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Title: Need to include Panipat city in the Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission.

DR. ARVIND SHARMA (KARNAL): With the Common Wealth Games scheduled to be held in Delhi in the year 2010, the Union Government has increased developmental spending in the National Capital Region Panipat City which is the part of my Lok Sabha constituency, Panipat has emerged as a major Industrial & Petrochemical hub and Centre for Textile Exports. While the population of the city has increased manifold over the last few years, the civic infrastructure has fallen way short to handle the increasing pressure. A large number of skilled & unskilled people are coming to the city in search of better employment opportunities. Some of them find residential accommodation in colonies of the city and some like labourers have to seek refuge in the unauthorized colonies & slum clusters.

The local administration and the civic agencies have been trying their best to absorb the increasing pressure on resources but they do not have the sufficient funds to provide basic civic infrastructure like drinking-water, light, accommodation, road & transportation, sewage & sanitation, beautification of the public parks to the common people of the locality.

I would, therefore, request the Government to include Panipat City in the Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission at the earliest.