

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DECLARATION AS MEGA CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Government for declaring and developing a city or Town as mega city;
- (b) whether the Government has made any amendment in the said criterion;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the cities which have been declared as mega cities during each of the last three years, State-wise and city-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to declare more cities and towns in various States as mega city and provide corresponding amenities during the current year;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and city-wise; and
- (f) the name of agencies which have been engaged and the expenditure incurred for the purpose in this regard so far during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) : Matters relating to Local Government fall under the list of State subjects and Government of India has not fixed any general criteria for conferring mega city status to any city. Cities are classified differently under different schemes. Under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), which is the major scheme currently under the implementation in the urban sector, cities are classified into four categories :-

1. Cities/Urban agglomerations with 4 million plus population (as per 2001 census);
2. Cities/Urban agglomerations with million plus but less than 4 million population (as per 2001 census);
3. Cities/towns/ Urban agglomerations in North Eastern States and Jammu & Kashmir; and
4. Cities/ Urban agglomerations other than those mentioned above.

The erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities covered the cities of Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore; however, the scheme stands closed after launching of JNNURM.

(b) to (f): Do not arise.