

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT ON BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to the World Economic Forum (WEF) report, India needs huge investments between 2012 and 2031 to deliver basic infrastructure for the country's growing urban population and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the country has world's second largest urban population and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether WEF also suggested various measures to boost urban infrastructure development;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for a policy framework to ensure inclusive urban growth and to bring in private investment for developing urban infrastructure?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) : Yes Madam. According to the World Economic Forum (WEF) report quoting High Powered Expert Committee (HPEC) Report 2011, India needs investment of approximate \$640.2 Billion till 2031 in urban infrastructure and services for the sectors such as roads, transport, traffic support, street lighting, water supply, sewerage, storm water drains and solid waste management.

(b) : Yes Madam. The country has world's second largest urban population with a population of 37.71 crores as per 2011 Census which is next only to China.

(c) : WEF has suggested following measures to be taken by Government of India:

i) Integrate Spatial Planning at all Governmental Levels: National, State and City.

ii) Create a Stable Policy Framework for Private Investment in Urban Infrastructure.

iii) Create Institutions to Stimulate Capacity Building and Attract Talent to Grow Businesses.

(d) & (e) : Government of India is very much aware of the needs for urban infrastructure development and is in process of launching new scheme to support the efforts of State Government in this area.