

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 700
ANSWERED ON 10/02/2025

SMART CITY PROJECTS IN ODISHA

700. SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

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

- (a) the number of cities in the State of Odisha selected under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and the details of projects approved for each;
- (b) the total funds allocated and utilized so far for these projects;
- (c) whether there are delays in implementation, and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures being taken to ensure timely completion and optimal outcomes of the Smart Cities Mission in the state of Odisha?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), two cities, viz. Rourkela and Bhubaneswar have been selected in the State of Odisha. As on 20.01.2025, work orders have been issued in 107 projects amounting to ₹3,589 crore, out of which 104 projects (i.e. 97% of total projects) amounting to ₹3,427 crore have been completed and the remaining 3 projects amounting to ₹162 crore are under implementation. The city wise details of projects is at Annexure.
- (b) State of Odisha has been able to claim ₹980 crore under SCM as per utilization of funds provided by both the smart cities. The State is reported to have utilized ₹979.75 crore (i.e. 99.9% of the total Central share released). The city wise details of funds claimed and utilized is at Annexure.
- (c) Government of India's policy and strategy for Indian Urban Development follows the provisions as laid down in the Constitution of India. 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/ Urban Development Authorities. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States through schematic interventions/ advisories.

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As informed by the Smart Cities, the challenges encountered in implementing smart city projects include, *inter-alia*, legal issues, delay in obtaining clearances from different departments, land acquisition, construction in hilly areas, challenges in vendor and resource availability in small & medium cities, centralization of decision making in few cities, utilization of full capacity of Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs) with integration of all municipal departments and agencies, frequent changing and dropping of projects.

- (d) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has a multi-level review structure to expedite the progress of projects under the SCM. At the National level, implementation is monitored by an Apex Committee headed by Secretary, MoHUA. At the State level, Mission implementation is monitored by the State level High Powered Steering Committee (HPSC) chaired by the Chief Secretary. At the City level, there is a provision for establishing Smart City Advisory Forum (SCAF) for all 100 smart cities to advise and enable collaboration among various stakeholders. Nominee Directors of MoHUA on the Board of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) monitor progress in respective cities on a regular basis. MoHUA also regularly interacts with the States /smart cities through video conferences, review meetings, field visits, regional workshops at various levels to expedite the performance of the smart cities and handhold them for improving the same, wherever required.

Annexure

Reply to part (a) and (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 700 for answer on 10.02.2025 regarding Smart City Projects in Odisha

The city wise details of projects, funds allocated and utilized for 2 smart cities in the State of Odisha

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

State/ City	Central Allocation	Central Funds Released	Utilization of Central Release	Total Projects		Completed Projects		Ongoing Projects	
				Projects	Amount	Projects	Amount	Projects	Amount
Bhubaneswar	500	490	490	32	2,072	31	2,057	1	15
Rourkela	500	490	490	75	1,517	73	1,370	2	147
Odisha	1,000	980	980	107	3,589	104	3,427	3	162

As per information provided by Smart Cities in the State of Odisha as on 20 January 2025.