GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4648 TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 31, 2022

FEATURES OF AMRUT

NO. 4648. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

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

- (a) the salient features of Atal Mission for Rejevenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the said mission in Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the works carried out so far under the said mission in Rajasthan including Dausa district;
- (d) whether the Government has launched an 'India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start Up Challenge' under the said mission and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the estimated funds and the target fixed under the said challenge?

ANSWER

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

(a): Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0) scheme has been launched on 01 October, 2021 for the period of 05 years i.e. from the financial year 2021-22 to the financial year 2025-26. The ongoing scheme of AMRUT, which was launched on 25 June 2015 in 500 selected cities across all States /Union Territories (UTs) for the period of 5 years, have been subsumed in AMRUT 2.0 and its ongoing projects will be supported up to March, 2023.

The total indicative outlay for AMRUT 2.0 is ₹2,99,000 crore including Central share of ₹76,760 crore for five years. This outlay includes funding of ₹22,000 crore (₹10,000 crore as Central Assistance) for ongoing projects of AMRUT till March 2023.

AMRUT 2.0 is designed to provide universal coverage of water supply through functional taps to all households in all the statutory towns in the country and coverage of sewerage / septage management in 500 cities covered in first phase of the AMRUT scheme.

AMRUT 2.0 will promote circular economy of water through development of City Water Balance Plan (CWBP) for each city focusing on recycle/reuse of treated sewage, rejuvenation of water bodies and water conservation. It will help cities to identify scope for projects focusing on universal coverage of functional water tap connections, water source conservation, rejuvenation of water bodies and wells, recycle/reuse of treated used water, and rainwater harvesting.

Mission also has a reform agenda to enhance city water security, financial health of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and ease of living of citizens. Mandatory reforms will be on property tax and user charges. Incentive based reforms will be on water conservation, urban governance and energy efficiency. Reforms will be implemented in first four years of Mission.

Other components of AMRUT 2.0 are:

- (i) Pey Jal Survekshan to ascertain equitable distribution of water, reuse of wastewater, mapping of water bodies and promote healthy competition among the cities /towns.
- (ii) Technology Sub-Mission for water to leverage latest global technologies in the field of water.
- (iii) Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign to spread awareness among masses about conservation of water.
- (iv) Capacity building programs will be extended from elected representatives and municipal functionaries to the larger audience such as contractors, managers, plumbers, plant operators, workmen, consultants, students, women and citizens. It will enhance the functional knowledge and improve the job-related skills of targeted groups.

- (b): The total allocation of Central Assistance of the State of Rajasthan for AMRUT 2.0 projects for the entire Mission period is 3,530 crore and that of Administrative and Office Expense (A&OE) is 114.71 crore. So far during the current financial year, an amount of 24.20 crore under A&OE component has been released to the State of Rajasthan.
- (c): Currently, AMRUT 2.0 cities of the State of Rajasthan are at the stage of gap assessment under CWBP and project identification for City Water Action Plan (CWAP). Dausa has submitted its CWBP on 22 March 2022.
- (d): The Technology Sub-Mission component of the Missions is designed to encourage start-up ideas and private entrepreneurship and commission them into the pilot projects after screening of expert committee. Technology Sub-Mission will also encourage innovative light house projects. Under the component, India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start-up Challenge has been launched on 12 March 2022. Applications/ proposals have been invited from interested/ eligible start-ups to provide innovative technology and business solutions to address challenges in the urban water sector in India. It is intended to select 100 such start-ups. The last date to apply in the challenge is 11 May 2022.
- (e): "India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start up Challenge" will be funded under Technology Sub-Mission component of AMRUT 2.0. The estimated Central allocation for Technology Sub-Mission is ₹667 crore.
