

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Gujarat has requested for inclusion of Porbunder and Karamsad. However, Government has decided to restrict the number of cities covered under JNNURM to around 60. 63 cities are already covered under Sub-Mission-I of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). Porbunder and Karamsad can avail funds through Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

Mumbai Metro Rail

†1230. SHRI Y. P. TRIMEDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work on Mumbai Metro has been started;
- (b) if so, since when and how much work has been completed so far; and
- (c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As reported by Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority, actual physical work of Mumbai metro has been started at site from 8th February, 2008. Approximately 7% work has been completed which comprises of completion of 108 piles, 10 pile caps and 13 raft footings.

Monitoring agencies for JNNURM

1231. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether independent review and monitoring agencies for scrutiny of the pace of implementation of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) have been appointed in all the 63 cities where this scheme has been introduced;
- (b) if so, whether instalments released so far, have been utilized as stipulated in JNNURM scheme; and
- (c) whether results of assessments of pace of implementation of reforms are satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) As per the guidelines for appointment of Independent Review and Monitoring Agency (IRMA), seven (7) proposals have been received from State Governments out of which 6 proposals have been approved by the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC). Four (4) States have appointed IRMA in respect of their States.

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