

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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PROJECTION OF URBAN POPULATION  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recently made a projection of urban population for the next two decades;
- (b) if so, the details of the cities where the population is likely to increase; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to decongest the population of urban areas in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a): 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.

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

(c): Urban Development is a State subject and the State Governments have to take action for ameliorating congestion in cities. The Government of India supports States in their efforts through schemes. 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 North Eastern region including Sikkim, the ADB aided North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme and Pilot Scheme on Development of Urban Infrastructure in Satellite Towns around the Seven mega Cities, besides identified metro and other projects.