

Funds for Individual Household, Community and Public Toilets (PTs)

1986. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enhance the funds provided for construction of Individual Household, Community and Public Toilets (PTs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether funds provided to set up Project Implementing Units at the Urban Local bodies (ULBs) level with 1.5 per cent of the total budget earmarked for capacity building activities is likely to be increased; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) Government of India (GoI) have launched Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) with an objective to make country Open Defecation Free (ODF) and 100% scientific disposal of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). Grant-in-Aid/incentive for construction of Individual Household Toilets (IHHL) has been enhanced under SBM(U) from ₹ 4000/- per unit to ₹ 10,800/- per unit for North Eastern and Hill States. As regards Community Toilets/ Public Toilets (CT/PT), the GoI's share has been enhanced to ₹ 39,200/- per seat from ₹ 26,000/- per seat. There is no proposal to enhance the funds provided for construction of IHHL, CT/PT under SBM-U as all the proposals for construction of IHHL, CT/PT have already been provided.

(c) and (d) No Sir, there is no such proposal under SBM (U) to increase the budget earmarked for capacity building activities as SBM (U) is completing on 02.10.2019.

Cable car networks and light rail system

1987. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to promote a web of Cable Car Networks and Light Rail System as an alternative to Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) to beat the traffic congestion in various cities;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(c) in which cities this systems will be created and by when; and

(d) whether Government is providing any financial assistance thereon, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) to (d) Urban Transport is intertwined with Urban Development, which is a State subject. As such planning and execution of urban transport system, including promotion of Cable Car Networks and Light Rail System as an alternative to Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) to resolve traffic congestion in cities, are taken up by the State Governments/Union Territories/Urban Local Bodies. However, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has undertaken the task of standardizing specifications for Light Urban Rail Transit System named 'Metrolite' to be adopted by the cities with lower projections of ridership as prime mode of mass transit system. The firming up of standard specifications requires extensive consultation with stakeholders. The specifications are issued after following the due process and approval of the competent body.

Current status of Smart City Mission

1988. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cities are covered under Smart City Mission (SCM) since its inception, whether there is any city which can be classified as a Smart City on the basis of parameters of mission;

(b) the details of funds approved, sanctioned, released and spent so far;

(c) what is the current status of facilities provided under this mission to the cities;

(d) what kind of measures are taken for the betterment of air quality, transport system and healthcare facilities under this mission; and

(e) whether the contracts were provided to Government agencies or not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) to (e) The Government of India launched the Smart Cities Mission on 25th June, 2015. The Mission covers 100 cities and its duration is five years (FY 2015-16 to FY 2019-20). The Mission is operated as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) and the Central Government gives financial support to the Mission to the extent of ₹ 48,000 crore over five years *i.e.* an average of ₹ 100 crore per city per year. As per Smart Cities Mission Statement and Guidelines, the Central Government has allocated a budget of ₹ 500 crore to