

Per capita monthly expenditure

1887. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the average per capita monthly expenditure of rural and urban population as per the recent survey of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO);

(b) whether as per the recent survey of NSSO, there has been a continuous decline in spending on food in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the percentage of spending on food out of the total expenditure during each of the last three years and the current year and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) As per the recent survey of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) on Household Consumer Expenditure conducted during July 2011 to June 2012, the average Monthly Per Capita Expenditure using Uniform Reference Period (URP) was estimated as ₹ 1279 in rural India and ₹ 2399 in urban India.

(b) No, Sir. The details of estimated Average Monthly Per Capita Consumer Expenditure on Food Items in rural areas using Uniform Reference Period are as under:

Period	In ₹
2004-05	307.60
2009-10	497.09
2011-12	621.96

(c) Does not arise.

Steps to tackle the problem of congestion in urban areas

1888. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to tackle the problem of congestion in urban areas;

(b) whether the Ministry is going to improve city bus systems and finance metro system; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to promote public transport?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) Urban Transport is intertwined with Urban Development, which is a State Subject. As such measures to tackle the problem of congestion in urban areas and improvement of city bus system are taken up by the concerned State/Union Territory (UT)/Urban Local Body (ULB). Government of India (GoI) has issued National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006, which encourages safe, reliable, affordable and sustainable public transport in the cities. Smart Cities Mission and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) Schemes have public transport as an admissible component. Financial assistance for projects of urban transport like Buses, Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) and Metro Rail Systems, etc. is provided to State/UT/ULB under different schemes subject to feasibility of the project and availability of resources.

Third list of smart cities

1889. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has announced the third list of smart cities;
- (b) if so, the cities selected for the development as smart cities, State-wise;
- (c) the number of cities of Maharashtra selected for smart cities in the three lists announced so far; and
- (d) the number of projects under implementation in the cities identified in the first list so far?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 27 Smart Cities were selected in Round 2 of Smart Cities Mission in September, 2016. The State-wise list of cities selected in Round 2 is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Pune, Solapur, Nashik, Thane, Nagpur, Kalyan-Dombivali and Aurangabad have been selected from State of Maharashtra.

(d) Pune and Solapur have been selected in Round I in January, 2016 and have incorporated Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) in March, 2016 and procured Project Management Consultants (PMCs) for projectivisation. These two cities of Maharashtra have identified 48 projects amounting to ₹ 5036.03 crore.