GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1512 TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 15, 2022

SEWER NETWORKS AND DRINKING WATER UNDER AMRUT

NO. 1512. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many unauthorized colonies in Delhi do not have a connection to sewer networks and if so, the steps taken by the Government to resolve this issue;
- (b) the number of water bodies that have been rejuvenated for the purpose of drinking water under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT); and
- (c) the number of lakes that have been built to recharge ground water?

 ANSWER

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

(a): Public health and sanitation is a State subject. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of the States and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in providing infrastructure for basic services such as sewerage infrastructure in urban areas through its various flagship Missions, such as Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and AMRUT 2.0 for eligible urban citizens including unauthorized colonies.

AMRUT was launched on 25th June, 2015, in 500 selected cities across the country including Delhi. AMRUT focuses on development of basic urban infrastructure in the selected cities in the sectors of Water Supply; Sewerage & Septage Management; storm water drainage, non-motorized urban transport and green space &parks. Against the approved plan size of ₹802.31 crore, UT of Delhi has taken up 26 projects worth ₹710.83 crore including 7 sewerage projects worth ₹425.13 crores. Of this, Work has been completed in 13 projects worth ₹196.34 Crore including one Sewerage project worth ₹53 crore.

AMRUT 2.0 has been launched on 1st October 2021 focusing on making the cities 'water secure' and providing functional water tap connections to all households in all statutory towns/cities. It also targets universal coverage of sewerage & septage management in 500 AMRUT cities. The Committed Central Assistance projects for Mission period is ₹2,880 crore. So far, UT of Delhi has taken up 66 projects worth ₹2,170.35 crore (including O&M). Of this, 13 projects worth ₹408.94 crores are in sewerage & septage sector.

Under both AMRUT & AMRUT 2.0 States are empowered, to identify & prioritize projects based on their assessed requirement to meet the service level gaps in the city including in unauthorized colonies.

- (b): Under AMRUT Mission, States/UTs have taken up 17 water body rejuvenation projects worth ₹114 crore. Of these17 projects, 01 project of Kollam, Kerala water body is being rejuvenated for the purpose of drinking water.
- (c): Under AMRUT, 4 Lakes have been taken up (One each in Bihar, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh & Delhi) for recharge of ground water. Of these, one Lake in Karnataka has been completed, and remaining are under progress.
