

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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ADDITIONAL FLOOR SPACE INDEX  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Planning Commission Steering Committee has recommended for providing additional Floor Space Index (FSI) as development rights;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether any consultation in this regard has been held with the State Governments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (f) the extent to which this decision is likely to be beneficial to the consumers as well as the Government?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes Madam,

(b): The Steering Committee on Urbanisation has recommended strategic densification of cities through various measures including higher Floor Space Index (FSI). The Committee has also recommended that additional FSI may be charged for and the revenue so generated may be ring-fenced for funding infrastructure projects to sustain higher FSI.

(c): The aforesaid Steering Committee on Urbanization had representatives of many State Governments and Municipal Bodies as its members.

(d): The representatives of the governments of States of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal and cities of Delhi, Chennai and Bangaluru were members of the Steering Committee.

(e): The Steering Committee on urbanization was constituted by the Planning Commission to make recommendations in context of formulation of the 12th plan. Its recommendations along with recommendations of various other expert bodies are input for formulating the 12th plan. As land is a state subject, States are broadly concerned with taking decision on this recommendation.

(f): The rationale for recommending additional FSI by the Steering Committee is that it allows efficient use of urban land which is a precious resource and it may also generate additional resources to Municipal government for better city management which would also benefit the consumer.