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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1653  
ANSWERED ON 04/08/2025**

**EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

**1653. SMT. MAHUA MAJI:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to ensure equitable distribution of AMRUT funds in small towns and tribal areas of the State of Jharkhand; and
- (b) the steps taken to implement Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) guidelines in AMRUT Projects in 2023-24?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

(a): Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) was launched on 25 June 2015 in selected 500 cities (485 cities including 15 merged cities) and towns across the country including 07 cities of Jharkhand. Allocation of funds to the States/Union Territories (UTs) under AMRUT was done at the beginning of the Mission, using an equitable formula giving equal weightage (50:50) to the urban population of each State/ UT as per Census 2011 and the number of statutory towns in the State/ Union Territory. Against the committed Central Assistance (CA) of ₹566.17 crore for projects to the State of Jharkhand under AMRUT, ₹551.69 crore has been released. AMRUT 2.0 scheme has been launched on 01 October 2021 in all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/ cities in the country including 50 Cities/ULBs of Jharkhand. Under AMRUT 2.0, States/UTs are empowered to select, prioritise, design, implement and monitor the projects within the broad framework of Mission guidelines.

(b): The projects under AMRUT/ AMRUT 2.0 are for development of basic infrastructure in urban areas such as water supply, sewerage and septage management, parks and green spaces, etc, which benefit all the people of the area. The AMRUT 2.0 guidelines promotes gender equality and social inclusion. AMRUT Mitra initiative has been launched under AMRUT 2.0 to actively involve women Self Help Groups (SHG) in water quality testing, water infrastructure operations and other water sectoral projects, which include maintenance of parks and green spaces.

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