

grout material above and below bearings, deformation, cracks and shifting of bearings at many locations. In addition, certain cracks and twist in some of the girders have also been noticed.

(b) The average ridership of the Metro Express Line was about 17,000 passengers per day as on the date of shut down of train services.

(c) Yes, Sir. However, it will be done by M/s. DAMEPL, the concessionaire and operator of the Airport Metro Express Train.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Funds released under major heads**

1227. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds under major heads released during the last quarter of the last financial year as also the amounts released in the month of March, 2012 separately;

(b) the percentage of the allocation/released in the last quarter as well as in the month of March;

(c) the reasons for such disproportionately higher releases;

(d) amount surrendered/lapsed by the State Governments; and

(e) whether such late releases have created serious problems for the State Governments and impacted adversely on implementation of the schemes and programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY) : (a) Under Major Heads a sum of Rs. 1925.66 crore has been released during the last quarter of last financial year and a sum of Rs. 1099.35 crore has been released in the month of March, 2012.

(b) The percentage of the allocation/released in the last quarter is 28.09% and in the month of March, 2012 is 16.04%.

(c) There is a marginal percentage increase in the month of March, 2012 which is on account of cash additionality granted in the 3rd Batch of Supplementary Demands.

In terms of instructions of Ministry of Finance, the cash additionality granted in the 3rd Batch is not required to be included for computing the limit of 33% and 15%.

(d) No funds have been surrendered/lapsed by the State Governments.

(e) No, Sir.

**Movement of people from rural areas to cities and towns**

1228. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the 2011 provisional census more people are moving to cities and towns from rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the increase in the share of people living in urban areas in comparison to those in other developing countries; and

(d) the housing provision and employment opportunities for those who have migrated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY) : (a) and (b) The information on migration has not been published by Census of India for Census 2011.

(c) The percentage of people living in urban areas has increased from 27.8% in 2001 to 31.16% in 2011. During the corresponding period, the change in level of urbanization, as per the United Nations, World Urbanization Prospects, The 2011 Revision, in some developing countries is given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of Country	Percentage Urban Population	
		2001	2011
1	2	3	4
1.	India	27.8	31.16
2.	Pakistan	33.1	36.2
3.	Srilanka	15.7	15.1