

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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URBANISATION NO

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether growing urbanisation is causing health and environmental problems in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken /being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)& (b): According to 2001 census, the urban population of the country was 286.11 million, living in 5161 towns, which constitutes 27.81% of the total country's population. However, the same as per 2011 census has risen to 377.16 million viz. 32.16% of the total country's population and at the same time number of towns has gone up to 7935. The rate of urban growth in the country is very high as compared to developed countries, and the large cities are becoming larger mostly due to continuous migration of population to these cities. This creates enormous pressure on existing urban infrastructure.

Ministry of Urban Development has formulated the National Urban Sanitation Policy in 2008. The main goal of the policy is to transform Urban India into community-driven, totally sanitized, healthy and livable cities and towns. The vision of the policy is that all Indian cities and towns become totally sanitized, healthy and livable and ensure and sustain good public health and environmental outcomes for all their citizens with a special focus on hygienic and affordable sanitation facilities for the urban poor and women.

i. In order to supplement the effort of State Governments and Urban Local Bodies(ULBs), Government of India has launched reform linked Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) in December 2005 with a view to provide infrastructure facilities including sewerage & sewage treatment as well as solid waste management in all the urban areas of the country.

ii. The Ministry has also launched Schemes namely North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme (NERUDP), 10% Lump-sum provision scheme for North Eastern Region including Sikkim and Scheme for urban infrastructure development in satellite towns around seven megacities.