

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5285  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 27, 2018

BRIDGING URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT

No. 5285 SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to bridge the urban infrastructure deficit through institutional reforms and reaching out to the private sector for sharing the financing burden and ensuring that it results in improved services delivery across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide strategic leadership, funding, assistance in building capacity for urban planning and management to the State Governments?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b):- Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) was launched by Government of India on 25 June, 2015. In addition to improving basic urban services, the Mission has a reform agenda which provides for 10% of budget allocation as incentive fund for States/UTs against achieving a set of 11 reforms comprising 54 milestones by the States/UTs over a period of four years, which also include Credit Rating of the cities and floating of Municipal Bonds. A

sum of Rs.900 crore has been awarded so far as reform incentive to the States for implementation of reforms.

(c) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is funding and providing technical support under Institutional Capacity Building to the Cities in the areas of Property Tax reforms, Advertisement Tax Reforms, Value Capture Financing, Reduction in Non-Revenue Water, Transaction Advisory for issue of Municipal bonds, etc. Beside this, under Individual Capacity Building, Ministry is funding and providing training to elected representatives and State Government/Urban Local Body officials through an Integrated Capacity Building Program covering areas of Public Health and Engineering, Town Planning, Finance and Revenue, Administration and Urban Social Aspects.

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