

Expenditure on purchase of machines for cleaning of sewer

2167. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to purchase suction and suction-cum-jetting machines for cleaning sewers and septic tanks for all the cities/towns across the country, if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure to be incurred on the same;

(b) whether Government has simultaneously chalked out any plan for dumping/managing pumping out sewage, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to evolve a standard method of collection, handling and transportation of septage and its implementation across the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI DEEPA DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) has initiated a proposal to formulate a “Scheme of Assistance for Mechanical Cleaning of Sewers and Septic Tanks (SAMCSS)” to assist cities/towns through the State Governments for procurement of suction and suction-cum-jetting machines with the objective to eliminate the hazardous manual cleaning. The proposal has been supported by Planning Commission to be implemented under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). However, facilities for treatment and disposal of septage have to be set up by the State Governments and cities from their own resources.

(c) The MoUD has issued an Advisory Note on Septage Management in January, 2013 for adoption by the States. The Advisory includes guidelines for frequency of de-sludging of septic tanks, transportation and methods of treatment and safe disposal of treated sludge.

Allotment of land for new hospitals in Delhi

†2168. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Government has applied for land allotment to Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for setting up of new hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of the proposed hospitals for which Delhi Government has applied for, and the location for which DDA has agreed to allot land for hospitals;

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