

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION**  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO-405**

**ANSWERED ON-22.04.2002**

MODEL LAND USE POLICY FOR URBAN AREAS.

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(a) whether Government are considering to formulate a Model Land Use Policy for urban areas to meet the aspirations of the economically weaker sections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Model Land Use Policy is likely to be brought before the Parliament?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION

( SHRI ANANTH KUMAR )

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.405 FOR 22.4.2002 REGARDING MODEL LAND USE POLICY FOR URBAN AREAS. .SP2

(a)to(c): Land is a State subject. Union Government can only provide guidelines in the matter. It is for State Governments to formulate a comprehensive policy in the matter. National Housing & Habitat Policy 1998 takes into account the interests of Economically Weaker Sections of the society, while defining action areas in the Land matters as follows:-

(i) Land is the most critical input for housing. Public agencies should continue to undertake land acquisition proceedings for housing and urban services. Other more feasible alternatives like land sharing and land pooling arrangements, particularly in the urban fringes, should be considered through public and private initiatives with appropriate statutory support. Land assembly and development by the private sector should be encouraged.

(ii) The repeal of the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 is expected to ease the availability of land for all including the urban poor.

(iii) Town and Country Planning regulations may be modified to provide a portion of land at affordable rates for housing those poor people who provide essential services. This will also help in checking the growth of slums.

(iv) Urban Land use needs to be optimized. Town and Country planning regulations should be amended to provide for higher density use.

(v) Designation of no development zones in high population areas of cities and towns have led to the growth of slums. Planning authorities should re-plan these zones to meet the need of a growing population after taking adequate care for provision of green areas.