GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 943
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 08, 2024

ECOSYSTEM BASED URBAN SCAPING

NO. 943.   SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

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

(a)   whether the Government agrees with the view that there is an urgent need for policies that prioritize ecosystem-based urban-scaping that can keep cities and towns cool, and architecture and building codes that keep our indoors cool at work and home;

(b)   if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c)   if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c) As per 12th Schedule of the Constitution of India, urban planning is the function of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/ Urban Development Authorities. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States through schematic interventions/ advisories. It provides financial and technical support to the States.

The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India has issued Urban and Regional Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (URDPFI) Guidelines, 2014. The Chapter -6 "Sustainability Guidelines" of URDPFI guidelines 2014 reveals about Green Building, Climate Change and Adaption , Eco sensitive planning and green Buffer zones in Cities.

Ministry has also issued Model Building Bye-laws (MBBL) – 2016 (Chapter-10 incorporated for Green Buildings and Sustainability provisions) for adoption by the States.

Further, in order to incentivize States to undertake urban planning reforms, the Government is implementing a Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment – Part III (Urban Planning Reforms). Under this Scheme strengthening natural eco-system of urban areas through Urban Planning is one of the reforms for grant of Incentives to States, which includes water body rejuvenation, river water front development, urban forest, incorporation of blue green infrastructure in master plan, etc.

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