

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal from the Union Territory Administration has been received in this regard; and

(d) the details of funds being allocated under this Mission to the Union Territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Based on the recommendations received from Union Territory of Puducherry, Oulgaret Municipality has been replaced by Puducherry Municipality to participate in the Smart City selection process.

(d) The city of Puducherry is required to participate in Smart City selection Round 3 by submitting its Smart City Proposal (SCP) to this Ministry by 31 March 2017. Funds will be provided to Puducherry subsequent to its selection as per the Smart Cities Mission Statement and Guidelines.

Development of heritage places

1732. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to develop the heritage places in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of places that have been identified in Jharkhand under Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY); and

(c) the details of quantum of funds earmarked and released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. The National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) Scheme aims at preserving and revitalizing the soul and unique character of the Heritage Cities in India has been launched. Following twelve cities have been identified for development:—

City	State	City	State
Ajmer	Rajasthan	Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu
Amravati	Andhra Pradesh	Velankanni	Tamil Nadu
Amritsar	Punjab	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh
Badami	Karnataka	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh
Dwarka	Gujarat	Puri	Odisha
Gaya	Bihar	Warangal	Telangana

(b) and (c) No place in the State of Jharkhand has been identified and funds released under the HRIDAY Scheme.

Metro Rail Projects in Vijayawada and Vishakapatnam

1733. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of sanctioning of Metro Rail Projects to the cities of Vijayawada and Vishakapatnam;

(b) whether feasibility studies have been completed for these projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any meeting with the Andhra Pradesh Government was held and by what time, sanction of these two projects would be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The feasibility studies of both Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam Metro Rail Projects have been completed and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been submitted by the State Government. At present both the projects are under appraisal.

(c) As the approval and appraisal of Metro Rail Projects involve extensive consultations with various Ministries/Stakeholders, no definite timeline can be given for sanction of these projects by Government of India.

Technical snags affecting Delhi Metro Lines

1734. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding number of technical snags affecting various lines of Delhi Metro during the last two years;

(b) the reasons for their frequent occurrence;

(c) the steps taken to make the ride smooth for people;

(d) whether any study has been made to modernize and make the lines foolproof in Phase I and Phase II; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?