

Programmes under JNNURM in Bihar

†*202. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a new programme by making changes in the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM);

(b) if so, the number of schemes being run under this programme along with the number of towns in Bihar where the same are being run;

(c) the present status of schemes of urban development which are already operational; and

(d) by when the development schemes running in various cities of Bihar under (JNNURM) are targeted to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU):

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Urban Development has launched a new Mission, namely, the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). This Mission is different in approach from JNNURM as it focus on provision of services through creation of infrastructure. Under the Mission, 27 towns are covered in the State of Bihar.

(c) Under the AMRUT, the Central Government has approved the State Annual Action Plans of 18 States, namely, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Haryana, Maharashtra, Bihar and Himachal Pradesh.

Under the HRIDAY Scheme the proposals for project execution, Livelihood support, Promotional strategies etc. are in planning and design phase. From Bihar Gaya has been identified as one of the Heritage city. The city has prepared the City HRIDAY Plan with the self of projects to be undertaken. The DPR for Development of Ghats at Baitarni and Brahmasat Srovars is under process for approval.

Under the Smart Cities Mission, the Central Government has announced 98 cities on the basis of intra-State selection process that will participate in the stage-II competition. In Bihar, three (Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, Biharsharif) cities have been shortlisted to participate in second stage of the competition.

(d) The Ministry has issued instructions for coverage of incomplete projects of JNNURM for funding through AMRUT and has also communicated the list of projects that are eligible for continued support including those in Bihar. The State Government of Bihar has to seek funding support and complete the projects before 31.03.2017.

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