

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6258
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WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of West Bengal to improve the water and sewage disposal system in various cities and towns in the State during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any of those proposals have been approved by the Union Government during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the financial allocation made in implementing such schemes during the last three years and in this financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a) to (e): This Ministry is implementing Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 census. Under AUWSP, water supply schemes for 8 towns, namely, Deora, Madanpur, Begumpur, Balarampur, Uttar Latabari, Khatra, Uttar Kamakhyapuri and Mirik were forwarded between April 2000 to March 2003, out of which schemes for 7 towns have been approved and one scheme of Mirik town was returned to Government of West Bengal in March 2003 for want of technical compliance by the State Government. No scheme is pending in this Ministry for consideration under AUWSP.

The details of funds allocated/released to Government of West Bengal during last three years under AUWSP are as under:-

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Funds Allocated	Funds Released
2000-01	197.56	248.51
2001-02	293.26	280.43
2002-03	376.45	184.95

At present, there is no Central Sector/Centrally sponsored scheme under which Central assistance is provided by the Ministry for implementation of sewerage and sewage disposal schemes.

Government of West Bengal had sought assistance of US\$ 74,000/- from Public Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility for undertaking detailed study and to chalk out a future strategy for leveraging private sector investment in urban infrastructure development in the State. The proposal has been recommended by this Ministry and Department of Economic Affairs.

Government of West Bengal has also sought French Assistance for a feasibility study on public private partnership for delivery of services for water supply, sewerage and solid waste management for the municipality of Bidhannagar (Salt Lake City). The proposal has been recommended by this Ministry and Department of Economic Affairs for French assistance. The amount of French assistance will be known only in due course. No financial allocation has been made by the Government for this purpose.