

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1824
ANSWERED ON 09/03/2026**

STATUS OF RECENTLY ANNOUNCED URBAN SCHEMES

1824. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that several Schemes/Missions announced in successive Budgets, including the PM-eBus Sewa Scheme, the National Urban Digital Mission, the Urban Challenge Fund and the Scheme for Industrial Housing, witnessed delays in finalisation of guidelines, Cabinet approval and actual utilisation of funds;
- (b) the year-wise Budget Estimates (BE), Revised Estimates (RE) and Actual Expenditure incurred under each of the above Schemes since their announcement; and
- (c) the total funds allocated, released and actually spent under each Scheme so far, scheme-wise and year-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c): As per the provisions of Article 243W of the Constitution, in conjunction with the Seventh and Twelfth Schedules, matters relating to urban development fall within the purview of States/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). However, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) provides programmatic support to the States/Union Territories (UTs) in their urban development agenda through its various flagship Missions/Programmes viz. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0), Urban Transport, National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM), etc.

Through these Missions/Schemes, the Central Government approves the State Plans and provides the Central Assistance to the States. The projects are selected, designed, approved and executed by the States/UTs and the cities. The State Governments release funds to the cities/districts.

Urban Challenge Fund (UCF): After announcement of UCF in the Union Budget for FY 2025-26, required time was taken by MoHUA for consultations with stakeholders including concerned Central Ministries, States, ULBs, parastatals, banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), Multilateral Banks and Think Tanks. After consultations, Cabinet note was prepared and the same has already been approved on 13th February, 2026. For UCF, the Budget Estimates was ₹ 10,000 Crore and Revised Estimates is ₹ 1,000 Crore. No expense has been incurred under UCF head, so far.

PM-eBus Sewa: The Scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet on 14th August, 2023 and was subsequently launched on 16th August, 2023. The Scheme Guidelines were issued on 26th August, 2023. For the PM-eBus Sewa Scheme, the year wise Budget Estimates (BE), Revised Estimates (RE) and Actual Expenditure incurred is as follows:

In Rs. Crore.

Year	Budget Estimate (BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Actual Release
2023-24	0	20	1.00
2024-25	1300	500	475.44
2025-26	1310	300	237.56 (as on 19.02.2026) {Includes Mother Sanction (234.28) and other administrative expenses (3.28)}

NUDM: The Mission has been conceptualized as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to achieve efficient citizen centric governance, increased ease of living, optimal utilization of technology and data-led governance in delivery of services to citizens across all States and UTs. NUDM was announced in the Financial Year (FY) 2024-25 Budget, with the Budget allocation of Rs. 1,150 Crore for the F.Y. 2024-25. However, the scheme had not received Cabinet approval. Because of this, the allocated funds remained unutilized. The details of the BE, RE and Actual Expenditure are as under:

Year	BE (In Cr)	RE (In Cr)	Actual Expenditure
2024-25	1150	108.70	0
2025-26	1250	0	0
