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Q. Do you think there is a need of to rebuild urban governance structure ensuring convergence and fixing accountability at the base level?
(Comment. (200 words))

Ans. Urban local governance implies governance of the city by the local people through their elected representatives. 74th Const. Amendment Act provided constitutional status to the urban governance.

→ PROBLEMS WITH ULG SYSTEM

- Lack of Accountability - Most of the functions of the Rural LG are controlled & monitored by district collectors. But this is not the case with ULG ~~and~~ bodies.
- Lack of ~~coherent~~ ^{consistent} and coherent development Policy,
- Faulty and improper urban planning coupled with poor implementation and regulation.
- These bodies are created by the State govt. and therefore can be dissolved by them.

- Not providing them with adequate funds.
- The Municipal Councils have restricted local autonomy as compared to Municipal corporations.

→ WHAT SHOULD BE DONE

- There is a need to revise system of District Magistrate in towns.
- MCs should be made accountable to the DM.
- Participation of people should be encouraged through various platforms like - online (FB, Emails, video conferences] and Offline (Public meetings, Awareness camps etc).
- Funds should be provided to LG bodies at a timely manner.
- There should be a proper legislation about the dissolution of the local bodies.

Local bodies are the

first port of call for citizens seeking assistance and are the frontline implementors of central and state policies. Thus there is a need to rebuild Urban Local Governance to make them effective and efficient.