

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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URBANISATION
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pressure on the available infrastructure in the urban sector is due to rapid urbanization;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria laid down to define an urban area;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to amend the said criteria keeping in view the increasing population in the urban areas;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the further steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve urban areas of the country?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): According to the 54th National Sample Survey, only 70% of urban households had access to tap water supply, 20% had access to sewerage systems and only 30% of the solid waste generated by the million plus towns was disposed properly.

(c): The State Government is responsible for notifying an area as urban. The definition of an urban area in Census of India 2001 is as follows:

i) All places with a Municipal Corporation, Municipality, Cantonment Board or notified town area committee, etc.

ii) All other places that satisfy the following criteria:

A minimum population of 5000;

At least 75% of male working population should be engaged in non-agricultural pursuits and

A density of population of at least 400 per sq. km.(1000 per sq. mile)

(d): No, Madam. Ministry of Urban Development has not proposed any such amendment.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): Government of India launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in 2005-06 which comprises sub-mission-I on Urban Infrastructure and Governance and sub-Mission-II on Basic Service for Urban Poor which covers 65 identified towns as well as scheme on Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) which covers other towns.