

DO you think India needs comprehensive urbanisation policy to meet its growth ambitions in future?

Discuss (200 words).

Ans: Indian cities forms an important part in economic growth and providing job opportunities. A comprehensive urbanisation policy is required to meet the target of becoming 5 trillion dollar economy by 2025 and 10 trillion dollar economy by 2030.

Some of the challenges faced in urban cities today are rise in population, increase in the amount of waste, water scarcity, water and air pollution, unaffordable housing facilities etc. A good urbanisation policy considering addressing the key issues can be formulated to meet the future ambitions. Some of the issues <sup>ambitions are to be addressed are:-</sup>

① Decentralisation of urbanities

Cities should be ~~centralised~~ clustered into small groups to enable efficient growth in that area.

② Resources - efficient use

India has ~~assured~~ huge population but only 2.5% of world land mass and 4% of world's water. Resources should be used efficiently to provide housing & water facility to all.

③ Technology

Technology can be made use of at every step to improve the infrastructure and contribute to the economic growth. We can also ~~use~~ make use of virtual mode wherever possible and intern reduce transportation cost.

(iv) Finance: We should use other methods of finance ~~except~~ than depending mostly on public budget. Methods like capital markets can be used by addressing the limitation of price increase.

(v) By formulating a comprehensive policy by addressing some of the issues, we can meet the growing ambitions in future.