

(b) whether Government is considering to provide more grants to state Governments to improve the infrastructure in all urban areas and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) No, Sir. No such policy recommendation has been received from any State Government.

(b) In addition to the funds provided under various schemes/programmes of the Government, the Government is committed to devolve additional funds through a total grant of ₹ 87,144 crores for urban local bodies of the country during the period 2015-2020 based on the recommendations of 14th Finance Commission.

Decision to upgrade windows of Government flats

1422. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken to implant jali in windows to check cats entering into the Government flats;

(b) if so, why the windows of Government flats have not yet been implanted with jali; and

(c) by when will the upgraded windows will be provided in Government flats?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Plan for supply of drinking water in urban areas

†1423. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present situation of scarcity in the supply of potable water in the urban areas of country and the time bound action plan for supply of potable water State-wise; and

(b) the special measures taken for permanent water management for ensuring water supply for cleanliness drive, public convenience-toilet and by when it will be implemented?

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

(a) Some towns/cities and metropolitan cities face shortage of drinking water. The

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