

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MIGRATION OF PEOPLE TO CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of people are moving towards cities and towns from rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of rise in urban population in comparison to other developing countries;
- (c) whether the Government has any policy for providing housing/basic facilities and employment to the migrated population and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to check the influx of people to the cities and towns including Delhi; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The population of cities has been growing on account of several factors including migration from rural to urban areas. The information on migration has not been published by Census of India for Census 2011. The percentage of people living in urban areas in India has increased from 27.8% in 2001 to 31.16% in 2011. During the corresponding period, the change in level of urbanization, as per the United Nations, World Urbanization Prospects, The 2011 Revision, in some developing countries is given below:-

S.No.	Name of Country		Percentage	Urban Population
	2001	2011		
1.	India	27.8	31.16	
2	Pakistan	33.1	36.2	
3	Srilanka	15.7	15.1	
4	Bangladesh	23.6	28.4	
5	Ethiopia	14.7	17.0	
6	Kenya	19.9	24.0	
7	Madagascar	27.1	32.0	
8	Rwanda	13.8	19.0	
9	Uganda	12.1	15.0	
10	Zimbabwe	33.8	39.0	
11	Cambodia	18.6	20.0	
12	Myanmar	27.2	32.0	
13	Vietnam	24.4	31.0	

(c): The Government of India supports development of towns through the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) which was launched in 2005-06 and seeks to improve urban infrastructure, housing, transport and urban basic services. The JNNURM comprises sub-Mission-I on Urban Infrastructure and Governance and sub-Mission-II on Basic Service for Urban Poor and covers 65 identified towns apart from Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) which covers other towns.

(d) & (e): It is not the policy of Government to either check or facilitate migration to the cities as the process of migration is driven by demographic and economic factors and distortions in the process may have undesirable consequences on economic growth and development.