

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CATEGORISATION OF CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has categorised the cities on the basis of the population and availability of basic public facilities; and
- (b) if so, the number of categories made for urban areas in the country, the cities covered therein and the criteria followed in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY) & (b) : The census of India classifies towns & cities in terms of population size. The Census of India classifies cities in the following categories:

Class-I : population 1 lakh and above
Class-II: population 50,000 - 99,999
Class-III: population 20,000 - 49,999
Class-IV: population 10,000 - 19,999
Class-V : population 5,000 - 9,999
Class-VI: population below 5,000

Under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, 3 categories of cities have been identified as per norms/criteria mentioned as under:

Category	Cities/UAs	Nos.
A	Cities/UAs with 4 million plus population as per 2001 Census	07
B	Cities/UAs with 1 million plus population but less than 4 million as per 2001 Census	28
C	Selected Cities/UAs (State capitals and other Cities/UAs of religious/historic and touristic importance)	30
Total		65