

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 74
ANSWERED ON 03/02/2025

ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UNDER SCM IN MAHARASHTRA

74. SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

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

- (a) the number of cities included under the Smart City Mission in Maharashtra and the details thereof;
- (b) the length of major and minor roads initially set to be built for each of these cities, city-wise;
- (c) the length of road completed, left over, and cancelled for each of the cities and the original deadline for completing them, city-wise, including Nagpur and Nashik; and
- (d) the reasons for delay or cancellation of road projects under the SCM and the timeline by when it will be completed, city-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Under Smart Cities Mission (SCM), 8 cities, viz., Aurangabad, Kalyan-Dombivali, Nagpur, Nashik, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Pune, Solapur and Thane have been selected from the State of Maharashtra.
- (b) & (c) The total length of road proposed under SCM in the State of Maharashtra was 366.82 km, of which 273.56 km of road length have been built. Currently, 13.42 km of road projects are under construction. During the course of projects implementation, 79.85 km of road length were substituted/cancelled due to on-ground situations. The city wise details of roads are available at Annexure.
- (d) 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.

As apprised by the Smart Cities in the State of Maharashtra, the challenges encountered in implementing road projects under SCM, leading to delay or cancellation include, *inter alia*, legal issues, utilization of Right of Way (ROW) for projects of other departments, opposition by local people, land acquisition/ possession issues, encroachment and COVID-19 pandemic period. The city wise details of timeline of completion of projects, reasons for delay or cancellation of road projects are available at Annexure.

Reply to part (b) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 74 for answer on 03.02.2025 regarding Road construction progress under SCM in Maharashtra

The city wise details of timeline of completion of projects, reasons for delay or cancellation of road projects under SCM in Maharashtra

(Road lengths are in kms)

City	Minor road length proposed	Major road length proposed	Total road length proposed	Total length of completed roads	Total length of roads in ongoing projects	Substituted/Cancelled	Original timeline (Final date for all projects)	Reasons for delay	Reasons for Cancellation	Expected Completion of ongoing works
Aurangabad	51.51	30.71	82.22	68.19	10.78	3.2	09.09.23	Laying of water supply, sewage lines (stay by Hon'ble High court), delay in ROW marking.	Some roads were completed through other funds, others were cancelled because of Paucity of funds	31.05.25
Kalyan Dombivalli	0	10.26	10.26	3.75	1.92	4.59	31.07.23	Encroachment, Land acquisition.	-	31.05.25
Nagpur	-	-	50.46	8.81	0.72	40.94	15.11.23	Opposition of Local people and various R&R issues	Opposition of Local people and various R&R issues	31.03.25
Nashik	23.58	12.64	36.22	28.41	0	7.81	31.03.22	COVID-19 pandemic period	Main market place, crowded area, Narrow width, old existing structures, no alternate roads, local hinderances	No ongoing projects in the cities
Pimpri Chinchwad	12.97	9.09	22.06	15.9	0	6.16	31.05.21	Land possession		
Pune	-	-	63.77*	46.67	0	17.15	01.03.21		Tender cancelled due to litigation	

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Solapur	11.9	89.94	101.84	101.84	0	0	01.01.21	COVID-19 pandemic period, delay in handover of existing roads for redevelopment	-	No ongoing projects in the city
Total	99.96**	152.64**	366.84#	273.56	13.42	79.85				

Notes:

* Includes additional proposed section of 23.07 km connecting roads against 17.5 km of cancelled roads.

**Data from 5 smart cities, classification of major and minor roads is not maintained in Nagpur and Pune smart cities.

Data from 7 cities

No road projects undertaken in Thane smart city.

As per information provided by Smart Cities in the State of Maharashtra as on 29 January 2025.