

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1262
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FLOODS IN MAJOR CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether major cities like Mumbai, Chennai and Bangalore were flooded due to heavy monsoon rains recently;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to avoid such floods in future; and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The following steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken for major cities like Mumbai, Chennai and Bangalore:-

MUMBAI: The Municipal Corporation, Greater Mumbai have forwarded a project Report on Storm Water Drainage Sewer Rehabilitation at an estimated cost of Rs. 1200 crore for consideration under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The proposal is under examination of the Government.

CHENNAI: As per the information received from State Government, the Government of Tamil Nadu has constituted a Committee to suggest ways and means of ensuring quicker relief. The Committee is considering a series of proposals to inter-link micro-drains and waterways in the upper reaches inside the city so as to divert flood water to the other waterways where some carrying capacity is available. Also proposals are under active consideration for a system of providing flood banks/concrete walls in the waterways at selected structures to avoid the flood water backing up into the low laying areas and also to increase the width of the waterways in the downstream reaches wherever feasible to allow passage of more flood water. These schemes will be finalised after detailed engineering study and feasibilities are established.

BANGALORE: The Bangalore Mahanagara Palike have submitted a detailed project report for remodelling of primary and secondary Storm Water Drains in Bangalore City - Hebbal Valley at an estimated cost of Rs. 99.87 crore for consideration under the JNNURM. The proposal is under examination in accordance with guidelines of the Mission.

(c): Does not arise.