

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 849
ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 08/12/2025**

STATUS OF CLEANLINESS IN SMART CITIES

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that condition of cleanliness in Smart Cities of the country is not good in view of their such status, which needs serious attention otherwise very purpose of developing and making such cities smart is defeated;
- (b) whether Government proposes to have special and specific policies for the cleanliness of Smart Cities, if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that Smart Cities, falling in NCR needs much attention for cleanliness in view of their dirty conditions; and
- (d) the manner in which Government proposes to ensure world class cleanliness in Smart Cities?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) Smart Cities Mission (SCM) was launched on 25.06.2015. The Mission followed an area-based development approach through retrofitting, redevelopment and greenfield development in 100 cities. The cities under SCM are being developed based on Smart City Proposals (SCPs) received from States/UTs, across various sectors, viz., smart mobility, Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH), smart governance, smart energy, environment etc., approved by High Powered Steering Committee (HPSC) chaired by Chief Secretary. Some of the projects undertaken pertain to improve sanitation, solid waste management, modernization of civic infrastructure and adoption of technology-enabled systems to monitor solid waste collections in cities.
- (c) & (d) New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and Faridabad have been selected as Smart Cities in NCR region. Cleanliness levels in all Smart Cities, including those in NCR and all other 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.
