

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1718
TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 29, 2021**

LIVING CONDITIONS IN URBAN AREAS

NO.1718. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has devised any plan/scheme to address the problems of congestion, access/utilization of public healthcare services, poor sanitation and insufficient water supply in slum areas and environmental pollution etc and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard.?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

- (a)&(b) Urban Development is a state subject. However, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) facilitates and assists States/Union Territories (UTs) through its flagship Missions/Schemes/ Projects - Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U), Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) and Metro Rail projects in**

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development of urban infrastructure. These missions / schemes / projects are implemented by the States/UTs in accordance with the Mission guidelines. Central Assistance under these schemes is released to States / UTs. AMRUT mission focuses on coverage of water supply and development of sewerage & septage management, storm water drainage, green spaces, parks and non-motorised transport in 500 Mission cities; SCM focuses on sustainable and inclusive development in 100 smart cities to improve the quality of life of all, including the most marginalized and low-income groups in urban areas; SBM focuses on improving the sanitation in all Urban Local Bodies(ULBs) in the country. PMAY-U provides houses to all eligible urban households including slum dwellers in all ULBs. In-situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR) component of PMAY-U Scheme specifically covers slum redevelopment. The houses constructed under PMAY-U are provided with basic amenities including water supply and toilet. Redevelopment of slums under ISSR also addresses the issue of environmental pollution strengthening aspects of cleanliness and hygiene. Urban Transport projects / schemes help in reducing road congestion and environmental pollution in urban areas. Government of India has issued National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006, which encourages safe, reliable, affordable and sustainable public transport in the cities.
