

1. GIVE A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMITTEE AS PER THE 74TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ACT.

Every metropolitan area shall have a Metropolitan Planning Committee to prepare a draft development plan. Metropolitan area means an area having a population of 10 lakhs or more, comprised in one or more districts and consisting of two or more municipalities or Panchayats or other contiguous areas. The 74th CAA empowers the state legislature to decide the composition, manner of election and function of the MPC. The Act lies down that two-thirds of the members of a Metropolitan Planning Committee should be elected by the elected members of the municipalities and chairpersons of the panchayats in the metropolitan area from amongst themselves. The representation of these members in the committee should be in proportion to the ratio between the population of the municipalities and the panchayats in that metropolitan area. The chairpersons of such committees shall forward the development plan to the state government.



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