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IDENTIFICATION OF CITIES BY NCRPB
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) has evolved any parameters/yardsticks for identification of various cities, under the ambit of National Capital Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is any variation in the policies formulated for the cities identified as Delhi Metropolitan Areas and Priority Towns in terms of their development and extension of various civic amenities/facilities therein; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the basis/justification for the same?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): NCRPB has informed that the Regional Plan (RP)-2021 has proposed a six-tier settlement system based on the proposed demographic scenario by 2021 for the National Capital Region (NCR) which is as follows:-

S.No. Hierarchical Level Population Range

1. Metro Centre 10 lakh and above
2. Regional Centre 3 to 10 lakh
3. Sub-regional Centre 0.5 to 3 lakh
4. Service Centre 10,000 to 50,000
5. Central Village 5,000 to 10,000
6. Basic Village Below 5,000

(c): Question does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d)&(e): RP-2001 provided for Delhi Metropolitan Area as one of the Policy Zones and Priority Towns as part of the Hierarchy of Settlement Pattern. However, RP-2021 has re-designated the Delhi Metropolitan Area as `Central NCR` and the Priority Towns as `Regional Centres`. RP-2021 aims to promote growth and balanced development of the NCR, and this aim is sought to be achieved,

inter alia, through provision of -

suitable economic base for future growth by identification and development of regional settlements capable of absorbing the economic development impulse of NCT-Delhi;

efficient and economic rail and road based transportation networks (including mass transport systems) well integrated with the land use patterns to support balanced regional development in such identified settlements;

a rational land use pattern in order to protect and preserve good agricultural land and utilise unproductive land for urban uses.

It also aims to develop selected urban settlements with urban infrastructural facilities such as transport, power, communication, drinking water, sewerage, drainage etc. comparable with National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCTD).

Keeping the above objectives in view, the RP-2021 has proposed the development of NCR through four policy zones namely-

- (i) National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCTD),
- (ii) Central National Capital Region (CNCR),
- (iii) Highway Corridor Zone and
- (iv) Rest of NCR.

The following development policies have been envisaged for the CNCR policy zone:

The Central NCR comprising the present notified controlled areas of the towns of Ghaziabad-Loni, Noida, Gurgaon-Manesar, Faridabad-Ballabgarh, Bahadurgarh and Sonapat-Kundli are designated as Central National Capital Region (CNCR) for RP-2021.

The major policies for CNCR in RP-2021 include:

To maximize the opportunities presented by CNCR to enable it to compete effectively with NCT-Delhi offering jobs, economic activities, comprehensive transport system, housing, social infrastructure and quality of environment, if not better then at least at par with NCT-Delhi.

All new major economic and non-polluting activities wanting to get located in NCT-Delhi to be located in the urbanisable areas planned in this zone.

Emphasis should be given to transportation, civic infrastructure, land use and conservation.

Insofar as extension of various civic amenities/facilities in the CNCR and Regional Centres is concerned, RP-2021 has provided for norms for civic infrastructure (water supply, sewerage, solid waste management and drainage) for this purpose. A very high level of physical, social and economic infrastructure is required to be developed so that these centres can act as powerful growth nodes to attract capital functions and activities and also help in population dispersal from the national capital. The policies and proposals of RP-2021 for NCR are to be implemented by the concerned State Governments and Central Ministries.