

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:268

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INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM TOWNS

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received project reports on integrated development of small and medium towns from various States during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 268 FOR 31.8.2007 REGARDING INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM TOWNS.

(a)&(b): Urban development is a State subject. However, the Government of India supports the initiatives of the State Governments by providing financial assistance under centrally sponsored schemes. Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns Scheme (IDSMT), a centrally sponsored scheme was initiated during 1979-80 (Vth Five Year Plan) which continued till March 2007. A total number of 1854 towns have been covered and central assistance of Rs.1069.90 crore has been released against which an expenditure of Rs.1505.84 crore has been reported by the State Governments under IDSMT. No new projects have been sanctioned under IDSMT 2005-06 and 2006-07 as IDSMT has been subsumed in Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) launched in December 2005. One of the components of JNNURM is Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT). The UIDSSMT covers all the town and cities as per 2001 census other than 63 cities covered under Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component of JNNURM.

Under UIDSSMT, a total of 452 projects in 365 cities/towns have been approved by State Level Sanctioning Committees (SLSCs) with approved cost of Rs.7347.66 crore by July 2007. Since inception till July 2007, 1st installment of Additional Central Assistance amounting to Rs.1728.01 crore has been released for 329 projects in 269 towns.