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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2527
TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 03, 2022
NATIONAL URBAN PLANNING CONCLAVE**

NO. 2527. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

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

- (a) the salient features of National Urban Planning Conclave 2023; and**
- (b) the details of the work being done for the beautification of the cities?**

ANSWER

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

(a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs organized a two-day National Urban Planning Conclave on 13th and 14th July, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan. Best practices of Urban Planning were showcased in an exhibition by 10 States, 20 academic institutions and 2 scientific organisations. Over 20 States shared their experiences on efforts and initiatives in innovative urban planning practices from across the country. Over 800 participants attended the Conclave, which included dignitaries from State Governments, International Funding Agencies, etc. The areas of deliberation revolved around Transit-oriented Development, Transferable Development Rights, Local Area Plans and Town Planning Schemes, Master Plans and creating Blue & Green infrastructure, leveraging urban planning tools to strengthen economic activities. It also enabled State Governments to draw up a roadmap to efficiently implement urban planning reforms.

(b) Urban development is a state subject. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) provides schematic and programmatic support for urban development in the country. In an effort to encourage the efforts of the State Governments, MoHUA has launched City Beauty Competition which aims to encourage and recognize the transformational efforts made by cities and wards in India to create beautiful, innovative and inclusive public spaces. Wards and public places of cities would be judged against the five broad pillars viz. (i) accessibility (ii) amenities (iii) activities (iv) aesthetics and (v) ecology. This initiative would generate healthy competition amongst wards and cities, while also inculcating a sense of community ownership and pride.
