GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2170 TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 15, 2017

DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

No.2170 SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER: SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 35 per cent of the urban population in the country still remains deprived of clean drinking water and sanitation facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government and the State Governments have jointly formulated any concrete action plan for providing clean drinking water and sanitation facilities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): According to the Census report 2011, household survey data indicates that 70.6 % urban of the Country's population have access to piped water sources and the remaining population depend on various other sources such as well, hand pump, tube well/bore well, spring, river/canal, tank/pond/lake and other sources.

Further, in respect of sanitation, as per Census report 2011 only 32.7% urban households are connected to piped sewerage system. 38.2% urban households use septic tanks, 7.1% uses the pit toilets and 9.4% urban households uses the community toilets etc. Whereas 12.6% urban households do not have access to any sanitation facility.

(c) & (d);: The Ministry has launched the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and Swachh Bharat Mission

(Urban) to support the efforts of State and UT governments to strengthen urban infrastructure including that for providing clean drinking water and sanitation facilities. The AMRUT covers 500 Mission cities that includes all cities with population of 1 lakh and above and certain other categories of cities. the Mission has coverage of water supply in the mission cities as its priority. The SBM (Urban) covers all 4041 statutory towns in the country and provides financial support for toilets, solid waste management & related activities.
