

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5239

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TAX ON VACANT LAND

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to impose 'Vacant land tax' to check large scale hoarding of land and to generate resources to revamp the crumbling urban infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has consulted all the stakeholders in this regard;
- (d) if so, the response thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the escalating cost of land and property in the country?

Answer

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

- (a): The imposition of 'Vacant land tax' in the cities lies with the State Governments/ Urban Local Bodies.
- (b) to (e): Do not arise.