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Title: Need to include Salem City in Tamil Nadu under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) phase II.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): Salem, the fifth largest growing city in Tamil Nadu with a population of 8,50,000 currently is at the threshold of faster economic development. However, developmental activities are taking a heavy toll on the civic amenities. Added to this, the incessant migration of population from rural areas to Salem city further aggravate the civic problems.

Increasing vehicles on roads pose greater threat leading to frequent road accidents. Salem corporation, with its available financial sources, is meeting the civic needs of the city. The State Government to the extent possible extends financial assistance to the corporation. But Salem city still craves for improvement and better civil amenities.

Hence, there is an urgent need for providing the essential facilities to Salem city to cope with the faster growth. There is need of infrastructure in terms of transportation, housing, drinking water facilities, expanded sewerage network, roads, bridges, environmental care and public utilities of the city. Hence, I fervently request the Government to include Salem City in Tamil Nadu under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) phase II, so that the city's need will be met and the aspirations of the people for a better quality life are fulfilled.