

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1171
ANSWERED ON 10/03/2025**

CHALLENGES OUT OF INCREASING URBANIZATION AND POPULATION GROWTH

1171. SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government due to increasing urbanization and population growth, the specific initiatives Government is taking to address the challenges of affordable housing, urban infrastructure development and sustainable urban planning;
- (b) whether Government can elaborate on the progress made under schemes like PMAY (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana) and Smart Cities Mission, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which these are adapting to the current economic and environmental challenges?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per the provisions of Article 243W of the Constitution, in conjunction with the Seventh and Twelfth Schedules, matters relating to urban development fall within the purview of States/Urban Local Bodies. However, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) provides programmatic support to the States/Union Territories (UTs) in their urban development agenda through its various flagship Missions/Programmes viz. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT & AMRUT 2.0), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U & PMAY-U 2.0), Smart Cities Mission (SCM) etc. The details of progress made under PMAY -U and Smart Cities Mission (SCM) are as follows:

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U):

PMAY-U – ‘Housing For All Mission’ is implemented since 25.06.2015 to provide pucca houses with basic civic amenities to all eligible beneficiaries across the country. An amount of ₹1,99,652 crore has been sanctioned as Central Assistance. Out of 118.60 lakh houses sanctioned, 112.46 lakh houses have been grounded for construction. 90.60 lakh houses have been completed/delivered. Further, MoHUA has launched PMAY-U 2.0 Mission w.e.f 01.09.2024 for assisting additional one crore families of urban areas across the country to construct, purchase & rent a house for eligible beneficiary at affordable cost.

Smart Cities Mission (SCM):

The Government of India launched the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) on 25th June, 2015 for developing 100 smart cities. Central Share of ₹47,538 crore has been released. Further, 95% projects under SCM have been completed.

(c) The Missions are contributing towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030, which will ultimately improve quality of life & ease of living of urban population and also help in meeting the economic & environmental challenges.
