

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:239  
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2002  
IMPROVEMENT IN WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION  
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government felt that considerable investment is necessary over the next decade to improve the water supply and sanitation facilities in the urban areas of the country;
- (b) if so, whether a working group has estimated the requirement of funds for achieving certain percentage of population coverage for providing these facilities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the actual amount of funds allocated by the Government for this purpose during 2001-2002;
- (d) the amount of funds released to Maharashtra in this regard;
- (e) whether a meagre percentage of required amount has been allocated for this purpose; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI ANANTH KUMAR )

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.239 FOR 19.3.2002 REGARDING IMPROVEMENT IN WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Planning Commission provided an outlay of Rs.18,624 crores (Rs.17,760 crores under State Sector and Rs.864 crores under Central Sector) during the 9th Five Year Plan (1997-2002) as against the recommendation of the Working Group on Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Sector to provide Rs.51,284.20 crores for coverage of the urban population with drinking water supply and sanitation facilities to the extent of 100% and 75% respectively besides other facilities by the end of the 9th Five Year Plan (i.e. March 2002). The Working Group constituted by the Planning Commission for the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-07) has assessed a total requirement of Rs.77,856 crores for achieving 100% coverage of urban population with water supply facilities, 75% with sewerage and sanitation facilities, 100% with urban drainage facilities and 300 class-I cities (1991 Census) with proper solid waste management.

(c) & (d): The actual amount of funds allocated by the Government for this purpose during 2001-2002 is as under:-

(Rupees in crores)

	All India	Maharashtra
(i) State Sector - Rural & Urban Water Supply and Sanitation	5,972.24	734.55
(ii) Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP)	95.00	5.94

for towns of less than 20,000  
population (1991 Census)

(iii) Centrally Sponsored Low Cost Sanitation (LCS) Scheme for Liberation of Scavengers.	39.80	Nil
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(e)&(f): Allocation of funds is made by the Planning Commission in consultation with the State Governments keeping in view the national priorities, competing demands of various sectors and overall resource constraint.