

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CATEGORIZATION OF CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cities have been categorized in the country on the basis of population and requirement of public facilities;
- (b) if so, the number of categories in urban areas of the country; and
- (c) the norms adopted therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The census of India classifies towns & cities in terms of population size as under:

Class-I : population 1 lakh and above
Class-II : population 50,000 - 99,999
Class-III : population 20,000 - 49,999
Class-IV : population 10,000 - 19,999
Class-V : population 5,000 - 9,999
Class-VI : population below 5,000

Under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, 3 categories of cities have been identified as per norms/criteria mentioned as under:

Category	Cities/Urban Areas (UAs)	Nos.
A	Cities/UAs with 4 million plus population as per 2001 Census	07
B	Cities/UAs with 1 million plus population but less than 4 million as per 2001 Census	28
C	Selected Cities/UAs (State capitals and other Cities/ UAs of religious/historic and touristic importance)	30
Total		65