

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1176
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY, 13 2023**

URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to meet the demands of the country's fast-growing urban population;
- (b) whether any steps are being taken to reduce the magnitude of rural to urban migration and if so, the achievements made so far in this regard; and
- (c) the steps being taken to make urban infrastructure climate change and disaster-resilient including in the State of Punjab?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)**

- (a) Land, colonization are State subjects. However, to meet the demands of India's fast-growing urban population, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) promotes, facilitates and handholds States and ULBs in their endeavor. The Ministry through its various missions/schemes such as Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-U), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-- Urban (PMAY- U) and Urban Transport is assisting the States to address the challenges of urbanization through a combination of increased investment, strengthening the framework of governance & finance and a comprehensive capacity building program for all levels of government.

- (b) Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) to deliver catalytic interventions to rural areas to make the selected rural areas socially, economically and physically sustainable regions and strives to strengthen by providing economic, social, basic and digital amenities, thus leading to sustainable and balanced regional development in the country, thus reducing migration from rural areas.
- (c) Government is taking various steps, including the following, to update hazard risk information and make it easily available for guidance to all States/UTs, including the State of Punjab:
- i. Ministry of Home Affairs has established Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) to promote resilience infrastructure systems and initiated collaborations in key infrastructure sectors like power and telecommunication.
 - ii. Central Assistance is being provided to States/UTs and the Cities for selected projects of urban infrastructure under flagship Missions of MoHUA.
 - iii. MoHUA circulated Urban and Regional Development Plans Formulation and Implementation (URDPFI) Guidelines in 2015 addressing 'Climate Change Mitigation' and Model Building Bye Laws (MBBL), 2016, incorporating standards on construction of disaster resilient buildings.
 - iv. MoHUA launched National Mission of Sustainable Habitat 2021-30, addressing "Climate Change: Hazards and Vulnerabilities". Climate SMART Cities Assessment Framework was also launched under the SCM in order to incentivize a holistic, climate responsive development in various States.
 - v. The Climate Centre for Cities (C-cube) at National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) has been set up on 25th June 2021, aiming to create synergy in Indian cities by various stakeholders, to consolidate institutionalize & mainstream the learning from experiences in various Indian cities on climate for a better future & healthy environment.
