

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1656
ANSWERED ON 15/12/2025**

PROJECTS DELAYED IN SCM

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Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the significant number of Smart Cities Mission projects (SCM) that remain substantially delayed or only partially operational despite extended timelines;
- (b) reason for the Integrated Command and Control Centres are functioning far below intended capacity due to fragmented datasets, limited sensor integration and poor inter-departmental coordination, the details thereof;
- (c) reason for air pollution, traffic congestion and unplanned urban expansion continue to worsen notwithstanding Smart City investments, details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government plans to redesign the Mission to ensure accountability, timely execution and measurable citizen outcomes, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As reported by the State on 1st December, 2025, in the 100 cities selected under SCM, out of a total 8064 projects amounting to ₹ 1,64,811 Cr, 7,741 projects (96% of total projects) amounting to ₹1,55,386 Cr have been completed and the remaining 323 projects amounting to ₹9,425 Cr are ongoing.

Post the financial closure of SCM on 31st March, 2025, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has issued Advisory No. 27 dated 10th June, 2025 to all States/ UTs. The ongoing projects are in different stages of implementation. The Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) have been advised to ensure that all ongoing projects under SCM must be completed under their stipulated time period not later than December, 2025.

- (b) Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs) have been operationalized in all 100 Smart Cities. These centres function as ULB-level decision-making hubs, enabling data-driven governance and real-time decision support. ICCCs host a wide range of datasets related to traffic management, solid-waste collection routes, air-quality levels, street lighting faults, and utility consumption such as electricity and water. They are integrated with an extensive network of sensors deployed across cities, including air-quality sensors, GPS devices on solid-waste collection vehicles, bin-level sensors, CCTV cameras, Integrated Traffic Management System, and flood sensors. ICCCs also facilitate coordinated operations with multiple departments, such as the police, traffic, health, and disaster management authorities.

ICCCs are currently in a maturing phase, continuously strengthening their capabilities through the use of diverse datasets, sensor networks, and other digital infrastructure. Despite their wide-ranging applications, opportunities remain for further enhancement, particularly in addressing fragmented datasets, expanding sensor coverage and integration, and strengthening inter-departmental coordination, which may be currently influenced by local constraints.

- (c) Cleanliness levels in all Smart Cities in the State, are regularly assessed under Swachh Sarvekshan, conducted annually by the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban). The ranking framework evaluates parameters such as waste collection, processing, public feedback, Safai Mitra safety, and sanitation outcomes. The findings of Swachh Sarvekshan help cities identify gaps and undertake targeted improvements. In addition, Swachh Bharat Mission -Urban (SBM-U) 2.0 has been launched on October 1, 2021, for a period of five years with a vision of achieving Garbage Free Status for all cities through 100% source segregation, door to door collection, scientific management of all fractions of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and remediation of legacy dumpsites in the urban areas of the country. Remediation of legacy dumpsites has a high emphasis and effective planning for all streams of MSW with thrust on projects like Waste to Energy, Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste processing, etc.
- (d) Post the financial closure of SCM on 31st March 2025, there is no budgetary outlay under the Mission.
