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LOK SABHA**

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WATER MANAGEMENT IN URBAN AREAS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether priority is given to the improvement of water management system in urban areas besides sanitation and development of slums;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to implement the progress of water management system in urban areas of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)to(c): Water Supply is the State subject, as such, it is the responsibility of the State Govts./concerned ULBs to formulate master plan/project proposals etc. to optimally manage, utilize and to conserve available water resources.

To bring about improvement of water management system in urban areas the Ministry has launched the schemes namely, Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) in December, 2005. These schemes are envisaged to be implemented in a 7 year period and will bring about improvement in water management system through various reforms.

Some of the other steps taken in this direction are as under:

- (i) Revision of Bye laws to make rain-water harvesting mandatory in all buildings to come up in future and for adoption of water conservation measures;
- (ii) Guidelines on reuse of recycled water; and
- (iii) Manual on Operation & Maintenance of Distribution System published by this Ministry in January, 2005 has also emphasized on Water Audit and leakage control to conserve fresh water.