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Title: Need to include Nagpur in the centrally sponsored scheme of urban infrastructure development in Satellite Towns.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): The Central Government decided to develop eight new cities as Satellite Towns/Areas within the vicinity of existing cities under the Centrally Sponsored scheme of Urban Infrastructure Development in Satellite Towns. Nagpur is also a metropolitan city having a population of over 40 lakhs of which one third of the population live in unauthorized colonies/slums. Due to its strategic location, the city has emerged as a fast developing commercial, industrial and educational centre. There has been unending streams of poor people who have swarmed into the city in search of livelihood and found shelters in numerous squatter settlements. The numbers of squatter settlements have consistently been on the rise despite the efforts made to resettle them. Congestion in the city and rapidly increasing slums need to be addressed and solution found to decongest the city. The severity of the problems are the declining environmental quality and inadequate urban infrastructure facilities including electricity, water, sanitation, sewage, roads, transport, housing etc. The more acute problem that is being felt is the housing problem. To meet the increasing pressure of population on the city, it may be necessary to create a satellite city to meet the housing needs of the people with the other required infrastructural facilities like water supply, roads, electricity, sewage, storm water drains etc. to improve the standards of living of economically weaker section/lower income group. The Nagpur city is already having a population of over 40 lakhs which is expected to increase in the next ten years to about 50 lakhs.

I would urge upon the Government to include Nagpur also in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Urban Infrastructure Development in Satellite Towns.