

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHIFTING OF GOVERNMENT /SEMI- GOVERNMENT OFFICES

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether various Delhi-based Government/semi-Government offices and offices of autonomous organizations etc. have been shifted to different cities of the National Capital Region (NCR) including Meerut with a view to reducing the population density of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal for shifting certain such offices to the said locations in future is under consideration of the Government; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a)to (d) :The Regional Plans-2001 & 2021 notified by the National Capital Region Planning Board provide that the public sector offices should be allowed to retain only very small establishments to cater for ministerial and liaison functions, and the rest of the establishments should be shifted out of the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. For Government offices, the main criterion for location of the offices in the NCT of Delhi must be that they perform ministerial functions, protocol functions or liaison functions which, by their nature cannot be performed anywhere except in the National Capital. The Regional Plan also provides that the opening of new Government offices/PSU's or expanding the existing ones should be encouraged in the rest of NCR or in the Counter Magnet Areas (CMA) outside the NCR.

Of the 36 offices of PSU's identified for shifting outside the NCT of Delhi, 20 have already been shifted and 02 have been permitted to continue. Eleven Government offices were also identified for shifting outside NCT of Delhi of which 03 have been shifted, 01 has been abolished and 01 has been retained. The above offices have been shifted out of the NCT of Delhi to various places such as Noida, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Guwahati, Bhubaneswar, Visakhapatnam etc.

Shifting of offices is subject to a number of factors such as availability of land, construction of office buildings etc. and therefore, no time-frame can be fixed for shifting of the identified offices which are yet to be shifted.