

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether most of the cities in the country get water logged even with light rains on account of unscientific drainage system;
- (b) If so, the steps taken to address the problem; and
- (c) whether the Government has any nation-wide plan and budgetary provision for solving this problem in the cities and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) to (c) : Many cities in the country experience water logging after moderate rainfall. This is a problem caused not only by unscientific drainage but also due to improper civic behavior leading to indiscriminate disposal of municipal solid waste into roadside drains and lack of regular desilting/ cleaning of drains.

Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and State Governments draw up plans to tackle drainage problems as it is a State subject. However, the Ministry of Urban Development supplements the efforts of State Governments /ULBs for planning, design and construction of urban drainage system by issuing guidelines/advisories from time to time. Further a New Urban Rejuvenation Mission is being formulated in the Ministry which would provide access to States/ULBs for addressing this problem.