GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 706 ANSWERED ON 02/12/2024

IMPACT OF EXTENSION OF SMART CITY MISSION

706. SHRI MADAN RATHORE: SHRI BABURAM NISHAD:

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

- (a) the number of projects completed under Smart City Mission;
- (b) the impact of extending the mission period until March 31st, 2025 on the completion of ongoing projects in 100 selected cities; and
- (c) the specific perspectives being utilized in the Smart City Mission to ensure sustainable urban development and citizen participation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)

- (a) As on 15.11.2024, under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), work orders have been issued in 8066 projects amounting to ₹1,64,669 crore, of which 7,352 projects (i.e. 91% of total projects) amounting to ₹1,47,366 crore have been completed, as per the data provided by 100 Smart Cities.
- (b) It is pertinent to mention here, that Land' and 'Colonization' are State subjects. Further, as per the 12th Schedule of Indian Constitution (Article 243W), Urban Planning including Town Planning is the responsibility of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/ Urban Development Authorities. However, Government of India views the projections of high urbanization as an opportunity towards aspirations of faster economic development. Government of India supplements these efforts of the States through schematic interventions/ advisories.

However, as on 30.06.2024, under SCM, 7,188 projects amounting to ₹1,44,237 crore had been completed. During the extended period i.e. 01.07.2024 to 15.11.2024, a total of 164 projects amounting to ₹3,129 crore have been completed.

(c) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has a multi-pronged approach to ensure planned and comprehensive urban development in the country. In all 4,915 statutory town & cities, issues of cleanliness, housing for all, urban poverty and clean drinking water is being addressed with National urban missions like, "Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)" for sanitation and hygiene, "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY)" for housing for all, "Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Yojna" and "Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojna-National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM)" for urban poverty alleviation, and "Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT)" for supply of drinking water and sanitation services have been rolled out. Thereafter, 100 cities have been selected under the SCM to incorporate technology in better and faster urban management. Further, to address the challenges of urban mobility, Metro Rail Transit System (MRTS) is also operational in various cities.

Under SCM, sustainable urban development has been ensured through its 8,066 multisectoral projects involving extensive citizens' participation. Accordingly, local needs were identified in cities, since project inception to improve urban infrastructure including, *inter-alia*, Water Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH), Smart Mobility (Non-Motorized Transport (NMT), Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS)), Smart Energy, Vibrant Public Spaces, Economic & Social Infrastructure (Incubation & Skilling Centres, Smart Classrooms, & Digital Libraries), Environment improvement (Integrated Solid Waste Management facility) and Integrated Command & Control Centres (ICCC) for effective management of urban services by harnessing the power of digital technology for data-driven governance and last mile service delivery to its citizens.
