

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1514
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 04, 2020**

PROVISION OF SECURITY IN SCM

NO. 1514. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

- (a) whether the ambitious project of hundred smart cities is going to change the urban landscape and lifestyle in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether security is likely to be an integral part of Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether keeping in view new threats of terrorism, organized crimes and cyber attacks, securing the cities remains an equally important and big challenge and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for securing the smart cities in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a): Yes, Sir. The Smart Cities Mission (SCM) was launched by the Government on 25 June, 2015. The main objective of SCM is to promote cities that provide core infrastructure, clean and sustainable environment and give a decent quality of life to their citizens by the application of 'Smart Solutions'.
- (b) to (d): Security features have been incorporated in the initiatives of SCM that aim to ensure safety and security of the citizens. Considering the ever-expanding risk-landscape, a Cyber Security Model framework has been released by SCM to all the Smart Cities to ensure security compliance and data protection. The Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs) have already been set up in 45 Smart Cities with centralized monitoring and decision-making capabilities in the area of safety and security. Significant focus of ICCC is on improving public safety through better surveillance, inter-departmental coordination and deployment of Smart Information Technology (IT) components/sensors. With the help of ICCCs, Smart Cities are preparing themselves to create better plans against unforeseen security threats.
