

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): No, Sir. Ministry is not considering a separate scheme for preparation of Master Plan on Storm Water Drainage Systems in Urban Local Bodies.

**Regulatory body for execution of Smart Cities Mission**

1737 PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to augment the capacity of urban local bodies to play an efficient role in Smart Cities Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to establish a regulatory body to oversee the execution of the Mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) has taken several steps for capacity building of all cities shortlisted under the Smart Cities Mission.

- Financial assistance of ₹ 2 crore for each city has been provided to all shortlisted cities for preparation of Smart City Proposals (SCPs). For this, the Ministry has also empanelled consulting firms for preparation of Smart City Proposal for participating in Smart Cities Challenge. Additionally, financial support was also provided for preparation of Smart Cities Proposals under the Capacity Building for Urban Development (CBUD) Project supported by the World Bank.
- MoUD is providing technical support to the cities in implementation of the Smart City Plans right from establishment of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to implementation of Projects and Reforms. The Ministry has also empanelled agencies to help cities to implement reforms in the areas of Property Tax, Advertisement Tax, Value Capture Financing, Reduction of Non Revenue Water, Credit Rating of ULBs and Municipal Bond Financing. Model RFPs have been issued to the States for procuring agencies in the above mentioned areas.
- Individual Capacity Building envisaged under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) Mission focused on imparting training to Municipal employees in all AMRUT cities, including Smart Cities. For this, 27 Training Entities have been empanelled by Ministry under Capacity Building in Urban Development (CBUD) Project. Till now, 10,000 Municipal

functionaries have been trained in the areas of Finance and Revenue, Engineering and Public Health, Town Planning and Administration.

- Specialized workshops have also been organized periodically to disseminate best practices and for knowledge sharing among cities.

(c) and (d) The implementation of the Smart Cities Mission is being done by a city level Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), a limited company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013. At the National level, the implementation of the Smart Cities Mission is being monitored by an Apex Committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development.

**Assistance for development of urban settlements  
in Madhya Pradesh**

†1738. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy, programme and time-bound action plan to provide drinking water, road, light and community building facilities in poor, deprived, labour and Scheduled Castes settlements in urban areas; and

(b) the number of settlements in Madhya Pradesh to which financial assistance was provided for above facilities during 2016-17 and the last three years and the details of amount provided to model towns of that State, town-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Urban Development is a State subject. The Central Government, however, assists the States/Union Territories in this effort through various schemes and programmes. The Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) envisages *inter alia* universal coverage of water supply in 500 cities and towns in the country including those in poor, deprived, labour and Scheduled Castes settlements in these urban areas. The Mission does not cover Assistance for roads, light and community buildings. In Madhya Pradesh, Central assistance amounting to ₹ 307 crore has been released to the State for various eligible components including water supply in 34 Mission Cities, under its State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) for 2015-16 and 2016-17. A list of the Mission cities is given in the Statement (*See below*). Under the Mission the Government extends Central Assistance to the States and not to the cities and towns.

The Smart Cities Mission envisages development of core infrastructure elements in Smart Cities which include *inter alia* adequate water supply, assured electricity

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