

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:882
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SCHEME FOR URBAN INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is running any scheme to improve the urban institutional structure in small and medium towns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time since when the said scheme is being implemented;
- (c) the total allocation made by the Government under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium towns so far, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the slow pace of the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to accelerate the progress of the scheme so far?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), a sub-component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Renewal Mission (JNNURM) launched for a seven year Mission period (2005-2012), Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of small and medium towns, as per census 2001 have been provided financial assistance for infrastructure development projects. These urban Local bodies are insisted upon to complete a set of Urban sector reforms identified for institutional strengthening especially in terms of financial and capacity enhancement.

(c): Under UIDSSMT, ` 11400 crore had been provided for the Mission period against which ` 11358.26 crore has been committed for the States. The details of State-wise funds committed and released as on 31.07.2012 are given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e): The progress in implementation of projects and reforms in some of the States is slow. In order to accelerate the progress of the Scheme, Government of India has extended the Mission period up to 31/03/2014 for completion of on-going projects and over-due reforms. Apart from this, Handholding workshops for completion of reforms in ULBs slow performing states are also being organized.