

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:126
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2003
DEVELOPMENT OF CHANDIGARH
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an inter-State body for development and regulation of the Chandigarh region falling in Punjab, Haryana and the Union Territory is in existence;
- (b) if so, the details of the objectives for setting up this body;
- (c) the number of meetings held and decisions taken during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the body has failed to achieve its professed objectives; and
- (e) if so, the steps proposed, if any, for an integrated development of the Chandigarh region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c): The Chandigarh Administration has informed that an inter-State body for development and regulation of the Chandigarh region falling in Punjab-Haryana and the Union Territory is in existence. For this purpose, a Coordination Committee on Chandigarh has been set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation. Other members of the Committee include: Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab; Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana; Chief of Staff, CORPs, Chandigarh; and Chief Commissioner, Chandigarh (now Adviser to the Administrator). The objectives of the above Committee are:-

i) To study the development plans for the Union Territory of Chandigarh and those of Mohali and Panchkula townships and to suggest measures for Coordinated development of the region;

ii) To assess the impact of development programmes already implemented and those being implemented in the two townships on the development of the region as a whole and to suggest remedial measures to be taken by the State Governments and the Union Territory; and

iii) To prepare an outline regional plan for Chandigarh and the urban areas falling within its zone of influence. During the last three years a meeting of the Coordination Committee was held on July 7, 2000 at Chandigarh under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation. In the said meeting the Chandigarh Interstate Metropolitan Region Plan 2001 was examined and reviewed. The Governments of Punjab and Haryana were requested to give their comments on the report along with their suggestions for discussing the same in the next meeting for preparing an acceptable integrated plan for Chandigarh region.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise in view of the reply given to part (d) of the question.