

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4020
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 19, 2024**

IMPACT OF AMRUT SCHEME

NO. 4020. SHRI C N ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the impact of the AMRUT scheme on improving urban infrastructure, such as water supply, sewerage and green spaces;**
- (b) the number of urban households benefited under the said scheme along with the number of urban households provided with tap water connections;**
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to address the gaps in infrastructure development along with the improvements made in sewerage networks in urban areas;**
- (d) the measures taken/being taken to ensure sustainable management of water resources in cities along with the monitoring mechanisms in place to track the progress of projects under the AMRUT scheme; and**
- (e) the findings of any recent evaluations of the said scheme along with the corrective measures undertaken to address the delays and inefficiencies?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

(a) to (c): Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) was launched on 25 June 2015 in selected 500 cities (485 cities including 15 merged cities) and towns across the country. The Mission focuses on development of basic infrastructure, in the selected cities and towns, in the sectors of water supply; sewerage and septage management; storm water drainage; green spaces and parks; and non-motorized urban transport. As reported by the State/ Union Territories (UTs), against the approved plan size of ₹77,640 crore, 5,995 projects worth ₹83,374 crore have been taken up, of this works worth ₹78,404 crore have been physically completed.

Under AMRUT Mission in convergence with the States 189 lakh water tap connections (new/ serviced) have been provided against the target of 139 lakh; 149 lakh sewer connections (new/ serviced) (including households covered through Faecal Sludge and Septage Management-FSSM) provided

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against the target of 145 lakh; Sewer network of 19,598 kilometers and water supply network of 64,463 kilometers have been constructed; 4,429 Million Litre Per Day (MLD) Sewerage Treatment Capacity (STP) and 4,649 Million Litre Per Day (MLD) Water Treatment Capacity (WTP) have been developed; 1,379 km length of drains have been constructed resulting in eliminating 3,621 numbers of water logging points; 5,044 acres of Green space, 430 km pedestrian/ walkway and 43 km of cycle track have been developed.

(d) & (e): Project taken up under AMRUT mission are large infrastructure projects with long gestation periods. As reported by the States/ UTs, implementation of some projects have been delayed due to various reasons, such as land acquisition issues, climatic challenges, delay in obtaining requisite clearances/ permissions and shortage of experienced and technically skilled contractors for complex urban infrastructure projects, etc.

AMRUT guidelines have provisions for formation of State High Powered Steering Committee (SHPS) headed by the Chief Secretary of the State, to monitor and supervise the implementation of the scheme at the State/ UT level. State Level Technical Committee (SLTC) headed by the Secretary, Urban Development & Housing Department provides technical support to the SHPS in monitoring and supervising the scheme at the State level. Further, an Apex Committee constituted under the ambit of Mission guidelines reviews and monitor the Mission periodically. For assessment and monitoring of work done under AMRUT in the States/ UTs, there is a provision of Independent Review and Monitoring Agencies (IRMAs). Funds are released to the States/ UTs upon satisfactory compliance of IRMA reports. Also, in order to fast-track the implementation of AMRUT, the progress is periodically reviewed and monitored through regular video conferences/ webinars/ workshops/ site-visits etc. by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) with the States/ UTs and ULBs. There is a dedicated AMRUT online portal for tracking the progress and project-wise outcomes of provisions of water tap connections provided by the States/ UTs. Further, NITI Aayog had conducted a review in June 2020 on the evaluation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the Urban Transformation Sector, including AMRUT. The study assessed key parameters such as coverage, incorporation of universal design, gender mainstreaming, pro-poor design, migration, and beneficiary targeting. The performance under the scheme was reported Satisfactory as it aims to improve the quality of life of all including the poor and disadvantaged.
