

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 693
ANSWERED ON 10/02/2025**

**BALANCING HOUSING NEEDS, DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS, AND
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

693. SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

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

- a) whether Government is taking measures to address housing growth while balancing the demographic and socio-economic dynamics of regions impacted by inter-state migration and its effects on indigenous and local populations, If so, the details thereof; and
- b) whether Government is upgrading existing infrastructure such as power, water supply, sewage, roads, sanitation, and public amenities to accommodate housing developments resulting from urban expansion, if so, the details of the mechanisms being used to coordinate with the respective Departments and Ministries for these upgrades and their implementation?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): Urbanization and migration are interconnected phenomenon associated with better occupational, educational and economic opportunities. Therefore, migration is natural corollary of economic development and urbanisation. Intrastate and interstate migration in India significantly contributes to housing growth by driving a higher demand for housing in urban areas, as people move from rural areas or other States/Union territories (UTs) seeking employment opportunities.

Since 'Land' and 'Colonisation' are State subjects, it is important for States/UTs to comprehensively address urban housing growth particularly through Urban Development Authorities (UDAs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). Urban Planning initiatives, particularly master plans and zonal plans are important tools to manage growth and effective land use. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) promotes, facilitates and handholds States/UTs in their endeavour. The Ministry through its various Missions/Schemes such as Pradhan Manta Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U), Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM-U) and Urban Transportation etc. is assisting States/UTs to address the housing needs and infrastructure development resulting from urban expansion.
