

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set a disinvestment target of Rs. 30,000/- crore for the current financial year *i.e.* 2012-13;

(b) the details of disinvestment made by Government so far; and

(c) whether market forces are conducive for Government's ambitious target?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current financial year Government disinvested 10% of equity of National Building Construction Corporation Ltd. and 5.58% of equity of Hindustan Copper Limited out of its shareholding and realized an amount of Rs. 124.97 crore and Rs. 807.02 crore respectively totaling to Rs. 931.99 crore.

(c) Disinvestment in Central Public Sector Enterprises is an ongoing exercise as per disinvestment policy. The Government is taking necessary action to achieve the budgetary target of Rs. 30,000 crore set for the financial year 2012-13.

Recruitment of handicapped and blind persons

*91. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government in consultation with State Governments is going to launch a special recruitment programme for handicapped and blind persons in Government, Semi-Government, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and PSU Banks as a large number of such posts are lying vacant for a long time;

(b) as on date, the posts that are lying vacant and the action that has been taken by Government to fill up the vacant posts, State-wise; and

(c) the time that would be taken to complete such recruitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (c) A Special Recruitment Drive was launched in November, 2009 to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies of Persons with Disabilities in Central Government posts and services, including attached/subordinate offices, autonomous bodies and Public Sector Undertakings.

As per information received from 62 Central Ministries/Departments there were 5787 backlog reserved vacancies of Persons with Disabilities in the Central Government offices as on 15.11.2009. Periodic meetings were conducted by the Department of Personnel and Training with the Central Ministries/Departments concerned to speed up the process. So far, 2345 backlog vacancies have been filled up as a part of the Special Recruitment Drive.

Instructions already exist that concerted efforts should be made by the Central Ministries/Departments concerned to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies as soon as possible including through the Special Recruitment Drive. The Department of Personnel and Training has also reiterated the instructions.

Problems in the infrastructure sector

*92. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that infrastructure sector is facing financial as well as less buyer problems, especially in big cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to help this sector?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The High Powered Expert Committee (HPEC) set up by the Government of India has assessed the investment requirements for Urban Infrastructure and Services to be of the order of Rs. 39.2 lakh crore at 2009-10 prices over 20 year period, while the O & M requirement has been assessed at Rs. 19.9 lakh crore.

(c) The responsibility for development of infrastructure in the cities and towns lies with the State Governments. However, Government of India provides supplementary assistance to the State Governments through the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), which has been launched in December, 2005. The JNNURM covers 65 big cities under the sub-Mission of Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG). The list of the cities is given in Statement (*See below*). So far 552 projects with an approved cost of Rs. 62,039.26 crore with Government of India commitment of Rs. 28,696.93 crore have been approved. The remaining funds are to come from contribution of State Governments, local bodies and user charges.

Statement

List of cities included under UIG/BSUP of JNNURM

Sl. No.	City/Urban Agglomeration	Name of the State	Population as per 2001 census (in lakh)
1	2	3	4
(a) Mega Cities			
1.	Delhi	Delhi	128.77
2.	Greater Mumbai	Maharashtra	164.34