

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 617
TO BE ANSWERED ON NOVEMBER 28, 2024**

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES ABOUT URBAN PLANNING

NO. 617. SHRI T R BAALU:

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

- (a) Whether the Government has a plan to make Citizens stakeholders in city-making through promotional and awareness programmes in urban planning processes being made available to them along with their elected leaders with a view to make the cities worth living and inclusive;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives taken/being 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 TOKHAN SAHU)**

(a), (b) & (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/ UTs through schematic interventions/ advisories. The Master Plans/Development Plans are prepared by the ULBs based on respective States' Town Planning Acts.

Preparation of Master plan/ Town Planning schemes involves public participation through inviting objections and suggestions from the residents of the respective Urban Local Body/ Urban Development Authority. The Urban and Regional Development Plans Formulation and Implementation (URDPFI) Guidelines, 2014 and the Model Building Bye Laws (MBBL), 2016 have been formulated in consultation with the various stakeholders through national / regional workshops and meetings.

'Formulation of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) based Master Plans' is one of the reforms under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and is implemented as 100% centrally funded sub-scheme in 500 AMRUT cities. Geo database has been created for 447 AMRUT cities. 219 cities have finalised the final Master Plans and another 158 cities have formulated draft Master Plans so far.

Under AMRUT 2.0, the sub-scheme for Formulation of GIS based Master Plans has been extended to cover Class-II Towns with population of 50,000 - 99,999. Geo database has been created for 74 cities, draft Master Plan for 26 cities and another 3 cities have finalised the Master Plans so far.

Capacity Building is one of the components in AMRUT and AMRUT 2.0 under which, 81 training programs have been conducted and around 3,000 officials have been trained from States and Urban Local Bodies on use of GIS technology in formulation of Master Plan.
