

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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COUNTER MAGNET CITY SCHEME
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) The current status of National Counter Magnet City Development Scheme;
- (b) Whether the functioning of the National Capital Region Planning Board constituted for this scheme is up to the mark;
- (c) If so, the details thereof;
- (d) Whether Magnet City Development Scheme no longer figures in the list of priority schemes and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there has been a cut in the budget of NCR Planning Board;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (g) the reasons for non-implementation of the scheme in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh despite its adoption many years ago; and
- (h) the steps being taken by the Government for the development of NCR?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SMT. DEEPA DASMUNSHI)

(a)to (g):National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) has informed that there is no National Counter Magnet City Development Scheme being implemented by it. However, Regional Plan 2021 has identified following five Counter-Magnet Areas for development:

1. Hisar in Haryana
2. Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh
3. Patiala in Punjab
4. Kota in Rajasthan
5. Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh

The concerned State Governments are required to develop these Counter-Magnet Areas. The NCRPB provides loan assistance for implementation of infrastructure projects, forwarded by concerned State Governments. So far, the Board has provided loan assistance to Counter Magnet Area Towns for 16 Projects out of which 9 projects have been completed and 7 projects are on going. NCRPB has also informed that there is no cut in the Budget of National Capital Region Planning Board.

(h):NCRPB has prepared the Regional Plan 2021 for National Capital Region which was approved by the Board and was notified on 17.09.2005. The Regional Plan-2021 is a policy document for the development of the National Capital Region, which covers various inter-related sectors like economic activities, transport, power, water, sewerage, solid waste management, telecommunication, shelter, social infrastructure, heritage and tourism, environment, disaster management, rural development, regional land use, counter magnet areas, etc.