

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2617
ANSWERED ON 24/03/2025

NEXT PHASE OF SMART CITIES MISSION

2617. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to launch the next phase of the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) covering more cities, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a third-party assessment of projects implemented under the SCM has been conducted, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the expertise of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) will be utilized in other urban development initiatives; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to improve city planning, governance, and infrastructure through the SCM?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, on the requests received from the States/ UTs, Government of India has extended the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) up to 31.03.2025 for completion of its ongoing projects.
- (b) A mid-term evaluation study was undertaken by 'NITI Aayog' for 'Evaluation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Urban Transformation Sector'. As part of the study, SCM was evaluated and the report was published in February 2021. Recently, NITI Aayog has initiated a Third Party Assessment of the Mission which has already begun.
- (c) As per Mission guidelines, the Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) of the smart cities are responsible for the design, implementation and operation of smart city projects at the City level. These SPVs are jointly owned by the State/UT and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), with equal shareholding. State Governments/ UT Administration may decide whether the expertise of SPVs will be utilized in other urban development initiatives.
- (d) Cities under SCM are being developed based on Smart City Proposals (SCPs) across various sectors viz. smart mobility, Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH), smart governance, smart energy, environment etc., approved by High Powered Steering Committee (HPSC), received from States/UTs. As on 04.03.2025, under SCM, of a total 8,063 projects amounting to ₹1,64,545 crore, 7,504 projects (i.e. 93% of total projects) amounting to ₹1,50,306 crore have been completed, as per the data provided by cities. The sector wise details of projects are at Annexure.

Reply to part (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2617 for answer on 24.03.2025 regarding Next phase of Smart Cities Mission

Details of sector wise projects cost under SCM

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Sectors of SCM	Total No of Projects	No. of Projects completed	Cost of Projects completed	% of completion
1	Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs)	100	100	11,775	100
2	Smart Mobility	1741	1584	37,376	91
3	Smart Energy	694	677	13,868	98
4	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	1546	1439	46,727	93
5	Vibrant Public Places	1409	1316	10,367	93
6	Economic Infrastructure	932	841	11,142	90
7	Social Infrastructure	898	848	12,073	94
8	Smart Governance	685	645	16,267	94
9	Environment	151	147	2,433	97

As per information provided by the States/ UTs/ Smart Cities as on 4th March 2025.