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Title: Need to provide financial assistance to extend infrastructural facilities in Telangana state.

SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY (MAHABUBNAGAR): Sir, our hon. Chief Minister, Shri Chandrasekhar Rao, has met the Prime Minister and has also written a letter raising the necessity to formulate a scheme to assist metropolitan cities in India to transform themselves into global cities. He cited the example of GHMC which is one of the fastest growing A-1 cities in the country. The CM said that unlike the other Metros like Mumbai, Hyderabad city is witnessing rapid horizontal growth in its peripheral areas. This requires huge infrastructural investment to extend infra facilities to peripheral areas.

The CM has also reminded the formula conceived by Dr. Isher Judge Ahluwalia Committee in 2011, where it was mentioned that Hyderabad requires Rs. 30,370 crore of investment in core services, apart from Rs. 1,264 crore *per annum* towards O&M costs. As per the detailed project reports, the GHMC needs about Rs.15,000 crore of investment to provide an acceptable level of services in water supply and sewerage alone to its citizens. Whereas its requirement for signal-free corridors, under its much acclaimed Strategic Road Development Project (SRDP), worked out to be Rs. 20,661 crore.

In view of this, our CM has requested to devise a scheme for significant funding to the expanding A-1 cities like Hyderabad to revamp their infrastructure needs, especially in water supply, drainage, transportation, SWM etc. The CM, making a point, said that unless the Government of India devises a new scheme to fund the requirements of big metros like Hyderabad, it would be difficult for the Government of Telangana to fund the growing requirements of Hyderabad City.

Against the above backdrop, the CM has requested that the Government of India should consider giving at least Rs. 500 crore to Rs. 600 crore per year for each of the six major metropolitan cities of India, including Hyderabad instead of clubbing them for a Comprehensive Development of Hyderabad Urban Agglomeration besides declaration of six metropolitan cities as global cities. Thank you very much, Sir.