

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5247
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

VISAKHAPATNAM GROWTH PLAN REPORT

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the Visakhapatnam Growth Plan Report by NITI Aayog;
- (b) whether the feasibility and availability of natural resources is being focussed upon in the Visakhapatnam Growth Plan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the areas that would be focussed upon in the development plan report?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) to (d) NITI Aayog, in 2023, conceived of the Growth Hubs initiative to undertake the development of cities as engines of growth. The approach was to identify city regions going beyond urban boundaries and develop an economic plan based on three key components (i) Economic and Investment plan; (ii) Quality of Life; and (iii) Inclusivity and Sustainability plan. To develop the process template four pilot sites were selected, viz. Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), Varanasi, Surat and Vishakhapatnam which were positioned as the centres of the economic region. In each Economic Region, specific economic plans have been developed on the basis of a 5-stage process, viz. (i) As-is-diagnostic, (ii) Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT), Endowments & Capability analysis, (iii) Economic Visioning,

(iv) Selection of key economic growth drivers and (v) Implementation Framework. The project report presents specific interventions by way of key projects and policy prescriptions. The Economic plans for Mumbai and Surat were launched in September 2024, while the plans for Varanasi and Visakhapatnam are being finalised.
