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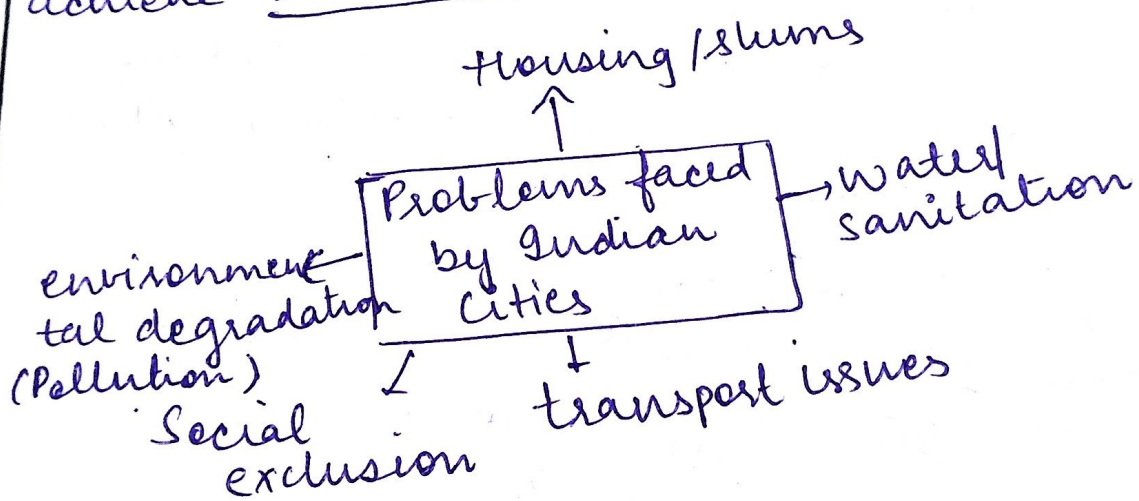
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Q.7) In recent years Indian cities 'witnessing multi dimensional challenges, hence urban development needs to be sustainable, equitable.
Critically Comment (250 w).

In India, 33% of its population lives in cities which is expected to rise to 50% by 2040. Hence cities act as eco-centre which are necessary to achieve 5 trillion dollar economy.



Challenges :-

(.) 14% of Indian population lives in slums as per census 2011. This is not just the result of migration but faulty housing policies. Recent covid spread in Dharavi slums showed the

Vulnerability of slums.

(•) As per World bank report, Urbanisation in India is haphazard. We see transport problems in cities. More pressure on private transport creates problems.

(•) Cities are plagued by water and sanitation issues. We share 4.1% of world's water resources. Their utilization must happen properly.

(•) Nature's resources such as wetland ponds are being taken over by unplanned urbanisation.

(•) Urbanisation which is unplanned leads to many catastrophic events such as floods in Chennai.

Governmental efforts :-

- (•) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.
- (•) National Urban Housing Policy 2007.
- (•) Rajiv Rin Yojana
- (•) Smart city Mission
- (•) AMRUT cities
- (•) HRIDAY Yojana.
- (•) Swachh Bharat Mission
- (•) Environmental Impact Assessment.

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However due to 3F (fund, function, functionary) issue these programs have not been able to prove panacea for cities.

Way forward :- As per Joshi judge Ahluwalia smart cities can't be without smart people. So Citizen's participation and decentralised planning is a must.

(*) Funding → PPP Model, Municipal Bond etc.

(*) Housing issue → fund for Affordable housing.

Affordable Available Accessible Quality.

(*) Strengthening local governance :-

Metropolitan/District planning

Committee and post of Mayor

(*) Development as per hub and spoke Model :- core and periphery to be developed simultaneously.

We must see that cities not only become eco centre but also spaces of cultural and social activity.