

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POPULATION PRESSURE
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the capital of the country is facing immense population pressure due to migration of people from the rural areas in search of jobs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main reasons observed by the Government for this influx; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to de-congest the capital?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): DDA has informed that as per Master Plan Delhi(MPD-2021), the National Capital has distinct and unique character. It is growing and acts as a magnet attracting people from all across the country and also a hub for the regions surrounding it. There is a virtual urban continuum between Delhi and the surrounding areas which lie in the State or Uttar Pradesh & Haryana. As per MPD-2021 by the year 2021 the net addition to the population by way of natural growth and by migration is expected to be 24 lakhs in each category.

(d): As per MPD-2021 framework for sub regional development wherein the following has been envisaged:

i) As per National Capital Region Plan, no new Central Government and Public Sector Undertaking offices should be located in National Capital Territory of Delhi. However, this would be possible only after a time bound action plan is prepared together with suitable incentives and disincentives.

ii) Industrial growth in Delhi to be restricted to high-tech with emphasis on units, which require skill, less manpower and energy and do not create pollution / nuisance.

iii) Major regional transport corridor and communication network to be strengthened to enhance economic development within the National Capital Region and decentralization of the distributive trade.

Further the National Capital Region Planning Board has informed that it has notified the Regional Plan 2021 in September 2005, which contains policies & proposals for sustainable urban development and seeks to achieve its objectives through inter-related policy framework relating to population (re-distribution), settlement systems, regional land use patterns, efficient and economic connectivity, physical and social infrastructure development, environmental factors, and economic activities.