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TECHNOLOGY FOR URBAN RENEWAL AND ENGINEERING
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any memorandum of understanding has been signed between Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council and HUDCO to launch a project for application of technology for urban renewal and engineering;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of cities identified for launching the said project in the first phase; and
- (d) the time by which the said project is likely to be launched?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) is implementing a GOI-UNDP Sub programme titled `Mission for Application of Urban Renewal & Engineering` (MATURE). The Mission envisages catalyzing a process of urban renewal using appropriate technologies in a few cities/towns within the country. The Mission involves close co-operation with the concerned civic body, the community and other interested agencies. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between TIFAC and HUDCO for speedy and effective implementation of the Mission.
- (c) The cities/sites so far identified for implementation of the programme are New Delhi, Almora and a site at Mumbai. More cities/sites are required to be identified.
- (d) Preparatory work and project formulation activity with respect to the selected cities/sites have already commenced. Demonstration projects in the sites are likely to commence within four to six months.