GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UN-STARRED QUESTION NO 646 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th DECEMBER, 2017

ACCUMULATION OF RAIN WATER

No. 646 SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) Whether the Government has taken cognizance of the difficulties being faced in metropolitans / big cities in the country due to rains during the monsoon season;
- (b) If so, whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for accumulation of rain water in metropolitan cities;
- (c) The estimated monetary loss due to flooding in metropolitan / big cities in 2016 and 2017;
- (d) Whether the Government proposes to formulate any concrete scheme to check accumulation of rain water in metropolitan/big cities; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a) Yes, Madam, Government is aware that accumulation of rain water is taking place in some Metropolitans / big cities due to rains and it is causing inconvenience to the citizens.
- (b) The accumulation of rain water takes place in low lying areas. The reasons are specific to the areas concerned, however, it is largely due to absence of robust drainage network.

- (c) Since the subject matter is under the jurisdiction of State Governments and the concerned Local Bodies, Ministry does not have specific data on monetary loss due to flooding in metropolitans / big cities.
- (d) Under AMRUT mission, strengthening of storm water drainage network is one of the admissible components. Ministry has recently circulated Standard Operating Procedures for Urban Flooding to all the states.
- (e) So far, under AMRUT Mission, the Ministry has funded Rs.2969.08 Cr. for 359 storm-water drainage projects in the AMRUT mission cities.

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