

**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 rapid urbanisation poses an urgent and difficult challenges like widespread poverty, poor urban infrastructure, environmental degradation etc; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): The increasing urbanization requires provisioning of infrastructure and services in urban centres. As per 65th round of the National Sample Survey, 74% of urban households are served by piped water supply, leaving 26 % population to be covered by other sources like tube wells and hand pumps etc. As per Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) report of 2009, treatment capacity installed was only 30%. The actual treatment was estimated at 72.2 % in 2008 which implies that only about 20% sewage generated was treated before disposal in Class I cities and Class II towns (as per 2001 census).

(b): The Government has launched a number of schemes for improvement in urban infrastructure including Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Urban Infrastructure Development of Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Satellite Towns (UIDSST), 10% lump sum scheme for North Eastern States including Sikkim and North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme (NERUDP). In addition, it also provides support for developing Mass Rapid Transit Systems in identified cities.