

Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) with a view to develop basic infrastructure in 500 Mission cities. The Ministry has also identified a total number of 497 cities for coverage under the Mission. The Ministry has released an amount of ₹ 123.38 crore to States/UTs under the Mission apart from other releases. The amount has been given to the States/UTs to help them to prepare Service Level Improvement Plan (SLIP) and Individual Capacity Building etc. The Service Level Improvement Plan aims at assessing the status of achievement of Service Levels in various sectors of the Mission and to find best ways in fulfilling the gaps in a cost effective manner and also to prioritize them.

Construction of new secretariat complex

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

(a) whether Government is planning construction of a new Secretariat Complex to house the offices of key Ministries in New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact, that this complex is expected to need over two crore square feet land area for development; and

(c) if so, the reasons necessitating the construction of a new Secretariat Complex and the estimated expenditure therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) No, Sir, no such decision has been taken to construct a new Secretariat Complex.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Criteria for identifying cities under HRIDAY

291. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be please to state:

(a) the criteria being adopted for identifying cities under Heritage City Development Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY);

(b) the reasons for not even a single city being identified from Puducherry; and

(c) the constraints that the Ministry have in selecting any one city from Puducherry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) The cities under National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojna (HRIDAY) scheme have been identified on the basis of their rich heritage and cultural history.

(b) and (c) The proposal to include more cities in HRIDAY scheme would be considered at the time of expansion of the scheme.

Proposals for metro/mono rail from States

†292. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN:

SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from various States for metro/mono rail projects;

(b) if so, names of the States from which such proposals have been received;

(c) whether approval has been granted to all the proposals; if not reasons therefor; and

(d) the present status of such metro/mono rail projects including Madhya Pradesh, whether any time frame has been fixed for the completion of such projects and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During current year, the proposals from Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and Greater Chandigarh Region that includes Union Territory of Chandigarh and States of Haryana and Punjab have been received for metro rail projects.

(c) No, Sir. The sanction of metro rail projects is an ongoing process which requires extensive consultations with all stakeholders. Projects are approved based on the feasibility and availability of resources.

(d) As the above proposals have not yet been sanctioned by Government of India, no time-frame can be fixed for completion of the projects. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has not forwarded any proposal for metro/monorail project.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.