

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO) : (a) The Government of India has launched Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) with the objective to develop basic urban infrastructure including provision of sewerage system in 500 cities/towns in the country.

(b) The Mission guidelines stipulate submission of State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) for taking up development activities. No SAAP has been received from the State Government of Rajasthan.

(c) Does not arise.

Smart cities in Tamil Nadu

462. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to develop smart cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, *vis-à-vis* existing schemes for developing the cities, the criteria laid down to develop such smart cities; and

(c) details of the cities shortlisted in the State of Tamil Nadu for developing smart cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The “Smart Cities Mission” for development of 100 smart cities was launched on 25th June, 2015. The Mission Statement & Guidelines were also released during the event and are available on Ministry’s website (*moud.gov.in*). The selection of Smart Cities follows a Challenge (competition) process. In the Stage-I of the Competition, the States including Tamil Nadu, have to shortlist cities based on the criteria given in the Guidelines. Thereafter, the shortlisted cities have to compete in an All India Contest.

Upgrading of basic infrastructure in cities

463. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is smart city project and how has it been implemented in the country;

(b) what are the details of cities that have since been earmarked for this project;

(c) what is new urban renewal mission and what is its present status; and