

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 863
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 11, 2023**

POPULATION GROWTH OF NCT DELHI

NO. 863. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Delhi is becoming one of the most populous urban agglomerations in the world with a very high population growth rate;
- (b) if so, the steps Government has taken/is planning to take to retard the population growth rate and decongest NCT of Delhi;
- (c) the population growth rate of Delhi and other top 10 major Capital cities; and
- (d) the details thereof?

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

- (a) to (d) Office of Registrar General, Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that the projected population and growth rate for the years till 2036 of the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi is available in the Report of the Technical Group on Population Projection, constituted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW). As per this report, the population of NCT of Delhi is as given below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
2011	16,369,000
2016	18,417,000
2021	20,438,000
2026	22,495,000
2031	24,551,000
2036	26,591,000

The Growth rate of population of NCT of Delhi as per the said report is as under:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population Growth Rate</u>
2011-15	21.3
2016-20	19.3
2021-25	18.3
2026-30	17.1
2031-35	16.0

The data relating to capital cities of the world is not maintained by this Ministry.

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The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) has informed that as per the Regional Plan-2021 seven (07) Metro Centres and eleven (11) Regional Centres have been identified as powerful growth nodes to attract capital functions and activities and help in population dispersal from the national capital. Nine (09) counter magnet areas have also been identified outside National Capital Region (NCR), which play the following two distinctive mutually complementary roles:

- i. As interceptors of migratory flows into NCR, which may escalate, as the accelerated development of NCR would provide a pull to migrants from the less developed adjoining areas;
- ii. As regional growth centers, which would be able to achieve a balanced pattern of urbanization in the region of their own setting over a period of time.
