GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3592

TO BE ANSWERED ON APRIL 04, 2022

POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT OF URBAN FLOODING UNDER AMRUT

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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any policy for management of frequent urban flooding due to climate change under the AMRUT, if so, the implementation details thereof; and
- (b) the steps Government has taken to provide assistance and urban policy planning in view of increasing cases of urban flooding and the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

(a) & (b): The Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), which was launched on 25 June 2015 in 500 cities across the country, focuses on development of basic infrastructure in the selected cities/towns in the sectors of water supply; sewerage and septage management; storm water drainage; green spaces and parks; and non-motorized urban transport. The storm water drainage sector involves construction and improvement of drains and storm water drains in order to reduce and eliminate flooding.

In the storm water drainage sector, States/ Union Territories (UTs) have taken up 799 projects worth ₹2,952 crore targeting elimination of 3,770 water-logging points. So far, 633 projects worth ₹1,180 crore have been completed which has resulted in elimination of around 2300 water-logging points.

Ministry has also brought out Standard Operating Procedure on Urban Flooding, 2017 which focuses on specific actions required to be undertaken by various departments and agencies of the city/town and also organizations under the district administration as well as State Government for responding to urban flooding of any magnitude. The Standard Operating Procedure has been circulated to all the States and UTs for their guidance.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs had published manual on Storm Water Drainage Systems, 2019. This manual assists the States/ UTs and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and other stakeholders on the planning, design, operation and maintenance of Storm water drainage systems. The manual also works as guidance documents in recommending effective measures in flood prevention.