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IMPROVING URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken to improve urban infrastructure covering basic services like water supply, sewage, solid waste management and urban transport;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that investments to meet the urban infrastructure and housing demands were grossly inadequate and lagged behind the requirement;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reasons for low percentage of expenditure incurred on urban development by the Union Government alongwith the steps taken to utilise the allotted funds to check their wasteful expenditure ?

Answer

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

(a) : Under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) launched on 3rd December 2005, which subsumed existing schemes for water supply, sewerage etc. for Mega Cities and Smaller towns, the Central Government is providing reforms-linked assistance for development of infrastructure covering basic services like water supply, sewage, solid waste management and urban transport in 63 (65 at present) identified cities including all cities having population of more than 1 million and the State Capitals and other cities/UTs of religious/tourist and historic importance. In addition, through Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), a component of JNNURM, similar infrastructure facilities are provided in 5096 small and medium towns having population less than one million.

Besides JNNURM, schemes for water supply, sewage and solid waste management being implemented by the Ministry of Urban Development during 2010-11 include (i) North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme(NERUDP), (ii) 10% Lumpsum Provision Scheme for the benefit of North Eastern Region (NER) States including Sikkim (iii) Schemes for Capacity Building for Urban Local Bodies and (iv) Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme in Satellite Towns around seven Mega-cities For promoting Urban Transport, the Central Government is financially supporting metro rail projects in Delhi, Bangaluru, Chennai and Kolkata. Construction of Bus Rapid Transport Corridors is a permissible activity under JNNURM. There are schemes for supporting capacity building and urban transport planning. Under second Stimulus package, Purchase of busses under JNNURM has also been permitted for select Mission Cites as a one time measure.

(b) & (c): The XIth Five Year Plan of India(2007-2012), has estimated that total fund requirement for implementation of the Plan target in respect to urban water supply, sewerage and sanitation, drainage and solid waste management is Rs 129,237 crores. The amount needed for water supply being Rs 53,666 crores; for Urban sewerage & sewage treatment being Rs.53,168 crores; for Urban drainage Rs. 20,173 crores; and for Solid waste management Rs. 2212 crores the remaining Rs. 18 crores for MIS and R&D activities. In addition, the requirement for urban transport for the eleventh plan period is estimated at Rs 132,590 crores. The Technical Group constituted by Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation in 2006 has estimated the total requirement of houses during the 11th Five Year Plan to be 26.53 Million. A projected investment of Rs 361318.10 crore is required to meet this housing requirement as per 11th Plan document.

Plan support provided in XIth Plan for Ministry of Urban Development is Rs 12410 crores for Central Sector Schemes including public works and urban transport & Rs 32.50 crores for Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Allocation for UIG Component of JNNURM is Rs 31500 crores and for UIDSSMT is Rs 11400 crores.

(d): The inter se sectoral allocation of Government Spending gets decided by the Government in its collective responsibility and priority. For monitoring Centrally Funded projects under the plan schemes of the Ministry of Urban Development, checks and balances like utilization certificates, third party inspection, quarterly progress reports etc. are provided.