

**Question for written answer E-002399/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Relocation of Roma settlement near the National Mint in Chalandri

Government policy resulting in the exclusion of Roma communities, their segregation in ghettos and discrimination against them is effectively undermining attempts to relocate the Roma settlement situated next to the National Mint in Chalandri.

In view of their squalid living conditions, it is urgently necessary to relocate the inmates safely to modern accommodation and return to its owners the land currently being occupied by them. Lack of state funding for implementation of decisions by the municipal authorities to this end remains a problem.

European Parliament and Commission reports regarding Roma rights are being contradicted by EU and government policy on the ground, which is resulting in deplorable living conditions for Roma and opening the door to organised crime, while occasionally channelling lavish funding into various NGO programmes that merely serve to keep the Roma trapped in utter poverty.

In the light of this:

What is the Commission's position regarding the need for immediate measures to ensure the relocation of the Roma settlement situated next to the National Mint in Chalandri?

What view does it take of calls for effective measures to ensure the social inclusion of Roma communities and their integration within society as a whole, rather than isolation in ghettos? Does it agree that the government must take direct responsibility for this rather than delegating it to NGOs or other intermediaries and that the current policy of ostracism and segregation must be ended?