

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2135
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 20, 2023**

UNSPENT BALANCE FOR SMART CITIES

NO. 2135. SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:

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

- (a) the unspent balance of smart cities fund from Central Government in Punjab; and
(b) by when this balance amount will be disbursed?

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

(a) & (b) : Government of India launched the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) on 25 June 2015. 100 Smart Cities 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 ₹ 48,000 crore over five years to the 100 Smart Cities i.e., on an average of ₹ 100 crore per city per year. An equal amount on a matching basis will be contributed by the State Government/Urban Local Body (ULB).

Amritsar, Jalandhar & Ludhiana were selected for development as Smart Cities in the State of Punjab. The details of funds released by the Central Government under SCM and utilization thereof by the Smart Cities in Punjab are given below: -

(₹ in crore)

Smart City	Funds released by the Central Government under SCM	Central funds utilized by the Smart City	Unspent balance of Central funds
Amritsar	351.00	288.13	62.87
Jalandhar	294.00	196.00	98.00
Ludhiana	392.00	296.50	95.50
Total	1,037.00	780.63	256.37 (25%)

(Source: Geospatial Management Information System (GMIS) as on 3 March 2023)

The funds under SCM are, inter alia, released based on the matching share released by the State Government/Urban Local Body (ULB), satisfactory physical and financial progress, and reasonable utilization of the Central and State funds released to the respective Smart City.
