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LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the fundamental problems being faced in planning, implementation and maintenance of infrastructure projects which need to be addressed immediately;and

(b) the remedial measures taken by the Government to tackle these problems and to make the same corruption free?

**Answer**

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

(a): The fundamental problems being faced in planning, implementation and maintenance of infrastructure projects which need to be addressed are inadequacy of financial resources, institutional fragmentation, poor cost recovery, unsustainable service delivery models, inadequate attention to urban poor, outdated urban management practices and absence of enabling policy framework.

(b): The Government has adopted a multipronged strategy to address these problems including facilitating implementation of urban sector reforms and projects through programmes like the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), pilot scheme on infrastructure development in satellite towns around 7 Mega Cities and 10% lumpsum scheme for North East.

The urban sector reforms aim at empowerment of urban local bodies, improved financial management, environmental sustainability, inclusive development, better land management, and greater citizens participation and transparency. In order to promote greater accountability to citizens, the Government is also facilitating implementation of reforms related to setting up area sabhas and enactment of public disclosure laws which contribute to good governance as well as address corruption.