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Title: Need for a special financial grant for development of civic and other basic infrastructure in Nagpur city, Maharashtra.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): Nagpur is the second capital of Maharashtra having a population of nearly 30 Lakhs and is growing at fast pace due to rapid migration of people from adjoining districts and neighbouring States of Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, seeking livelihood opportunities in booming sectors such as manufacturing, education, health services, IT & IT enabled services, construction, trading and retail businesses. The ambitious MIHAN project and world class International airport being developed promises to further create employment opportunities leading to rapid expansion of the city. Unfortunately, the city suffers from the lack of basic elementary civil infrastructure facilities. The existing service levels are grossly inadequate and require massive infrastructure development which has not kept pace with the increased population of the city. There are several areas especially on the outskirts of the city that still remain deprived of basic infrastructure without accessibility to services such as clean drinking water, sewage network, solid waste management, basic roads, public transport and other public welfare amenities.

Urgent steps are required to check the pollution caused by the Nag Nadi river and Peeli river that flow through the city posing great threat to the health of the people.

Due to its strategic location, Nagpur is bound to emerge as the largest hub for warehousing and distribution, supply chain network business in the coming years.

The rapid migration, urbanization and industrial development necessitates a planned action to absorb the growth of Nagpur city by creating basic infrastructure that can accommodate its growing needs.

Despite its tremendous potential the city has not been able to achieve its potential growth as compared to cities such as Bhopal and Raipur in central India, due to lack of funds and a focused approach.

With a view to ensure that the city achieves its true growth potential it is pertinent that requisite civic and other basic infrastructure is developed and therefore it is necessary that a special grant of Rs.5000 crores is sanctioned by the Central Government for the overall development of the Nagpur city.