

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:428

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URBAN SECTOR REFORMS

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rapid growth in urbanisation is straining the available infrastructure in the urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria laid down for defining an urban area;
- (d) whether Government proposes to revise the criteria in view of the rising pattern of population concentration in the urban areas;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the further steps contemplated for bringing urban sector reforms in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 428 FOR 18.12.2009 REGARDING URBAN SECTOR REFORMS

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): According to the 54th National Sample Survey, only 70% of urban households had access to tap water supply, 20% had access to sewerage systems and only 30% of the solid waste generated by the million plus towns was disposed properly.

(c): The State Government is responsible for notifying an area as urban. The definition of an urban area in Census of India 2001 is as follows:

i) All places with a Municipal Corporation, Municipality, Cantonment Board or notified town area committee, etc.

ii) All other places that satisfy the following criteria:

A minimum population of 5000;

At least 75% of male working population should be engaged in non-agricultural pursuits and

A density of population of at least 400 per sq.km.(1000 per sq. mile)

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): The Ministry of Urban Development is implementing Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) which provides for reforms linked financial assistance of Rs.50,000 crores over the Mission period of 2005 - 2012. List of reforms under JNNURM is enclosed at Annexure.

Implementation of urban reforms is also being supported through North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme, Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Satellite Towns around Seven Mega Cities, National Urban Sanitation Policy, National Urban Transport Policy and Benchmarking.