

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:559

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URBAN POPULATION

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the urban population in the country likely to cross fifty per cent of the total population in the next three decades as per a report published in an international magazine 'Opportunities in an Urbanising World';
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has recently made a projection of urban population for the next three decades;
- (d) if so, the details of the cities where the population is likely to increase; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to decongest the population of urban areas in the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.559 FOR 15.5.2012

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Government is aware that the urban population is likely to increase in coming years.

(c): According to available information with the Ministry, Registrar General, Census of India has projected the urban population till the year, 2026. By that year, the country's urban population will be 53.48 crore which will constitute 38.2% of the total projected population of 140 crore.

(d): The city-wise details are not available. However, State-wise projections are given at Annexure.

(e): To ameliorate pressures on cities, the Government of India launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in 2005. The Urban Infrastructure and Governance component handled by Ministry of Urban Development seeks to improve urban infrastructure and transport in 65 identified cities. The needs of the small and medium towns are catered to by the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) programme. In addition, financial assistance for urban infrastructure is also being provided by the Ministry of Urban Development under the 10 percent lumpsum scheme for the development of Northeastern region including Sikkim, the ADB added North Eastern Region Development Programme and Pilot project on Development of Urban Infrastructure in Satellite Towns around the Seven mega Cities, besides identified metro and other projects.