

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

In 2010-11, the Buildings Department will initiate a special scheme for the clearance of unauthorised structures on rooftops, podiums and yards constituting safety hazard or environmental nuisance. Will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) the duration of the scheme, and the manpower and expenditure required?
- (b) the estimated number of unauthorised structures that the scheme will help to improve?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

- (a) The special operation is expected to last until the end of March 2012. In 2010, 350 buildings will be selected as target buildings for the operation. The work arising from the operation is mainly handled by 681 professional and technical staff in the Existing Buildings Divisions of the Buildings Department (BD) as part of their overall duties in building safety and maintenance. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the manpower and expenditure required solely for the operation.
- (b) Under this operation, the Department aims to assist owners of about 800 buildings to improve the condition of their buildings by carrying out clearance of unauthorised structures on rooftops, podiums and yards constituting safety hazard or environmental nuisance. We will conduct surveys of the target buildings and ascertain the number of unauthorised structures.

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