

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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URBANIZATION

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether different parts of the country have experienced rapid urbanization putting pressure on existing infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government for sprucing up infrastructure in recently urbanized parts of the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether increasing pollution, slums, traffic snarls, etc. have become major concerns in urban areas;
- (d) if so, the details of schemes launched to tackle the problem; and
- (e) the details of the schemes/projects sanctioned and work started under these schemes in various States during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT MINISTER (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b) : There is an increase in urbanization over the decade 2001-2011, as is reflected from the data based on Censuses 2001 & 2011 given state-wise in Annexure I. The year-wise details of recently urbanized areas are not available as Census is conducted for every 10 years.

(c) to (e) : The population growth in urban areas is exerting pressure on basic urban services. Urban Development is a State subject and the State Governments have to take action for ameliorating pressures on cities. The Government of India supports States in their efforts through schemes. The Government of India launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), a reform driven scheme in 2005. The Urban Infrastructure and Governance component handled by Ministry of Urban Development seeks to improve urban infrastructure and transport in 65 identified cities. The needs of the small and medium towns are catered to by the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) programme. In addition, financial assistance for urban infrastructure is also being provided by the Ministry of Urban Development under the 10 percent lumpsum scheme for the development of North Eastern region including Sikkim, the ADB aided North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme and Pilot Scheme on Development of Urban Infrastructure in Satellite Towns around the seven mega cities. The Central Government has also taken various measures to solve the traffic problem in the cities such as financing the preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plans (CMPs) and other traffic & transportation studies/surveys, financing of Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) & buses under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM),sanctioning & financing of metro rail projects in various cities etc. Ministry has also initiated the Sustainable Urban Transport Project (SUTP) with the support of World Bank, Global Environment Facility (GEF) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to promote cleaner and greener environment.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has also launched a number of programs which include provision of affordable housing for the economically weaker section (EWS) and lower income group (LIG) segments of the society through various schemes.

State-wise and year-wise details of proposals received, cleared and funds released under various schemes during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure II to XIII.

The period of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission was from 2005-2012 which was extended by two years to complete ongoing projects and reforms. The tenure of Mission has ended on 31.3.2014. Therefore, no new projects are eligible for sanction under UIG and UIDSSMT.