GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1348 TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 19, 2022

PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION OF SMART CITY IN ASSAM

NO. 1348. SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Guwahati has been selected as a smart city but looking at the status of the progress of work, the target is very far from fulfillment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of progress of construction and renovation;
- (c) the number of smart cities in the country which are likely to meet the deadline of June, 2023;
- (d) whether Government is considering an extension of the timeline; and
- (e) the budgetary expenditure on the scheme so far and the amount further expected to be required for the completion of the scheme?

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

(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

(a) to (e): Government of India launched the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) on 25 June 2015. 100 Smart Cities, including Guwahati have been selected through 4 rounds of competition from January 2016 to June 2018. As per SCM Guidelines, Central Government will provide financial support to the extent of $\overline{\xi}$ 48,000 crore over five years to the 100 Smart Cities i.e., on an average $\overline{\xi}$ 100 crore per city per year. An equal amount on a matching basis will be contributed by the State Government/Urban Local Body (ULB). As on 2 December 2022, Government of India has released $\overline{\xi}$ 34,399 crore for 100 Smart Cities, out of which $\overline{\xi}$ 30,400 crore (88%) has been utilized. Work orders have been issued in 7,738 projects worth around $\overline{\xi}$ 1,81,112 crore of which 4,987 projects worth $\overline{\xi}$ 92,439 crore have been completed. The status of projects being implemented by the Guwahati Smart City is given below:

(₹ in crore)

Smart City	Funds	Central	Projects ongoing		Projects completed		Total Projects	
	released by Central Government under SCM	funds utilized by Guwahati Smart City under SCM	No. of Projects	Amount	No. of Projects	Amount	No. of Projects	Amount
Guwahati	294	212	15	886	8	62	23	948

(Source: Geospatial Management Information System (GMIS) as on 2 December 2022)

The period of implementation of SCM has been extended upto June 2023 and all Smart Cities, including Guwahati, are expected to complete their projects within the stipulated time.