

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CIVIC AMENITIES IN SMALL TOWNS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the civic amenities are not sufficient in small towns;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the time by which this scheme is likely to be formulated?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. There is shortage of civic amenities in small towns. This is mainly due to lack of sufficient funds and limited technical capabilities at the disposal of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

(c)&(d): Government of India, in December 2005, has launched two centrally sponsored schemes to improve financial soundness of ULBs and infrastructure facilities and civic amenities in all towns / cities as per Census 2001 except those towns / cities covered under Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

(i) Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) to provide financial assistance for Urban Renewal, Water Supply, Sewerage and Sanitation, Solid Waste Management, roads, parking lots, preservation of water bodies, prevention of soil erosion and landslides etc.

(ii) Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme(IHSDP) to provide housing and related civic amenities for urban poor by taking projects for holistic development of slums in small towns.