GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 421 TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 24, 2023

AMRUT IN THE STATE OF TELANGANA

NO. 421. SHRI B. PARTHASARADHI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that development of basic infrastructure such as water supply, and sewerage and septage management has been below target under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme;
- (b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to increase efficiency and ensure accountability; and
- (c) the allocations made towards the State of Telangana under the AMRUT scheme since 2018, yearwise, and the details of the facilities provided under the said scheme in the State?

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

- (a): It is incorrect to state that development under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) is below target, as so far, 172 lakh water tap connections and 135 lakh sewer connections (including households covered through Faecal Sludge and Septage Management-FSSM) have been provided through AMRUT & convergence against targeted 139 lakh water connections and 145 lakh sewer connections respectively through Water Supply & Sewerage and Septage Management projects.
- (b): There is a dedicated AMRUT portal for tracking the progress of projects. State/ Union Territory (UT) is required to update data on the portal on regular basis. Mission Directorate also provides hand holding support to the State and its cities from time to time to resolve issues and eliminate bottlenecks for timely completion of projects. To fast-track the implementation of the Mission, progress is periodically reviewed and monitored by the Ministry with the States/ UTs & their Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) through regular video conferences, webinars, workshops etc. In addition, dedicated Independent Review and Monitoring Agencies (IRMA) have been setup in the Mission for the assessment and monitoring of work done in the States/UTs.

- (c): Funds are allocated to all States/ UTs at the beginning of the mission and not year-wise. For the State of Telangana ₹832.60 crore of Central Assistance (CA) have been allocated under AMRUT Mission. Further, in the State of Telangana, 66 projects of worth ₹1,663 crore have been grounded including 60 completed projects of worth ₹1,543 crore. Completed projects include 26 Water Supply projects of worth ₹1,310 crore, 4 Sewerage and Septage Management projects of worth ₹203 crore and 30 green spaces & parks projects of worth ₹30 crore. One Water Supply project worth ₹114 crore and 5 Green Spaces & Parks projects of worth ₹6 crore is under progress. Outcomes achieved through these projects are as below:
- 5.53 lakh water tap connections provided under AMRUT & convergence.
- 88,000 sewer connections/ household septage coverage provided under AMRUT & convergence.
- 18.25 Million Litres per Day (MLD) Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) capacity developed.
- 84.52 acre of Green Space area developed.
