

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3216
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 21, 2023**

DEVELOPMENT OF GUWAHATI CITY

NO. 3216. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to develop Guwahati city as it is facing severe water logjam in monsoon season as well as uncontrolled traffic every year;**
- b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated therefor; and**
- c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

(a) to (c): As per 12th Schedule of the Constitution of India, urban planning including town planning is the function of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/ Urban Development Authorities. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States through schematic interventions/ advisories. It provides financial and technical support to the States.

The Urban and Regional Development Plans Formulation and Implementation (URDPFI) Guidelines 2014 (Chapter 6: Sustainable Guidelines) published by the Ministry for adoption of the States also addresses the issues of Urban Flooding.

The Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) was launched by the Central Government on June 25, 2015, for 500 cities including Guwahati City across all States/ Union Territories (UTs) in the country. Under AMRUT, States/ UTs have been empowered to select, appraise, propose and implement projects after the approval from Apex Committee of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) within the broad framework of AMRUT Mission. The major thrust areas of the Mission are water supply, sewerage & septage management, storm water drainage, green spaces & parks, non-motorized urban transport and capacity building. Under AMRUT, funds are allocated to all States/ Union Territories at the beginning of the mission and not city-wise. For the State of Assam, under AMRUT, against the committed Central assistance of ₹591.42 crore, ₹511.70 crore has been released for projects and overall, ₹600.43 crore has been released to Assam.

AMRUT 2.0 has been launched on 1st October 2021 covering all the statutory towns of the country to ensure universal coverage of water supply & make cities 'water secure'. It will also ensure universal coverage of sewerage & septage management in 500 AMRUT cities. Further, Under AMRUT 2.0, rejuvenation of water bodies and wells is one of the main components. The admissible elements under this include harvesting the rainwater through storm water drains into water body (which is not receiving sewage/ effluent). So far, 34 water bodies rejuvenation projects worth ₹18.48 crore have been approved by Apex Committee of MoHUA under AMRUT 2.0. So far, 3 water bodies rejuvenation projects worth ₹1.52 crore have been taken up in Guwahati City under AMRUT 2.0.

Under AMRUT 2.0, against the committed Central assistance of ₹775 crore, a total of ₹56.65 crore have been released for projects. Further, ₹1.44 crore for Administrative & Office Expense (A&OE) has been released against the committed Central assistance of ₹25.2 crore to Assam.

Smart Cities Mission (SCM) was launched by the Central Government on 25th June 2015 to promote cities that provide core infrastructure and decent quality of life to their citizens, clean and sustainable environment through application of smart solutions. 100 Smart Cities have been selected. The State Government has informed that the Guwahati Smart City Limited has taken up project of Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS) in Guwahati City with 94 junctions with ITMS / Automatic Traffic Control System (ATCS), 10 Speed Violation Detection Locations (SVD) and Command Control Centre (CCC). 61 out of 94 ITMS/ ATCS junctions and 4 out of 10 SVD locations has been completed. The work is going on in the remaining 33 ITMS/ ATCS and 6 SVD locations. An amount of ₹78.44 crore has been given to GSCL for ITMS project including 5 years operation and management (O&M).

Further, as reported by the State, Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has also taken up the task for preparation of GIS based water drainage Master Plan for Guwahati City. Under the Mission Flood Free Guwahati, a fund of ₹43.44 crore has been allocated by the State Government to GMDA in the year 2022-23. For GMC, the total budget allocated by Government of Assam for FY 2022-23 under Mission flood Free is ₹47.70 crore. Additionally, works to the tune of ₹19.81 crore are being implemented by Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) under various grants and budgetary support for construction and/ or upgradation of drainage systems.
