

Facilities to increasing population of cities

†2314. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA AGARWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage increase in the population of cities in the country every year;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to provide public facilities to increasing population of cities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) The percentage increase in population of towns is computed on a decadal basis by the Census of India.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Urban Development supports the State Governments in providing urban infrastructure through its schemes such as Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), 10% lumpsum scheme for North Eastern States including Sikkim and North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme (NERUDP).

Improvement of metro services in Delhi

2315. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the metro railway in Delhi is often facing operational problems;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that trains are often stuck up midway causing a lot of inconvenience and anxiety to the commuters; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to improve the metro services in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) No, Sir. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd. has reported that it is not facing operating problems often. Till now, few cases of technical snags have occurred in Overhead Electric

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Traction (OHE)/ Signalling and rolling stock in the recently commissioned Gurgaon and Sarita Vihar lines. Corrective measures have already been started by DMRC.

(b) No, Sir, trains are not often stuck up midway. In 9 years of operation, only in 10 cases trains were stuck up between the stations for duration of 20 to 30 minutes and required rescue of train.

(c) Does not arise.

**Financial/Technical assistance to States for establishing
garbage treatment plants**

2316. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides financial and technical assistance to the State Governments for establishing the garbage treatment plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of financial and technical assistance given to various State Governments, including Tamil Nadu for this purpose during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) and (b) Municipal Solid Waste Management is a State Subject and it is the responsibility of the State Government/Urban Local Bodies (ULB) to plan, design, implement, operate and maintain the Solid Waste Management (SWM) system in the urban areas of the country with State plan funds. However, the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), Government of India is providing financial assistance to some extent and technical assistance to the State Governments for implementation of the municipal SWM systems including establishment of garbage treatment plants.

Under Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), SWM is one of the admissible component for grant of Additional Central assistance (ACA). So far, 42 SWM Projects have been approved under UIG with an approved cost