

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 213  
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY, 05, 2024**

**SMART CITY PROJECT-CLEAN CITY**

**NO. 213. SHRI ANIL DESAI:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indore is awarded clean city title consecutively for last so many years;
- (b) whether Government has focused on the quality of city administration and people of Indore to ensure utmost cleanliness in their day-to-day functioning; and
- (c) whether a comparative study of the cities participating in this and the criteria for the same have ever been discussed among its participants so that other participating cities can follow the same as that by Indore City?

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

(a) : To accelerate the Swachh Bharat Mission implementation across all urban areas, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has been conducting an annual cleanliness survey – Swachh Survekshan since the year 2016, which has over the years played a key role in triggering positive competition amongst cities towards achieving the objectives of the Mission.

Indore has been awarded as the Cleanest City Rank 1 under the category of >1 Lakh population cities, since the year 2017. In the year 2023, Surat from Gujarat has joined Indore to be the joint Cleanest City Rank 1.

(b) : The Swachh Survekshan survey is conducted by a 3rd party assessment agency on sanitation and waste management indicators. Each indicator is cross validated with the data received from a combination of all or few of the following:

- Data filled by city administration on the Swachhatam Portal
- Direct observation/on-field assessment by the assessment agency
- Validation of cities' claims by citizens in field
- Validation of cities' claims by citizens on call
- Incorrect claims by cities in the Swachhatam Portal invoke negative marking.

(c) : The Swachh Survekshan survey is conducted by a 3rd party assessment agency on sanitation and waste management indicators. These indicators are included in the Swachh Survekshan toolkit which is launched before the survey and is available in public view on the Swachhatam Portal at <https://sbmurban.org/>. Multiple trainings of States and cities are conducted by MoHUA on the various aspects of toolkit and for resolving any queries.

After the survey, the results dashboard is made available in public view on the Swachhatam Portal at <https://sbmurban.org/>. A city report card is also made available on the Swachhatam Portal in public view to showcase the performance of a city in some key sanitation and waste management indicators. MoHUA uses the Swachh Survekshan assessment findings in the State and city review meetings. MoHUA has also facilitated various peer learning visits by other States and cities in Centre of Excellence (CoE), Indore to share the good practices. CoE at IIM Indore has been set up to train city stakeholders for waste management.

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