GOVERNMENT OF INDIA URBAN DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7365 ANSWERED ON:22.05.2012 BRTS PROJECTS Jakhar Shri Badri Ram ;Singh Shri Dushyant

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to introduce the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) projects in all the States of the country:
- (b) whether the work under BRTS projects is being hampered pending the approval for revised proposals of approved projects;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to clear/approve the revised proposals received from the various State Governments for BRTS;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Union Government is considering to provide 80% grants-in-aid to Jaipur city, Rajasthan instead of 50% Central grants-in-aid on the lines of sanctioned projects in Ajmer-Pushkar keeping in view the weak financial condition of the Municipal Corporation; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be made available to Jaipur city?

Answer

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

- (a): Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) is one of the admissible sector eligible for funding under Urban Infrastructure & Governance (UIG) Sub-Mission of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM). Projects duly recommended and prioritized by the State Government are considered for approval under JnNURM subject to its technical appraisal and availability of State allocation.
- (b) to (d): Funds for all projects including BRTS are released as per guidelines of UIG of JnNURM. Revised proposals with respect to Jaipur and Vishakhapatnam BRTSs had been submitted by the State Governments' for review and approval under UIG of JnNURM due to some change of scope of work. The revised DPRs of Jaipur are with technical appraisal agency for appraisal and the Vishakhapatnam BRTS is to be considered by the Central Sanctioning & Monitoring Committee (CSMC) of the Ministry.
- (e) & (f): No, Madam. Funds to the Mission Cities under UIG Sub-Mission of JnNURM are released based on the categorization of cities as per census 2001 which stipulates 50% grant to the city of Jaipur and 80% grant to the city of Ajmer-Pushkar in Rajasthan. There is no proposal to amend the stipulation.