

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news item captioned `Population of the country will become 1.5 billion by the year 2025` as appeared in Dainik Jagran dated July 12, 2007 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effective steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the infrastructural facilities in cities in view of increasing population ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The news paper report mentions that the population of the country will grow to 1.5 billion by the year 2025.

(c): To cope with the rapid urban growth, Government of India has drawn up a strategy and launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December 2005 aiming at reforms driven, fast track, planned development of 63 identified cities with focus on efficiency in urban infrastructure/services delivery mechanism, community participation and accountability of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/Parastatals towards citizen. Cities other than the 63 cities identified under JNNURM, are catered to by Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) which aims at improvement of infrastructure in all other towns/cities.