

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2595**  
**ANSWERED ON 16/03/2026**

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN TO THINK TANKS / NGOs**

**2595. SMT. SUMITRA BALMIK:**

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

- (a) the schemes/ initiatives being run by the Ministry to support think tanks/ NGOs/ Civil Society groups working in alignment with the aims and missions of the Ministry; and
- (b) the details of financial grants given across such initiatives during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): 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), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0), Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban 2.0 (SBM – U 2.0), PM Street Vendor’s AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) and Urban Transport (UT). However, MoHUA has no scheme/initiative to support think tanks/ NGOs/ Civil Society groups working in alignment with the aims and missions of the Ministry.

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