

(d) The proposal for inclusion of the city of Karamsad was considered by the National Steering Group under JNNURM in its meeting held on 05-01-2009 but the city was not recommended for inclusion as Mission city.

(e) A number of requests have been received from various sources including Chief Minister, Govt. of Gujarat, Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) to include Gandhinagar and Karamsad under the JNNURM. As per the Guidelines, the number of cities covered under UIG Component of JNNURM is to remain around 60. Presently, 65 cities are covered under the UIG component of the Mission. All other cities and towns are covered under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) of JNNURM.

(g) Rs. 100 crore has been allocated for the city of Porbandar.

(h) No project proposal has been received from the city of Porbandar for funding under JNNURM.

(i) No, Sir.

Traffic congestion and related problems

862. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in the wake of unprecedented increase and use of vehicles on roads leading to lot of traffic congestion and the related problems in and around major Metro Cities in particular, what are the long term and short term measures taken or being taken to manage and tide over this major problem;

(b) whether it is a fact that Expert Study advocate improvement of public transport system including Metro Rails and M.R.Ts. and other services with interlinking facilities on the one side and ensuring disincentives for use of private vehicles on the other; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is dead slow in action and rather indifferent in tackling this major growing problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) and (b) The solution for the urban mobility challenges lies in implementation of the National Urban Transport Policy by the State Governments and Urban Local Bodies in letter and spirit. The National Urban Transport Policy envisages prioritization of investment in public transport, pedestrianisation and non motorized transport, land use and transport integration, Intelligent Transport Systems, transport demand management etc. This is supported by various studies also.

(c) No, Sir. Urban Transport is primarily, a State subject. However, for improving scenario of Urban Public Transport, Central Government has taken active steps like, formulation of National

Urban Transport Policy, 2006, financing of buses for Urban Transport, Bus Rapid Transit System Projects, traffic transit management centres under Urban Transport under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and sanction of metro railway projects for various cities.

Intercity rail corridor in NCR

863. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up eight intercity rail corridor in NCR;
- (b) if so, whether any survey and detailed project report have been prepared by Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the expenditure likely to be incurred in the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) No, Sir. However, National Capital Region Planning Board conducted a study on "Integrated Transportation Plan for NCR" which has identified the need for eight rail corridors to be developed as Regional Rapid Transit System for facilitating the movement of commuter travel in NCR.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) and (d) Does not arise.

Projects through JNNURM

864. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has finalized in consultation with World Bank officials, the terms of the proposed \$ 1 billion loan for JNNURM's on-going projects;
- (b) whether future JNNURM disbursements will be reform-linked and provided only to select States;
- (c) whether the process of identification of the cities where reforms have been carried out is complete; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) No, Sir. The World Bank assistance is not being sought for already approved on-going projects of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

(b) The JNNURM is for reforms driven, fast track, planned development of identified cities. States/Cities execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Government of India indicating their