

**Developing and expanding metro rail**

†2453. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plan for developing and expanding metro rail; and
- (b) if so, details thereof and the current status of the plans State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) Urban transport is an integral part of urban development, which is a State subject. Planning, development and expansion of urban transport infrastructure including metro rail projects is done by respective State/UT Governments. Central financial assistance to metro rail projects is provided subject to the feasibility of the proposal and availability of resources. Government of India has formulated the Metro Rail Policy, 2017, which endeavors to focus on systematic planning and implementation of metro rail systems in a more comprehensive and sustainable manner. The policy aims at ascertaining and enhancing the feasibility of metro rail projects from economic, social and environmental perspective. The policy is a guide to State Governments for preparing comprehensive proposals for metro rail projects.

**Pucca houses for the poor in Tamil Nadu**

2454. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiatives for providing permanent houses for the poor people living in the coastal districts of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated and disbursed during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government has made any efforts to find a permanent solution to the problem of people severely affected by cyclones in that State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) Under Pradhan Mantri Awas

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Yojana (Urban) [PMAY (U)], Government of India provides Central assistance to implementing agencies through States and Union Territories (UTs) for providing all-weather pucca houses with adequate basic and civic infrastructure facilities like toilet, water, electricity etc. to all eligible families/ beneficiaries including the poor people of the urban areas.

In the State of Tamil Nadu, 666 cities/towns/town panchayats of all the districts including the coastal districts are covered under PMAY(U). Under this scheme, 2,166 projects of Tamil Nadu have been sanctioned for construction of 5,35,555 houses involving central assistance of ₹ 8,169.84 crore of which an amount of ₹ 2,791.11 crore has been released to the State Government. This includes ₹ 233.48 crore disbursed as interest subsidy to 13,934 beneficiaries of the State for acquisition/construction of houses under Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) of PMAY (U).

(c) and (d) Projects under PMAY(U) are prepared, approved and implemented by respective State/UT Governments. The Central Government provides central assistance involved in these projects. As reported by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, houses constructed under PMAY(U) are resistant to seismic effect and other natural calamities including cyclones.

#### **Houses and civic facilities to the urban poor**

†2455. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that about seven crore people are living in inhuman conditions in the cities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is formulating any effective plan to provide houses and other civic facilities to these urban poor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) The Registrar General, India (RGI) conducts decadal population Census wherein data are collected on all persons living in India including those residing in slums. The last Census was conducted in 2011 and the slum population in the country was reported as 6.55 crore. State-wise details of Sri slum households with basic amenities/facilities such as main source of drinking

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