

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN POPULATION  
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**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been manifold rise in the population of cities in India;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to curb the population explosion in cities;
- (c) whether there has been exponential rise in land prices in cities; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard and the mechanism adopted to determine the prices of land ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Increase in the population in cities is a natural outcome of urbanization and development process.
- (c) & (d): Land prices are market determined and depends on demand and supply of land.