

Utilisation of funds allotted for toilets to States

2223. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States and Union Territories take Central funds to construct toilet, if so, the names of those States and Union Territories;

(b) whether Government has issued instructions to States and Union Territories for utilisation of allotted funds, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government against those States and Union Territories who have failed to construct toilets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) For the Swachh Bharat Mission an outlay of ₹ 14,623 crore has been earmarked for States/UTs as Central funds for the components of the Mission.

(b) and (c) Funds are released to the States based on the targets set for each State. As per the SBM Guidelines State Governments have to evolve a suitable mechanism to release funds along with State share to ULBs within 30 days of release of the Central share by the Ministry of Urban Development. So far against the target of construction of 25 lakh individual household toilets, upto March 2016, work has commenced on around 19 lakh individual toilets and 5.91 lakh have been constructed. Against the target of construction of 1 lakh community and public toilet seats upto March 2016, work has commenced on 1.29 lakh seats and 28,948 have been constructed.

Inclusion of city of Himachal Pradesh under HRIDAY

2224. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dharamshala, an ancient city of Himachal Pradesh have not been enlisted under National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY), if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government proposes to include any other ancient city of Himachal Pradesh under HRIDAY, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the criteria to select the cities under HRIDAY; and

(d) the names of cities along with their respective states which have been enlisted under HRIDAY?