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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1494  
ANSWERED ON 09/12/2024**

**INCREASING POPULATION IN URBAN AREAS**

**NO. 1494. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:**

**Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a continuous increase in the urban population in the country according to the 2011 census, if so, the current percentage of growth rate of population in urban areas, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the States having highest urban population in the country;
- (c) whether the issues like employment, education and security are lagging behind due to urbanization in the country, if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government to control urbanization in future, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

- (a) According to the latest available Census 2011 data, about 377 million people comprising 31 percent of the total population lived in urban areas. Although, the urban population in India increased in absolute number, there is a decline in the growth rate of population. The decadal growth rate in 1991-2001, was 32.6% which declined to 31.8% during 2001-2011. However, no official data on the current percentage of growth rate of population in urban areas is available with the Government.
- (b) As per Census of India 2011, Maharashtra has the highest urban population (5.08 crore) in the country followed by Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
- (c) & (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 through schematic interventions/ advisories impacting employment, education and security, 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), Swacch 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.

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