

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:576  
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Congestion in Urban Areas  
Kher Smt. Kirron;Mishra Shri Anoop

**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the overcrowding/over-population in majority of urban areas in the country particularly in Delhi and Mumbai and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to decongest over-populated urban areas including Delhi and Mumbai and the measures to address rural migration to urban areas?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): Yes, Madam. As per Census, 2011, the population of Mumbai and Delhi was 18.41 million and 16.31 million with a density of 19652 and 11320 persons per sq km respectively. Both the cities suffer from overcrowding due to unprecedented migration from rural areas and small and medium towns.

(b): The National Capital Region Plan, 2021 and Regional Plan for Mumbai Metropolitan Region, 2011 are the efforts towards decentralization of economic activities from Mumbai and Delhi to satellite towns by focusing on strengthening the urban infrastructure in them.

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