

Facilities to increasing population of cities

†2314. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA AGARWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage increase in the population of cities in the country every year;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to provide public facilities to increasing population of cities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) The percentage increase in population of towns is computed on a decadal basis by the Census of India.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Urban Development supports the State Governments in providing urban infrastructure through its schemes such as Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), 10% lumpsum scheme for North Eastern States including Sikkim and North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme (NERUDP).

Improvement of metro services in Delhi

2315. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the metro railway in Delhi is often facing operational problems;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that trains are often stuck up midway causing a lot of inconvenience and anxiety to the commuters; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to improve the metro services in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) No, Sir. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd. has reported that it is not facing operating problems often. Till now, few cases of technical snags have occurred in Overhead Electric

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