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

(a) whether the Union Government has allocated any funds to States of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu for implementing Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof indicating the funds allocated/released and utilized and the details of works done from the said funds in the concerned areas;
(b) whether there is delay in releasing funds to States for implementing Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the utilisation of funds allocated to the States;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/likely to be taken to strengthen this mechanism; and
(e) the steps taken to make urban local bodies more efficient and to empower them in order to make demand for funds and utilise them?

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

(a) to (d): No Sir. The Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), a component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM) came to an end on 31 March, 2014. However, all those projects of UIDSSMT in which 50% or more of the Central Assistance had been released...
and physical progress was 50% or more as on 31 March, 2014 or were sanctioned during transition phase of the Mission, were approved for funding under AMRUT upto 31 March, 2017. This period has also come to an end and all the projects have been handed over to the respective States, on closure of the Scheme.

(e): Does not arise in view of (a) to (d) above.

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