

SOLUTIONS TO THE TURKISH HOUSING PROBLEM (Through solutions in England, Canada and Israel)

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Turkey is a Social State and with the Constitution of 1961, the State was given the responsibility and the duty to meet the social rights of the population, and to create related institutions (social services) in the process.

Housing is one of those needs that must be met, both in the name of public health and as a compensation to the problems of rapid urbanisation and industrialisation.

In a developing country it is the State that must enter the area of Housing as a financier constructor, producer, supplier, distributor and corrector. And there are various methods to achieve this. Among them could be cited;

1. A National Housing Corporation, not like the British Housing Corporation but more in the nature of Ontario Housing Corporation and the Amidar of Israel, as a State Economic Enterprise.
2. A Housing Association created through a concession agreement, subject to private law, to work in cooperation with Local Governments or the National Housing Corporation.
3. Public Housing, similar to that in Britain, functioning as a social service of the Local Governments, under the control of the Ministry of Reconstruction.
4. Solution to the "gecekondü" (squatter houses) problem in compliance with the reports of Abrams, Bath and other foreign experts.
5. The role of the Banks in this field must also be re-evaluated.

All the moves to be made can be formulated and assessed through the Constitution of 1961, Art. 49, 41, 53, 39, 115/116; Law No. 440; Housing Act (to be); Land Office Act; Municipalities Act, Art. 15; Law No. 5218; Law No. 775).