GOVERNMENT OF INDIA URBAN DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:71 ANSWERED ON:22.02.2011 URBAN TRANSPORT SYSTEM Rajesh Shri M. B.;Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvaraya Swamy

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating the National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) with emphasis on integrating transport modes in the million plus cities:
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the aims and objectives of such policy worked out so far;
- (c) the funds earmarked for each State including Karnataka;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the efficiency of urban transport system;
- (e) whether there is any special focus of infrastructural development;
- (f) if so, the investment made during the 11th plan period for this purpose alongwith the extent of budgetary support for such projects;
- (g) whether the National Sustainable Habitat Mission has any provision for improving urban transport system; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam, as the Central Government has already formulated National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) in April, 2006.
- (b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c): There is no allocation of funds under the Policy.
- (d) & (e): Urban Transport is inter-twined with urban development which is a state subject. As such, the responsibility for improving transport scenario, primarily, rests with the State Govt. However, realizing the seriousness of rapidly growing problem of urban transportation, the central Government has taken active steps like formulated National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), financing of buses for Urban Transport, Bus Rapid Transit System Projects, traffic transit management centres under Urban Transport under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM) and sanction of metro railway projects for various cities.
- (f): Financial assistance provided to States/UTs during the 11th Plan for various urban transport projects including metro rail projects is the order of Rs. 17404 crores.
- (g) & (h): Urban Transport is a key element of promoting sustainability of habitats. Towards this end, the National Sustainable Habitat Mission proposes to support comprehensive mobility plans which would address issues related to transport planning and land use integration, optimization of various public transport modes, promoting modal shift towards public transport, development of appropriate parking norms and strategies, pedestrianization and strengthening of institutions. The comprehensive mobility plans would supplement the sustainable habitat standards in this regard.