

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:335

ANSWERED ON:16.04.2002

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM TOWNS

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

- (a) whether the Union Government have allocated Rs.802.92crore for the projects to be undertaken under the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme from 1979-1980 to 1999-2000;
- (b) if so, whether only 671.42 crore have been spent till March, 2001 on these projects and so far about 2038 projects have not been started;
- (c) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether about 4656 small and medium towns were expected to be covered under the scheme but only 1058 have been covered;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Union Government have conducted any review to find out the reasons for such poor performance of the scheme;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government for the effective implementation of the scheme?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.335 FOR 16.4.2002 REGARDING INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL & MEDIUM TOWNS.

(a): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT), Central assistance of Rs.444.93 crores was released till 1999-2000. In addition, State share of Rs.286.88 crores was provided and Rs.71.11 crores loan availed from financial institutions.

(b)&(c): Till March, 2001, the State Governments/Union Territories (UTs) reported an expenditure of Rs.671.42 crores. Release of Central assistance under IDSMT scheme is done town-wise and not project-wise. Therefore, the exact number of projects not started is not available in the Ministry.

(d)&(e): The coverage of towns under the Scheme is dependent upon the availability of budgetary resources. Till 31st March, 2002, 1172 towns have been covered under the programme out of 4565 small and medium towns as per 1991 Census, which were eligible under this Scheme.

(f)&(g): Evaluation study of IDSMT Scheme has been entrusted to the Regional Centres of Urban and Environmental Studies, Lucknow, Mumbai and Hyderabad and they have been requested to complete the study by September, 2002.

(h): The progress of the scheme is being monitored regularly by the Ministry by convening review meetings with the State Governments/UTs as well as through regular correspondence based on the progress reports received from the State Governments/UTs. Release of subsequent instalment of Central assistance is considered only on release of matching State share and receipt of required level of utilisation of funds released earlier.