

twelfth five year plan, proposes or plans to spend more money on them, if so, details thereof; and

(b) the details of towns and small cities of different States included for this purposes?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU):
(a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government is considering to launch a new Urban Development Mission. The contours of the proposed scheme is under finalisation.

Public transportation system in urban areas

3924. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has, or is planning to put in place any mechanism to monitor the efficacy of public transportation systems in urban areas, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU):
(a) Yes, Sir. There is a system of monitoring and control in respect of the performance of Metro Projects through arranging regular meetings of Boards of Directors (BoD). As per para 12 of Bus Funding Guidelines, following mechanisms have been adopted:

(i) Quarterly progress report from State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) to the MoUD.

(ii) Upon completion of the project, the SLNA through the State Government submits a completion report.

(b) Question does not arise.

Emergency response for high-rise buildings

3925. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated or is planning to formulate safety guidelines and/or mandatory procedures for emergency response in urban areas, especially for high-rise buildings; and