GOVERNMENT OF INDIA URBAN DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:254
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URBAN TRASPORT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides funds to the States and Union Territories (UTs) for providing effective transportation modes in their cities under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM);
- (b) if so, the details of proposals received from the States/UTs in this regard and funds allocated/released thereunder alongwith its utilisation by the States/UTs during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the manner in which JNNURM is helpful in achieving the effective and improvised transport system in the States/ UTs;
- (d) whether the Government has launched Green Transport Projects in the country:
- (e) if so, the details and the estimated cost thereof along with the names of cities selected; and
- (f) the progress made in this regard and the details of foreign agencies which are providing funds for these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (f) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.254 POSITION 14TH FOR ANSWER ON 26-11-2010 REGARDING URBAN TRANSPORT PROJECTS

(a): Yes, Madam. Under Urban Infrastructure & Governance of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Government provides funds for Urban Transport, including roads, highways/expressways/MRTS/metro projects.

In addition, in pursuance to Economic Stimulus package announced by the Govt. of India in January 2009, the scheme for financing procurement of buses for urban transport systems under JNNURM has also been introduced.

- (b): So far, 229 Detailed Projects Reports (DPRs) relating to Roads/Flyovers/Rail Over Bridge (RoB), Bus Rapid Transport System (BRTS), Parking lot/spaces etc. under Urban Transport component have been received from the States/Union Territories (UTs) for consideration for funding under UIG of JNNURM, out of which since year 2007-08 so far 87 projects have been approved. In addition 67 DPRs for project relating to buses for urban transport were received and all of them have been sanctioned. Details in this regard are annexed as annexure (a) & (b).
- (c): Upon completion of the projects under Urban Transport, it is likely to mitigate congestion of traffic, reduce pollution & accidents and promote public transport as well as non-motorised transport.
- (d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The Government has launched the Sustainable Urban Transport Project with the following main objectives:-
- (i) To strengthen capacity of Government of India, States and cities in planning, financing, operating and managing sustainable urban transport systems; and
- (ii) To assist participating states and cities in preparing and implementing demonstration "Green Transport" or "Global Environment Facility supportable Transport" projects (GT projects). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1439.01 crore. The selected project cities are Indore, Mysore, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Pune and Naya Raipur.
- (f): The Sustainable Urban Transport Project was launched on 9th June 2010 and is under implementation by the Union Government participating States and cities.

The external funds for the project are provided through grant from Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the World Bank and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and loan from the World Bank to the cities through the concerned State Governments.