

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sent any proposal to the Central Government for approval of and to provide funds to Smart Mosquito Density System, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the hi-tech war on mosquitoes would be proposed in other metropolitan cities including Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the details of efforts made by Government to fight the menace of mosquitoes in urban areas in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted a proposal for Smart Mosquito Density Monitoring System for implementation in the three cities of the State, namely, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam and Tirupati. The system includes monitoring of the density of the mosquitoes through sensors along with their location, gender and species. The objective is to precisely target control measures, reduce waste and improve efficiency.

(c) to (e) This is a State subject. The Central Government assists the States in their efforts by providing financial and technical assistance through schemes and programmes like Swachh Bharat Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation and Smart Cities Mission.

Assessing quality of city life

2533. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is coming up with a concept of assessing the quality of city life; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This Ministry, after extensive consultations with States, Cities, Citizens and Sector Experts has developed a draft framework of Liveability Index suited to conditions prevailing in Indian Cities. Cities will be ranked on the basis of the Liveability Index. The objective of ranking of cities on Liveability Index is to facilitate a competitive environment amongst cities resulting in systematic improvement in the quality of life of citizens. The framework is yet to be finalized for action.