GOVERNMENT OF INDIA URBAN DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:656
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PRESSURE OF URBANIZATION
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the population growth in the urban areas of the country is exerting enormous pressure on public transportation, housing, sewerage system etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has sought external assistance from the other developed countries to solve these problems;
- (d) if so, the assistance sought and provided by the countries during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 656 FOR 22.05.2012 REGARDING PRESSURE OF URBANIZATION.

- (a): The population growth in urban areas is exerting pressure on basic urban services.
- (b): According to figure released by census of India 2011 62% of urban households have access to tap water from treated source, 32.7% urban households have access to piped sewer system and 44.5% of urban households have access to closed drains for their waste water.
- (c): Yes, Madam.
- (d): According to information available in the Ministry, the assistance agreed to and provided by developed countries during each of the last three years for urban sector projects is as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Name of the Country 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12

Agreement Amount Agreement Amount. Agreement Amount.

Government of Japan 5973.49 0.0 1202.56

Government of France 0.0 0.0 467.80

In addition, the following two loan agreements have been entered into recently:-

- (i) Loan taken by National Capital Region Planning Board form KfW i.e. Germany for â, 7 100 million (date of agreement 30/03/2012).
- (ii) Loan for Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project Phase-III (IDP-222) for JPY 127,917 million (date of agreement 29/03/2012).
- (e): To ameliorate pressures on cities, the Government of India launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in 2005. The Urban Infrastructure and Governance component handled by Ministry of Urban Development seeks to improve urban infrastructure and transport in 65 identified cities. The needs of the small and medium towns are catered to by the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) programme. In addition, financial assistance for urban infrastructure is also being provided by the Ministry of Urban Development under the 10% Lumpsum scheme for the development of North Eastern Region including Sikkim, the ADB aided North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme and Pilot project on Development of Urban Infrastructure in Satellite Towns around the Seven Mega Cities, besides identified metro and other projects.