

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2468
ANSWERED ON 11/08/2025**

CRITERIA AND RATIONALE FOR DECLARING SMART CITY

2468. SHRI RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA:

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

- (a) the criteria and rationale for declaring any city a smart city;
- (b) the total number of smart city projects announced, operational, completed, State-wise along with the total funds allocated and utilised, year-wise;
- (c) the total number of smart cities which has crossed the normal threshold in air pollution and considered polluted across the country, State-wise; and
- (d) whether there is any provision of including the pollution and urban flood mitigation strategies in designated smart cities, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per SCM guidelines, the total number of 100 Smart Cities were distributed among the States and UTs on the basis of an equitable criteria. The formula gave equal weightage (50:50) to urban population of the State/UT and the number of statutory towns in the State/UT. Based on this formula, each State/UT had a certain number of potential Smart Cities, having at least one city under SCM.

100 cities under SCM were selected through a two-stage selection process. Out of the cities recommended in first stage by the respective State/UT governments for the second stage at National level, 100 cities were selected under the SCM in 4 rounds of selection that started from January 2016.

The objective of Smart Cities Mission (SCM) is to follow an area-based development approach through retrofitting, redevelopment, greenfield development. In addition, there was pan-city initiative in which smart solutions are applied covering larger parts of the city, so as to create a replicable model.

- (b) As per the information provided by the States/UTs, as on 31st July, 2025, out of a total 8063 projects amounting to ₹ 1,64,695 Cr undertaken in the 100 cities selected under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), 7,636 projects (95% of total projects) amounting to ₹1,53,977 Cr have been completed and the remaining 427 projects amounting to ₹ 10,718 Cr are ongoing.

Under the SCM, the Central Government had a total outlay of ₹48,000 Cr for the 100 cities. As on 31st July, 2025, the cities have been able to claim Central Financial Assistance of ₹47,459 Cr (i.e. 99% of the total Central share allocation). The States/Union Territories are reported to have utilized ₹45,881 Cr (i.e. 97% of the total Central share claimed).

State/UT wise and city-wise progress of projects as well as Central Financial Assistance sanctioned, claimed & utilized, since inception of the Mission, is given at Annexure-I.

- (c) Out of 100 Smart Cities under SCM, 51 cities are covered under the National Clean Air Program (NCAP) under Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change with a specific target of reduction of PM-10 concentration. The State-wise list of these smart cities is given at Annexure-II.

For mitigation of air pollution several measures, viz., mechanical road sweeping, greening of open areas, paving of road side berms and unpaved roads, control & burning of waste, control of construction activities and management of construction & demolition wastes are undertaken in these cities. In addition, under NCAP, various interventions like Air Quality Monitoring, containment of industrial emission, etc., are also taken up.

- (d) Strategies for urban flood mitigation include both structural and non-structural measures. Structural measures include improved water drainage network, using suitable software and urban water systems in most smart cities for immediate disposal of surface water routed to ground water recharge locations or storage tanks. The huge flood volumes in storage could be used to meet various water demands in the city. In addition, Integrated Command & Control Centre in each Smart City have been connected to receive early warning sensors.

Non-Structural Flood Control Measures include improved planning and policies and technology driven sensor-based early warning systems which could predict the potential damage and risk of upcoming urban flood scenario. However, these activities are part of overall urban development planning by the Urban Local Bodies and not necessarily part of the projects taken up under Smart Cities Mission funding.

Annexure-I

Reply to part (b) Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2468 for answer on 11.08.2025 regarding Criteria and Rationale for Declaring Smart City

State/UT wise and City-wise progress of projects as well as Central Financial Assistance sanctioned, claimed & utilized, since inception of the Mission

State/ City	Central Assistance Claimed (in ₹ Cr)	Utilization of Central Assistance (in ₹ Cr)	Total		Completed		Ongoing	
			Project (in No.)	Amount (in ₹ Cr)	Project (in No.)	Amount (in ₹ Cr)	Project (in No.)	Amount (in ₹ Cr)
Andaman Nicobar Islands	306.25	244.88	18	511.33	9	72.42	9	438.91
Port Blair	306.25	244.88	18	511.33	9	72.42	9	438.91
Andhra Pradesh	1860	1840.49	280	6589.01	236	5700.65	44	888.36
Amaravati	488	488	19	902.94	14	746	5	156.94
Kakinada	490	485	92	1908.09	80	1731.17	12	176.92
Tirupati	392	388.02	104	2082.75	79	1610.65	25	472.1
Visakhapatnam	490	479.47	65	1695.23	63	1612.83	2	82.4
Arunachal Pradesh	978	858.31	75	1032.11	59	669.52	16	362.59
Itanagar	488	392.6	32	520.61	24	406.85	8	113.76
Pasighat	490	465.71	43	511.5	35	262.67	8	248.83
Assam	490	490	21	754.65	20	745.74	1	8.91
Guwahati	490	490	21	754.65	20	745.74	1	8.91
Bihar	1901.19	1747.48	152	5348.93	138	4628.52	14	720.41
Bhagalpur	490	483.42	27	1504.14	26	1493.72	1	10.42
Biharsharif	433.19	362.02	61	1449.15	55	1169.92	6	279.23
Muzaffarpur	490	418.55	30	965.89	26	747.49	4	218.4
Patna	488	483.49	34	1429.75	31	1217.39	3	212.36
Chandigarh	490	490	97	2694.25	97	2694.25	0	0
Chandigarh	490	490	97	2694.25	97	2694.25	0	0
Chhattisgarh	1370	1295.15	520	4454.2	502	4108.93	18	345.27
Atal Nagar	488	471.66	52	944.03	52	944.03	0	0
Bilaspur	428.75	388.61	126	1765.46	115	1529	11	236.46
Raipur	453.25	434.88	342	1744.71	335	1635.9	7	108.81
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	392	387.34	29	853.06	11	405.5	18	447.56
Silvassa	392	387.34	29	853.06	11	405.5	18	447.56
Daman and Diu	385.95	385.75	52	1148.09	43	1093.17	9	54.92
Diu	385.95	385.75	52	1148.09	43	1093.17	9	54.92
Delhi	343	316.64	127	996.97	120	873.73	7	123.24
NDMC	343	316.64	127	996.97	120	873.73	7	123.24
Goa	490	410.75	51	1051.01	47	1014.28	4	36.73
Panaji	490	410.75	51	1051.01	47	1014.28	4	36.73
Gujarat	2866.52	2833.71	359	11506.86	356	11267.87	3	238.99
Ahmedabad	490	490	70	2655.39	69	2626.4	1	28.99
Dahod	416.52	414.38	36	984.46	36	984.46	0	0
Gandhinagar	490	462.51	43	1045.99	41	835.99	2	210
Rajkot	490	487.94	71	2183.73	71	2183.73	0	0

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Surat	490	490	87	2693.88	87	2693.88	0	0
Vadodara	490	488.88	52	1943.41	52	1943.41	0	0
Haryana	980	921.5	161	1979.77	137	1542.46	24	437.31
Faridabad	490	490	44	928.96	33	752.73	11	176.23
Karnal	490	431.5	117	1050.81	104	789.73	13	261.08
Himachal Pradesh	978	954.73	291	1551.66	265	1206.02	26	345.64
Dharamshala	490	477.02	80	655.74	57	365.67	23	290.07
Shimla	488	477.71	211	895.92	208	840.35	3	55.57
Jammu and Kashmir	941.25	816.27	288	6603.47	273	6302.13	15	301.34
Jammu	489	439.18	127	2969.07	118	2779.28	9	189.79
Srinagar	452.25	377.09	161	3634.4	155	3522.85	6	111.55
Jharkhand	490	490	26	1847.23	26	1847.23	0	0
Ranchi	490	490	26	1847.23	26	1847.23	0	0
Karnataka	3428	3315.85	917	13818.79	895	13436.39	22	382.4
Belagavi	490	489.51	217	2779.52	211	2716.46	6	63.06
Bengaluru	488	455.85	57	1054.24	56	1031.24	1	23
Davanagere	490	490	128	1976.27	127	1946.64	1	29.63
Hubballi-Dharwad	490	443.82	81	1949.61	79	1834.95	2	114.66
Mangaluru	490	456.79	105	2579.47	94	2436	11	143.47
Shivamogga	490	490	112	1381	111	1372.42	1	8.58
Tumakuru	490	489.88	217	2098.68	217	2098.68	0	0
Kerala	978	963.92	177	3003.2	158	2659.38	19	343.82
Kochi	490	490	98	1760.73	88	1599.52	10	161.21
Thiruvananthapuram	488	473.92	79	1242.47	70	1059.86	9	182.61
Lakshadweep	183.31	44.97	12	288.84	8	11.21	4	277.63
Kavaratti	183.31	44.97	12	288.84	8	11.21	4	277.63
Madhya Pradesh	3430	3420.55	787	15068.71	770	14520.77	17	547.94
Bhopal	490	490	82	2790.6	82	2790.6	0	0
Gwalior	490	490	83	1572	80	1405.66	3	166.34
Indore	490	490	231	3751.32	231	3751.32	0	0
Jabalpur	490	490	130	2196.5	130	2196.5	0	0
Sagar	490	489.42	80	1782.22	78	1606.95	2	175.27
Satna	490	481.13	86	1363.22	77	1190.19	9	173.03
Ujjain	490	490	95	1612.85	92	1579.55	3	33.3
Maharashtra	3874.06	3811.56	347	16980.27	328	15424.89	19	1555.38
Aurangabad	490	490	47	2835.4	45	2690.4	2	145
Kalyan-Dombivali	490	467.93	19	1244.58	16	721.13	3	523.45
Nagpur	490	453.25	47	1767.71	38	1507.9	9	259.81
Nashik	444.06	440.38	53	3197.16	51	3012.06	2	185.1

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Pimpri-Chinchwad	490	490	25	1303.61	24	1171.61	1	132
Pune	490	490	55	3333.07	55	3333.07	0	0
Solapur	490	490	49	1586.56	49	1586.56	0	0
Thane	490	490	52	1712.18	50	1402.16	2	310.02
Manipur	398.13	347.63	27	513.02	20	251.57	7	261.45
Imphal	398.13	347.63	27	513.02	20	251.57	7	261.45
Meghalaya	490	432.8	13	517.41	10	453.41	3	64
Shillong	490	432.8	13	517.41	10	453.41	3	64
Mizoram	490	386.62	45	508	32	277.64	13	230.36
Aizawl	490	386.62	45	508	32	277.64	13	230.36
Nagaland	490	472.98	40	689.3	40	689.3	0	0
Kohima	490	472.98	40	689.3	40	689.3	0	0
Odisha	980	980	107	3589.05	104	3426.64	3	162.41
Bhubaneswar	490	490	32	2071.59	31	2056.59	1	15
Rourkela	490	490	75	1517.46	73	1370.05	2	147.41
Puducherry	343	331.51	80	595.22	67	312.03	13	283.19
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Punjab	1470	1417.21	204	4485.66	189	4143.31	15	342.35
Amritsar	490	483.04	44	1911.06	41	1799.83	3	111.23
Jalandhar	490	445.15	78	1186.04	74	1023.16	4	162.88
Ludhiana	490	489.02	82	1388.56	74	1320.32	8	68.24
Rajasthan	1960	1946.26	579	8639.95	571	8453.5	8	186.45
Ajmer	490	490	179	2223.58	176	2193.15	3	30.43
Jaipur	490	481.8	170	2545.38	166	2403.83	4	141.55
Kota	490	484.46	87	2153.81	86	2139.34	1	14.47
Udaipur	490	490	143	1717.18	143	1717.18	0	0
Sikkim	978	899.83	55	1660.99	48	1453.22	7	207.77
Gangtok	488	446.51	29	743.75	24	672.14	5	71.61
Namchi	490	453.32	26	917.24	24	781.08	2	136.16
Tamil Nadu	5390	5362.65	729	17951.9	726	17923.77	3	28.13
Chennai	490	490	49	1104.19	48	1096.88	1	7.31
Coimbatore	490	490	72	1454.82	72	1454.82	0	0
Erode	490	485.93	55	1304.12	55	1304.12	0	0
Madurai	490	490	16	1899.66	16	1899.66	0	0
Salem	490	490	114	1860.64	114	1860.64	0	0
Thanjavur	490	488.41	103	996.45	102	988.63	1	7.82
Thoothukudi	490	481.5	75	1038.48	75	1038.48	0	0
Tiruchirappalli	490	489	83	1547.68	83	1547.68	0	0
Tirunelveli	490	480.36	81	1817.32	81	1817.32	0	0
Tiruppur	490	489	28	2832.71	28	2832.71	0	0
Vellore	490	488.45	53	2095.83	52	2082.83	1	13
Telangana	805.63	805.63	168	2894.87	116	2365.07	52	529.8

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Greater Warangal	376.88	376.88	119	1800.38	79	1385.67	40	414.71
Karimnagar	428.75	428.75	49	1094.49	37	979.4	12	115.09
Tripura	490	490	77	807.54	77	807.54	0	0
Agartala	490	490	77	807.54	77	807.54	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	4900	4875.87	893	21155.86	883	20831.75	10	324.11
Agra	490	490	62	2368.8	62	2368.8	0	0
Aligarh	490	488.22	52	1829.98	49	1670.59	3	159.39
Bareilly	490	485.19	88	1475.7	88	1475.7	0	0
Jhansi	490	490	78	1867.74	78	1867.74	0	0
Kanpur	490	489	91	3060.19	90	3012.36	1	47.83
Lucknow	490	490	103	2126.41	102	2115.41	1	11
Moradabad	490	484.53	41	1503.14	41	1503.14	0	0
Prayagraj	490	489.47	146	2294.83	145	2249.74	1	45.09
Saharanpur	490	479.46	115	1287.2	111	1226.4	4	60.8
Varanasi	490	490	117	3341.87	117	3341.87	0	0
Uttarakhand	490	483.66	33	1143.6	32	939.14	1	204.46
Dehradun	490	483.66	33	1143.6	32	939.14	1	204.46
West Bengal	490	485.69	226	1460.08	223	1424.01	3	36.07
New Town Kolkata	490	485.69	226	1460.08	223	1424.01	3	36.07
Total	47320	45758	8063	164695	7636	153977	427	10718
Non-Selected Smart Cities	18	18						
Sultanpur Lodhi	120.22	105						
Grand Total	47,458	45,881						

As per information provided by States / UTs as on July 31, 2025.

**Reply to part (c) Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2468 for answer on 11.08.2025 regarding
Criteria and Rationale for Declaring Smart City**

State-wise list of smart cities covered under the National Clean Air Program (NCAP)

S.No.	State	Smart City covered under NCAP
1	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
2	Assam	Guwahati
3	Bihar	Patna
4		Muzaffarpur
5	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
6	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
7	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
8		Surat
9		Vadodara
10		Rajkot
11	Haryana	Faridabad
12	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
13		Jammu
14	Jharkhand	Ranchi
15	Karnataka	Bengaluru
16		Hubli-Dharwad
17		Devanagere
18	Madhya Pradesh	Indore
19		Bhopal
20		Jabalpur
21		Gwalior
22		Ujjain
23		Sagar
24	Maharashtra	Pune
25		Nagpur
26		Thane
27		Nashik
28		Aurangabad
29		Solapur
30	Nagaland	Kohima
31	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
32		Rourkela

33		Ludhiana
34	Punjab	Amritsar
35		Jalandhar
36	Rajasthan	Jaipur
37		Kota
38		Udaipur
39	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
40		Madurai
41		Tiruchirappalli
42		Thoothukudi
43	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
44		Kanpur
45		Agra
46		Varanasi
47		Prayagraj
48		Bareilly
49		Moradabad
50		Jhansi
51	Uttarakhand	Dehradun