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RAJYA SABHA

New Urban Development Schemes in Andhra Pradesh

48. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new project for urban development will be implemented in Andhra Pradesh with the financial help of Italian Government;

(b) if so, whether the State Government was developing the urban area including drainage and roads by borrowing crores of rupees from foreign countries under the DFTD programme;

(c) if so, the amount the Italian Government has agreed to provide to the State Government for schemes of urban development; and

(d) by when, they are likely to be implemented;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The project for urban development in the State of Andhra Pradesh is in the final stage of approval by the Board Committee of the Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(b) DFTD is providing aid worth Rs. 745 crores for the implementation of Andhra Pradesh Urban Services for the Poor (APUSP) for 32 class I towns in Andhra Pradesh. These funds can be utilized for improved environmental infrastructure (including water supply, sanitation, solid waste management, drainage, roads/footpath and street lighting) for slums but excludes town-wise services.

(c) The Italian Government has agreed to provide approximately US \$ 10.7 Million to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) The Implementation of the Project is dependent on its approval which is expected by September, 2002.

Urban mapping

49. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the urban mapping of nearly 25 cities in the country has been completed;

(b) if so, whether, apart from this, aerial mapping of 18 more towns has been completed and it is in progress in 10 towns;