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SUSTAINABLE HABITAT PARAMETERS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the areas identified by the National Mission for Sustainable Habitat on sustainable parameters for urban water supply and sewerage sector;
- (b) whether the Government has noticed substantial gap in respect of all the indicators inspite of the infrastructural additions over the years in these areas; and
- (c) if so, the measures contemplated to meet the standards and targets in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Standardized Service Level Benchmarks (SLBs) formulated by Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) for water supply and sewerage services and circulated to States in September 2008 have been adopted under National Mission for Sustainable Habitat (NMSH) also using which the sustainability of services of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) will be measured.

Further, the additional areas/ parameters identified under NMSH for water supply and sewerage are as under.

(i) Water supply

Aquifer protection index, energy efficiency in water supply sector, RWH implementation index, water use efficiency index, water consumption sensitivity Index, Training & Capacity Building Index in water supply sector, Awareness Generation Index

(ii) Sewerage

Financial sustainability index in sewage management sector, safe septage management index, resource recovery index for sewage, energy efficiency in sewage sector, flood vulnerability index for STPs, school sanitation index, public toilet sanitation index, training & capacity building index, sewage sector awareness generation index

As per the Status Report (2010-11) on Service Level in Urban Water and Sanitation Sector, published by the Ministry in March, 2012, there exists gap in services provided in Water Supply and Sewerage Sectors.

(c): Though Urban Water Supply and Sanitation is within the purview of the States, MoUD supplements the efforts of State Governments/ULBs for improving Urban Infrastructure including Water Supply and Sewerage Sectors through various schemes. Further, the Ministry have issued various Advisories/ Manuals on Water Supply and Sanitation for adoption by State Governments.