

In addition to the above, one proposal for promotion of Rural Tourism at Dharmavaram at an estimated cost of Rs.20.00 lakh, was received during the current financial year, which was not as per guidelines and hence has not been sanctioned.

Torture of Indian students in Australia

† *91. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government considers attacks on Indian students in Australia as the internal affair of that country;
- (b) if not, whether such statement has been refuted; and
- (c) the stand taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Government of India's deep anguish at the incidents involving Indian students in Australia and its concern about their welfare was conveyed to the Australian authorities at the highest level. It has been unequivocally conveyed that such attacks should not be allowed to happen and that it is the responsibility of the Australian authorities to ensure the well-being and security of our students in Australia.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) As stated in (a) above.

Grant for development of cities

*92 SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the important cities of Orissa like Bhubaneswar, Puri, Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur, Cuttack, Rourkela, Jajpur are receiving more financial grant in comparison to other neighbouring States; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the amount released for the development of the above stated cities alongwith the utilization details ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The cities of Bhubaneswar and Puri are covered under the Urban Infrastructure & Governance (UIG) component of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The details of projects sanctioned, funds released/utilized for these two cities are given in the Statement-I (See below).

The towns of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Sambalpur are covered under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) and first installment of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) has been released for infrastructure projects for these towns. However, no projects for Jajpur and Rourkela have been sanctioned under the scheme by the State level sanctioning committee and recommended to the Government of India. Details of ACA released to the above three towns and utilization thereof is as per Statement-II (see below).

The quantum of ACA to States is dependent on various factors such as urban population of the States, the preparation of quality Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by the States, its appraisal and approval by the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) and availability of funds.

Statement-I

Approved projects of Orissa Under (UIG)

Sl. No.	State	City	Sector	Project Name	Year of sanction	Date of approval by CSMC	Approved Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	ACA committed (Rs. in lakh)	Funds released	% of release	Release date	%age utilization till March 2009
1	Orissa	Bhubaneswar	Sewerage	Integrated Sewerage Project	2006-07	22-Feb-07	49891.35	39913.08	9978.27	25	24/04/2007 & 17/03/08	4.0%
2	Orissa	Bhubaneswar	Urban Renewal	Conservation of the Heritage Tank of Bindusagar in Bhubaneswar city	2006-07	9-Feb-07	601.31	481.05	120.26	25	3/7/2007	70.00%
3	Orissa	Puri	Water Supply	24x7 Piped Water Supply to Puri Town	2008-09	18-Jul-08	16690.00	13352.00	3338.00	25	23.2.09	Not Reported
4	Orissa	Bhubaneswar	Drainage/ Storm Water Drains	Storm water drainage for Bhubaneswar	2008-09	26-Feb-09	6833.00	5466.40	1366.60	25	22/5/2009	1st installment of ACA released in May-09
5	Orissa	Puri	Drainage/ Storm Water Drains	Storm water drainage system for Puri town.	2009-10	24-Apr-09	7182.00	4500.00	1125.00	25	10/6/2009	1st installment of ACA released in June-09
GRAND TOTAL :							81197.66	63712.53	15928.13			

Statement-II

Town wise and Project wise status of UIDSSMT Scheme in Orissa as on 31.3.2009

(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl. No.	Towns	Water Supply			Sewerage			Water Body			UR/Heritage			Road			Total	Total	Funds
		Approved	ACA	Funds	Approved	ACA	Funds	Approved	ACA	Funds	Approved	ACA	Funds	Approved	ACA	Funds	Cost	ACA	Funds
		Cost	Released	Utilized	Cost	Released	Utilized	Cost	Released	Utilized	Cost	Released	Utilized	Cost	Released	Utilized	Approved	Released	Utilized
				as per			as per			as per			as per			as per	Cost	Released	as per
				QPR			QPR			QPR			QPR			QPR			QPR
				Mar, 09			Mar, 09			Mar, 09			Mar, 09			Mar, 09			Mar, 09
1	Sambalpur	976.00	405.04	0.00	593.23	246.20	0.00										6643.350	651.240	0.000
2	Cuttack		0.00					533.66	221.46	126.92	1724.980	689.990	0.000	5074.12	2105.81	1698.28	2258.640	3017.260	1825.200
3	Berhampur	520.15	215.86	0.00				1665.89	691.35	342.23			0.00				2186.040	907.210	342.230
	Cost	12685.69	5125.04	0.00	593.23	246.20	0.00	2199.55	912.81	469.15	1724.98	689.99	0.00	5074.12	2105.81	1698.28	22277.57	9079.85	2167.430