

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PRESSURE ON URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rapid growth in the population of the urban areas of the country is exerting enormous pressure on urban infrastructure including public transportation, housing, sewerage system etc. and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government provides support to the States for their efforts to provide basic urban services to the people and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has sought/proposes to seek technical and financial assistance from developed countries including external aid agencies for development of urban infrastructure;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the assistance sought, received and utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, country/agency-wise; and
- (e) the details of other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAI AH NAIDU)

(a) & (b): Urban Development is a State subject and the State Governments have to take action for ameliorating pressures on cities. The Government of India supports States in their efforts for infrastructure development, capacity building, public transport, urban planning and reforms through various schemes viz. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Ten percent lumpsum scheme for the development of North Eastern region including Sikkim, the ADB aided North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme, the Pilot Scheme on Development of Urban Infrastructure in Satellite Towns around the Seven mega cities besides identified metros and other projects. The term of JNNURM Mission ended on 31.3.2014.

(c) & (d): External Assistance Programme is a continuous ongoing programme managed by Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) through a well-established procedure. Urban development projects including water supply, sewerage, sanitation, urban transport etc. have received assistance from Multilateral and Bilateral institutions like World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Duetsche Gesellschaft fur International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), etc. The details of the ongoing sovereign external loans/grants in the form of authorization and utilization during the last three financial years are given in Annexure A & B and in respect of grants as per Annexure C & D.

(e) : There is a proposal for introducing a new Mission for Urban Development.