Pockets, 243 pockets surveyed; 37 survey pockets missed out | 55,955  (67,151 mapped from 243 pockets; it was to be done again, which never got done. Report still not published) | |
| 6. | 2008 | IGSSS (Indo-Global Social Service Society) | 88410  (1,50,000\*\*) | |
| 7. | 2007 | IHD (Institute of Human Development) for GNCTD | 46,788 | |
|  | 2006 | Delhi Human Development Report (DHDR), 2006 (GNCTD, p. 31) | 1,00,000\*\*\* | |
| 8. | 2001 | Census | 24,966\* | |
| 9. | 2000 | AAA  (AashrayAdhikarAbhiyan) | 52,765  (100,000\*\*) | |
| *\*Census figures are not being considered, as there were huge numbers of CityMakers (Homeless Residents) left unenumerated by Census of 2001 &2011 (We participated both the times). Truly, it was a fraud played on the nation and the CityMakers (CMs). Hence we can’t rely on the Census figures. \*\*The Caveat: For everyone counted we missed one, as we could not go into all the lanes and by lanes and there were many CityMakers still working until 3am, in trading centres of old Delhi, sabzimandis etc. \*\*\* DHDR mentions this AAA figure in its Report* | | | |

**Abbreviations Used**:

**GNCTD**: Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi

**DUSIB**: Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board of GNCTD  
**MNGO**: Mo**ther NGO (St. Stephen’s Hospital), in collaboration with Mission Convergence, GNCTD  
HCRC**: Homeless Citizens’ Resource Centres in collaboration with the MNGO

Even the National Advisory Council (NAC) Working Group on Urban Poverty (see Commissioners of the Supreme Court in case of Writ Petition (Civil) 196 of 2001. 2014. Shelters for the Urban Homeless: A Handbook for Administrators and Policymakers. New Delhi: Books for Change, p, vi), of which we too are members maintains that 1 % of any city population is Homeless. Owing to this if Delhi's population is 1,800,000 then as per this the homeless population will be not less than 180,000. DUSIB's own study of 2011, in which Supreme Court Commissioners Office,  MNGO and its HCRCs too were part; maintains that there's 2,46,800 homeless in Delhi. The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi too took this issue seriously; and told that for the govt there's no homeless, close the eyes and they will disappear. Without disputing the numbers the High Court and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India asked the govt to provide  shelter and basic services with  full dignity,  to all the homeless in the city.

But not getting into any larger debates we maintain that there's no less than 88,410 that we counted in 2008, and our estimates suggest that there are over 150,000 homeless citizens (CityMakers) in Delhi. Still lower than the NAC estimates and the DUSIB's own estimates.

The UNDP study  (under the rubric of Conditional Cash Transfer mandate, for which UID is being promoted) conducted  by the MNGO  is flawed in declaring only 55,000 homeless  in Delhi. When we participated in this survey we had categorically told MNGO that the timing  is not right, as we had CWG that very year. And the Survey had to be stopped for over two months (Oct - Nov 2010). We were told by the MNGO that the survey will be an ongoing process to capture the homeless in different seasons too. So this fractured presentation of survey will surely be disjointed and far away from the real picture. To say that there are only 55,000 homeless people in Delhi is a mockery, and highlights the injustice even in data collection

These are the studies done on homelessness in 2001 (by AAA, of which i was  a part) and 2008 (by IGSSS, here too, i was a part of this study).  
  
The one in 2001 says that there are 52,765 people counted as homeless (but we maintain that for one counted we have missed another one, as we couldn't enter all the lanes and by lanes and also there were many homeless workers still working in many parts of Delhi, even till early morning. Hence we couldn't count them). Thus we maintain that there are no less than 1,00,000 homeless. This was accepted by the Delhi Human Development Report, 2006 (Published by OUP).  
  
In 2008 we counted 88, 410 as homeless (but quite like in 2001, we maintain that for one counted we have missed another one, as we couldn't enter all the lanes and by lanes and also there were many homeless workers still working in many parts of Delhi, even till early morning. Hence we couldn't count them). Thus we maintain that in 2008 there are no less than 1,50,000 homeless.

The set of articles on Census 2001 & 2011, show how both the times they were a fraud. We collaborated with them in 2001 and 2011, only to be cheated both times. In 2011, it happened in all the cities where we had pressed in our network partners (for we had confirmed info on it).  
  
If the decadal data gathering mechanism is flawed then whole plans and allocation of budgets for schemes of the govt is far away from the reality. That's why the mechanisms we took of doing our own studies becomes significant.  
  
  
**When the govt doesn't even do it's basics right, you can understand how and why it fails to deliver. Little wonder,  the govt is trying to prove that's the poverty levels are low and soon diminishing. Nothing serves this agenda better than askewed data collection mechanism. The UNDP survey needs to be understood in this dimension. It's politically motivated and fabricated.**