

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

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IDSMT SCHEME IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

the extent to which the infrastructure facilities and durable public assets in small and medium towns in Karnataka under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme have been created since the inception of the scheme and the manner in which this scheme has helped in achieving economic growth and employment generation in these towns?

Answer

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

The IDSMT Scheme has been in operation since 1979-80. For the purpose of improving infrastructure facilities and durable public assets, 122 small and medium towns have been covered and a central assistance amounting to Rs.5510.55 lakhs has been released against which an expenditure to the extent of Rs.4437.38 lakhs has been reported by the State Government of Karnataka under this Scheme till date.

It may have also helped in creating employment of nearly 12000 persons and generating the work to the tune of 29.73 lakh mandays in the State of Karnataka.