

Implementation of HRIDAY

*18. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be please to state:

(a) whether the agencies identified for implementation of Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) for different cities have started the work on ground or the work is at planning stage;

(b) the major items of work identified for each city under the scheme with the estimated expenditure; and

(c) whether the Government has any plan to include more heritage cities/towns/ places of rich heritage and historical importance under the scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir, identified agencies under HRIDAY scheme in 7 cities have started the work on the ground. The implementing agencies for the 7 cities where work has commenced is as follows:

Sl.No.	City	Implementing Agency
1.	Ajmer	(1) Ajmer Municipal Corporation (2) Rajasthan State Road Development Corporation
2.	Amaravati	Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation
3.	Kanchipuram	Kanchipuram Municipal Corporation
4.	Mathura	Mathura Nagar Palika Parishad
5.	Varanasi	Varanasi Municipal Corporation
6.	Velankanni	Velankanni Town Panchayat
7.	Warangal	Warangal Municipal Corporation

(b) The major items of work taken up so far in HRIDAY cities is as under:

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Major Category of Projects	Project Cost
1.	Development of road leading to heritage sites-Laying of black top, thematic development, footpath, installation of street furniture, signages and parking facilities	88.54

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2.	Heritage Precinct Development-Installation of public amenities, street furniture, signages, street lights, underground cabling	87.62
3.	Development of Heritage Parks, Gardens and Public Plaza	40.95
4.	Development of Lakefronts, Ghats and Sarovars	35.62
5.	Heritage Walk including Facade Improvement	31.99
6.	Installation of LED Street Lights	26
7.	Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Buildings	8.62
8.	Solid Waste Management	5.5

(c) No Sir. HRIDAY is a Pilot scheme with duration till November, 2018. The decision to include more cities would be taken after evaluating the scheme after its mission period.

Higher Education Financing Agency for research oriented infrastructure

*19. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up a Higher Education Financing Agency to boost research oriented infrastructure in the premier institutions like IITs/NITs/ IIMs in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that these higher educational institutions are lagging behind several years in terms of infrastructure, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above move is a reason for increase in the fee structure of higher educational institutions in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government has approved the proposal for setting up the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) for financing creation of required infrastructure and for promotion of research facilities in the centrally aided institutions of higher learning by leveraging funds from the market. The Government would provide an equity of ₹ 1,000 Crore. The loans would be serviced from the internal accruals of these institutions, and the Government would meet the cost of interest on such loans. The process for finalization of the participating bank is underway.