

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF PLAYING FIELDS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of playing fields in the country due to grabbing of playing grounds by the builders or diversion of playing space for ornamental parks;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry of Sports has stressed the need for the stopping of such grabbing and ensuring adequate playing ground space in any construction and also urged Ministry of Urban Development in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Ministry thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

- (a): The Ministry of Urban Development does not maintain data on playing fields. Provision of playing fields in urban areas is done through the Master Plan which lays down land use. As urban planning is a State subject, it is for the States to enforce the provisions of their Master Plans.
- (b): The Ministry of Sports has written to the Ministry of Urban Development on the subject of policy for reserving space for playgrounds.
- (c): Ministry of Urban Development has already issued Urban Development Plan Formulation and Implementation Guidelines for guidance in the matter. These guidelines specify the percentage of open spaces that may be kept aside for recreation. Local parks, play grounds, sports complexes required at various levels like District level and City level have also been specified.