

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1192**

TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 31, 2023

PREVENTING RURAL-TO-URBAN MIGRATION

NO. 1192. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that, the Rural-to-urban migration is high in the country resulting in population congestion, high demand for housing, traffic congestion, inflation etc.;
- (b) If so, whether the Government has conducted any predictive study on these subjects/areas;
- (c) If so, which states and cities will be affected in the near future; and
- (d) The details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard to resolve the population congestion in urban areas?

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

(a) to (c) As per the Census 2011, total urban population of the country recorded an increase of 31.8 percent in 2011 over 2001, both due natural growth of the urban population and in-migration to urban areas from rural areas. However, no predictive study on rural-to-urban migration resulting in population congestion, high demand for housing, traffic congestion, inflation etc has been conducted by the Ministry.

(d) Urban development is a state subject. Many State governments in their efforts to decongest urban metropolitan areas prepare Metropolitan Region Plans that advocate decentralization of economic activities from the congested core areas of these cities. Further, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India has launched five missions: Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT); Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) - Housing for All (Urban); Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM); Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY – NULM), along with other schemes and programs, including those to improve urban mobility. The Missions aim to promote ease of living for the citizens through provisioning of basic services, promoting responsive governance, sustainable environment and rapid economic growth with greater livelihood opportunities.
