

components viz *in-situ* slum redevelopment; affordable housing through credit-linked subsidy; affordable housing in partnership; and subsidy for beneficiary-led individual house construction. The Mission guidelines also emphasises convergence with schemes of other Central Ministries including making provision for housing facilities to all employees of an industrial set up whether contractual or permanent.

(c) Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) which is implementing the Smart Cities Mission, has informed that affordable housing, especially for poor, is one of the core infrastructure elements of the Smart Cities and as per Mission Guidelines, of the total housing being provided in Greenfield development model of Smart Cities, there should be at least 15% in the affordable housing category.

Infrastructure status to broadcasting industry

*207. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) has requested Government to give infrastructure status to the Broadcasting industry in the light of present era of convergence when distinction between Telecom, IT and Broadcasting sectors is getting reduced, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan of according infrastructure status to Broadcasting industry, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) had provided a Pre-Budget Memorandum for Union Budget 2016-17 requesting for grant of Infrastructure status to Broadcasting Industry. The Ministry after examination of the request of IBF had recommended the demand of the Industry to declare it as "Infrastructure" to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs which is the administrative Ministry concerned in the matter for an appropriate decision.

Challenges faced by persons with disabilities

*208. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in accessing public institutions and facilities;