

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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URBANISATION OF BIHAR
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bihar is the second least urbanized State in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the percentage area in the State being classified as urban;
- (c) the factors that have contributed to its lower urbanisation; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to improve the urbanization pattern in the State ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per the provisional results of 2011 Census, Bihar is the second least urbanized State in India with 11.3% urban population.
- (c): Bihar has primarily an agrarian economy. Agrarian economies are rural in nature.
- (d): Urbanisation is a phenomena influenced amongst others by the nature of local economy, education, nature of employment and marriage. The Ministry of Urban Development does not seek to interfere in the pattern of urbanization. It merely supports the efforts of States to provide better infrastructure in urban areas.