

Nepal: Almost 40 % of all Nepalese rent their homes in urban areas

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KATHMANDU: Around 38.8 per cent of people in urban areas have been living in rented houses while 57.8 have their own houses, said the Annual Household Survey 2012-13 published by the Central Bureau of Statistics, today.

The finding was titled ‘Percentage Distribution of Households by Occupancy Status’.

Likewise, 3.4 per cent urban dwellers are fortunate to live in houses without paying rent, thanks to the increasing trend of migration abroad; and in some cases, it is their benevolent relatives.

People who have migrated to foreign countries often give custody of their immovable property to trusted persons, a free-of-cost accommodation in consideration of taking care of their house.

The survey report has revealed that urban areas have no squatters at all at a time when a section of people identifying themselves as landless people have been demanding immovable property in various parts of urban centres, including Kathmandu.

As many as 0.3 per cent people live in religious houses and under the open sky, the report said.

Bikash Bista, CBS Director General, said a survey of this kind was conducted for the first time, and a full and final report would look into the non-existence of squatters in urban areas, to establish the fact.

In comparison to the urban scenario, 94.1 per cent people own houses in rural areas while 3.6 per cent are tenants. “Two per cent are enjoying free accommodation, 0.1 per cent are squatters and 0.3 per cent itinerants in rural areas,” the preliminary report said.

The report under the heading ‘Percentage Distribution of Households by Foundation of the Dwelling’ shows that 44.6 per cent houses are pillar bonded in urban areas against only 10 per cent in rural areas of the country. The ratio of urban and rural houses in terms of cement bonded, mud bonded, wooden pillar and others are 26.6-10.7 per cent, 21.9-55.9 per cent, 6.1-21.1 per cent and 0.8-2.4 per cent, respectively.

“The survey, conducted from November 2012 to June 2013, has covered 67 districts. The enumerated sample was 2,985 households in the Mountain, Hill and Tarai.

The objectives of the survey were to collect and analyse situation of people in national, urban and rural level, to provide household consumption data and to assess the situation of housing,” Director General Bista said.

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