

PREFACE

In case of metropolitan and other big cities, the urban spread may not end at the municipal boundaries of such cities but may extend beyond them encompassing the outgrowths and / or the adjoining towns along with or without their outgrowths. The Census has identified such cities and has termed them as 'urban agglomerations'. While planning for such cities or allocating funds to such cities under various urban development schemes, it seems it is appropriate to consider the urban agglomeration as one compact urban unit and plan or allocate funds accordingly. It is for this reason the present document giving final population totals of each of the 4378 urban agglomerations and towns as per the Census 2001, has been brought out. The data has been given population-range wise and the cities and towns have been arranged in descending order of population. The state in which the town falls has also been indicated. A table showing state wise final urban and rural population as per the 2001 Census has also been included in the document. The definitions of city / town, urban agglomeration, outgrowth etc. as adopted in the Census of India, 2001 have also been given in the beginning of the document. The number of urban agglomerations and cities / towns falling in each population-range group can also be seen in one of the tables given in the first few pages of the document.

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It is hoped that this document will be found very useful for administrators, policy makers and others who are involved in urban planning and development.

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