

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3190  
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2002  
SEMINAR ON REVISION OF NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF INDIA  
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

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

- (a) whether a two day seminar on the Revision of National Building Code of India was held recently in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, whether the participants in the seminar inter alia suggested that the National Building Code be severely scrutinised with a view to have an integrated planning norm for the construction of building/houses without causing least damage to environment;
- (c) if so, the details of the recommendations made at the seminar;
- (d) whether the Government have considered the recommendations and the plan to implement the same; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY ( URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL )

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(e): Formal recommendation are yet to come. However, it was suggested that the National Building Code should be fully examined with a view to integrate not only the state of the art practices in planning, designing and construction of building structures, but should also incorporate maintenance, operational and repairs/rehabilitation aspects throughout the service life of the structure. Regarding the environmental aspects, it has been stated that the Code should cater to the requirements of different parts of the country and take into consideration climate and environmental conditions, geographical terrain, natural disasters affecting the area, ecologically sustainable practices and use of eco-friendly materials, reduction of pollution, protection and improvement of local environment.