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New township policy in Uttar Pradesh

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A new township policy will shortly be implemented by the state government to solve issues with housing and urbanisation. Within a month, the township policy is anticipated to be discussed by the state cabinet.

According to officials, one of the sections of the draught policy was changed at the suggestion of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who is also the minister for housing and urban planning.

"It had to do with the requirements that must be met for land conversion. According to a top government official, landowners from the Scheduled Castes will receive a better deal to ensure their long-term financial stability.

Officials from the housing department did extensive research on the approaches other states were employing to promote affordable housing for the working class before drafting the new policy.

Despite efforts, urbanisation in UP is lower than the national average (31.16%), at 23.3%. The western region is heavily urbanised, with almost a third of the land developed, while only 13.4% of the eastern region is urbanised. This regional inequality in the urban system is clear.

Bundelkhand and the central area had urbanisation rates of 20.6% and 22.75%, respectively.