

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SEMINAR ON SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a): whether a seminar on sustainable urban development was held during the month of October, 2000;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): the details of issues discussed and recommendations made therein; and
- (d): the steps being taken to implement these recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir. An international conference on 'Urban Infrastructure-sustainable development' was held on 17-18 October, jointly organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry, Housing and Urban Development Corporation, Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation (IDFC) and Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS).

(b),(c) & (d): The Conference deliberated on the development of cities and in that context discussed inter-alia issues like shortages in the housing sector, inadequacy of infrastructure such as water shortage, traffic congestion, settlement of slums, adverse impact of rapid urbanisation on the environment, the constraints of resources and the need for evolving an overall action plan for future development. Government is already aware of these aspects as these have been discussed in similar fora in the past and the same have been kept in view while formulating/modifying the policies in this regard.