

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 689
TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 25, 2024**

**IMPACT OF URBAN LANDSCAPE AND BUILDING STRUCTURES ON
SPARROW HABITATS**

NO. 689. SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN:

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

- (a) Whether the government has taken cognizance of the fact that rapid changes in the urban landscape and building structures have led to the loss of suitable nesting and roosting habitats for House sparrows; and**
- (b) If so, the details of the initiatives that are proposed to be taken by the Government to develop sparrow-friendly habitats in the urban areas?**

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

(a) & (b): As per 12th Schedule of the Constitution of India, urban planning including urban development, town planning, regulation of land use and construction of buildings is the function of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/ Urban Development Authorities. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India supplements the efforts of the States through schematic interventions such as AMRUT & AMRUT 2.0. It provides financial and technical support to the States.

Protection of habitats is a State/ULB responsibility. AMRUT mission supplements the efforts of States/ULBs by focusing on development of green spaces/parks and rejuvenation of waterbodies which can serve as habitats for sparrows

Under AMRUT Mission, so far, 2524 green space and parks project worth ₹1,604.77 crore has been grounded, of which 2414 projects worth ₹1,482.8 crore have been completed. Through these projects 5010.48 acres of green space area have been developed. 9 Water body rejuvenation projects worth ₹71.19 crore have been taken up under AMRUT out of which, 4 projects worth ₹64.66 crore have been completed.

Under AMRUT 2.0, so far, 1,401 green space and park development projects worth ₹842.71 crore have been approved. Through approved projects, a total of 19, 946.34 acres of green space area and parks is proposed to be developed.

Additionally, 2,713 water body rejuvenation projects worth ₹5,432.21 crore have been approved under AMRUT 2.0.
