

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:225

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URBANISATION

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of towns and cities in the country as per 2011 census, State-wise;
- (b) whether any future projection with regard to growth in urban population has been made and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the country lags behind in urbanisation in comparison to China, Indonesia, South Africa and Brazil and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the contribution to GDP from towns and cities has increased over the years and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the initiatives taken or being taken by the Government to improve urban planning and management as well as exploit the growth potential of urbanisation in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 225 FOR ANSWER ON 23.07.2014 REGARDING URBANIZATION.

(a) : The number of cities and towns in the country as per 2011 census, state-wise is given at Annexure.

(b) : Census of India has projected the urban population till the year 2026. By that year, the country's urban population which was 27.8% in 2001 is expected to increase to 38.2%.

(c) : In terms of the total urban population, it is at 31.6% as per 2011 Census, while the World Urbanization Prospectus shows the level of urbanisation in the year 2011 in China 50.6%, in Indonesia 50.7%, in South Africa 62% and in Brazil 84.6%.

(d) : Data on urban share of the gross domestic product (GDP) for the Indian economy is not available but estimates by the Central Statistical Office, available for a few years, indicate that this share increased from 37.7% in 1970-71 to 52 % in 2004-05. The mid-term appraisal of the Eleventh Plan projected the urban share of GDP at 62 percent (approximately) in 2009-10.

(e) : Urban Development is a State subject and the State Governments have to take action for ameliorating pressures on cities. The Government of India supports States in their efforts for infrastructure development, capacity building, public transport, urban planning and reforms through various schemes. The government views rapid urbanization as an opportunity and is in the process of finalizing a new Mission for urban development.