

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
INCREASING URBAN POPULATION

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country's urban population is increasing at a faster rate than the total population and by 2030, about 40 per cent of Indians will be living in cities and towns compared to the current proportion of 30 per cent;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof, State-wise, compared to the last five years; and
- (c) the steps being taken to avoid migration in future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a): The country's urban population is increasing at faster rate than the total population. The total projected population of India as per Census for 2026 (as on 1st March) is 1,399,838 thousands and the projected urban population is 468,049 thousands, i.e., 33.43 percent population would be living in urban areas in the year 2026.

(b): The proportion of urban population to the total population as per Census 2001 and as per projection for the year 2006 to 2010 is given at Annexure-I. The projected urban population as on 1st March 2026 is enclosed at Annexure-II

(c): It is not the policy of Government to either check or facilitate migration to the cities as the process of migration is driven by demographic and economic factors and distortions in the process may have undesirable consequences on economic growth and development.