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URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in population in urban areas;

(b) if so, whether there is also a huge and widening gap between the demand and supply of essential services and infrastructure and the urban poor are forced to live under unhygienic conditions lacking in basic amenities;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether there is a demand from different sector for the urban sector reforms including creation of a legal and regulatory framework for the private sector investment in the urban infrastructure; and

(e) if so, the measures taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. There is an increase in population in urban areas from 6.24 crore in 1951 to 28.61 crore in 2001. The share of urban population to total population in the country has increased from 17.3% to 27.8%.

(b) & (c): The pattern of population concentration has led to tremendous pressure on civic infrastructure and gap between demand and supply of essential services. As per the 54th round of the National Sample Survey, 9% of urban households were not being served either by tap or tube-well or hand pump. 26% households had no latrines. Out of total waste generated in the million plus cities, hardly 30% was treated before disposal.

(d) & (e): The need for promoting urban sector reforms is duly recognised in the 11th Five Year Plan and the Government of India has been promoting implementation of these reforms under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) and other programmes. This includes addressing issues related to legal and regulatory framework for encouraging private sector investment in the urban infrastructure sector through reforms related to Public-Private Partnerships (PPP).