

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVING SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the drainage and sewage system in various metropolitan cities are still being cleaned manually;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has decided to enact a law to ban such manual cleaning;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of proposals received from various State Governments for improving the sewage disposal system in various cities and towns during each of the last three years and the current- year, State-wise;
- (f) the details of proposals approved/turned down/pending during the said period, State-wise; and
- (g) the amount of funds allocated/released and utilised under the said scheme during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Apart from mechanical cleaning, manual cleaning of drains and sewers is necessitated on account of the need to remove silt deposits due to discharge of untreated domestic waste water in the drains as well as to remove blockages/silt deposition in the sewers.

(c) & (d): Necessary amendment to the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993 to include such practices within the definition of manual scavenging has been recommended.

(e) to (g): Proposals within the amounts allocated under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission for various states have been approved by the central sanctioning and monitoring committee. A total of 66 projects have been approved under Sewerage component during the last three years and current year with approved cost of Rs.10277.36 crore and Additional Central Assistance(ACA) commitment of Rs.4622.96 crore. Rs.885.10 crore has been released as ACA (details are at Annexure-I). Details of sewerage projects approved during the last three and current year under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns(UIDSSMT) are given in Annexure-II.