

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 558
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 12, 2022

QUERY REGARDING FCI AND SEWAGE FACILITIES IN STATES

NO. 558. SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has undertaken studies regarding increase of FCI activities to accommodate for the population explosion as well as the strain on the sewage and water supply facilities to States across the country including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to establish an emergency exit during tsunami incities located in coastal areas like Chennai; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

(a): No such study conducted. Further, water & sanitation being State subjects, management of water & sewer is mainly State Government's responsibility. However, to ease the strain on the sewage and water supply facilities in States across the country including Tamil Nadu, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has taken several initiatives through issuance of various guidelines and implementation of National Missions i.e., Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) & AMRUT 2.0.

AMRUT Mission focuses on development of basic urban infrastructure such as water supply, sewerage & septage management in 500 selected cities. Of the approved plan size of ₹77,640 crore, a significant amount of ₹39,011 crore (~50%) has been allocated for water supply sector & ₹32,456 crore (42%) for sewerage sector. So far, under water supply sector, 1,341 projects have been grounded worth ₹42,638 crore including 926 completed projects worth ₹17,501 crore & overall physical works worth ₹34,821 crore have been completed with ₹31,361 crore worth of expenditure incurred. Under Sewerage & septage sector, 864 projects have been grounded worth ₹33,985 crore including 497 completed projects worth ₹12,025 crore & overall physical works worth ₹26,825 crore have been completed with ₹24,253 crore worth of expenditure incurred. Through these projects & in convergence with other programmes, 134 lakh household water tap connections & 102 lakh sewer connections have been provided so far.

In Tamil Nadu, under water supply sector, 18 projects have been grounded worth ₹7,436 crore including 8 completed projects worth ₹1,553 crore & overall physical works worth ₹5,196 crore have been completed with ₹4,718 crore worth of expenditure incurred. Under Sewerage & septage sector, 18 projects have been grounded worth ₹5,671 crore including 5 completed projects worth ₹894 crore & overall physical works worth ₹4,276 crore have been completed with ₹3,772 crore worth of expenditure incurred. Through these projects & in convergence with other programmes, 15.53 lakh household water tap connections & 24.76 lakh sewer connections have been provided so far.

Taking it forward, AMRUT 2.0 covers all the statutory towns of the country to ensure universal coverage of water supply & universal coverage of sewerage & septage management in 500 AMRUT cities. As of now, States/UTs are in process of submitting projects to MoHUA under State Water Action Plans (SWAPs) for consideration. So far, 2,217 water supply projects costing about ₹57,756 crore (capex) & 331 sewerage projects costing ₹23,679 crore have been approved under SWAPs by MoHUA. In Tamil Nadu, 169 projects costing ₹2,950 crore under water supply sector & 8 projects costing ₹1,777 crore under sewerage sector have been approved by MoHUA.

(b) & (c): National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India has issued guidelines on MANAGEMENT OF TSUNAMIS. The same may be referred at <https://ndma.gov.in/sites/default/files/PDF/Guidelines/ndmaguidelinesmanagementofsunamis.pdf>
