

(b) to (d) Government of Assam with the approval of Ministry of Urban Development approached Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for providing a loan for taking up water supply scheme in south Guwahati Central Zone and North Guwahati Zone of the Guwahati Metropolitan Area. The Loan Agreement with JICA has been signed on 31.3.2009 and preliminary works relating to the implementation of the Project has already been initiated. The total loan amount is 29.4 billion Japanese Yen amounting to Rs. 1300 crore approximately. The Project aims to supply water to 100% household within the projected area on 24 x 7 basis. The Project has been presently assigned to Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) for execution pending creation of Guwahati Metropolitan Drinking Water and Sewerage Board. One project at a total cost of Rs. 280.94 crore for drinking water supply in South Guwahati West Zone was sanctioned under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in February, 2008.

World Bank Loan

101. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is likely to acquire Dollar five billion loan from World Bank to give a thrust to urban infrastructure;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to spend the said loan amount under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM); and

(d) if so, the extent to which the targets of JNNURM are likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) to (d) A proposal has been initiated for \$ 5.3 billion assistance from World Bank for development of Urban Infrastructure, Water Supply, Sanitation and Urban Transport in cities. The exact content and spread of assistance and its conforming to the overall Jawaharlal Nehru National Mission (JNNURM) approach are at early stage of consideration.

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†102. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the burden of population has already increased rapidly on the National Capital Region (NCR);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the rapidly increasing population in the region has adversely affected the basic services such as electricity, water, housing, schools, etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof;