

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2386
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2026**

NAKSHA Programme for Urban Land Records Modernisation under DILRMP

2386 Shri Samik Bhattacharya:

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether West Bengal, with 132 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across 21 districts, was excluded from the NAKSHA pilot programme launched on 18th February 2025 under DILRMP covering 152 ULBs across 26 States;
- (b) whether the new West Bengal Government has formally communicated its intent to join NAKSHA;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Department of Land Resources to facilitate West Bengal's inclusion, including any special onboarding provisions; and
- (d) the expected timeline for operationalising drone surveys, GIS-integrated records and ULB-level capacity-building in West Bengal?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. CHANDRA SEKHAR PEMMASANI)**

- (a) Only 3 (three) ULBs namely Ashokenagar Kalyangarh Municipality, New Town Kolkata Development Authority and Chandannagar Municipal Corporation were included in NAKSHA pilot launched on 18th February 2025 under DILRMP, but the previous State Government didn't show their participation after launch.
- (b) Yes. Sir, An official communication from the State of West Bengal to join NAKSHA has been received to the Department of Land Resources.
- (c) The Survey of India (SoI) has been communicated by DoLR to initiate flying in the already sanctioned 3 ULBs of West Bengal. Also the State of West Bengal has been communicated to start necessary preparatory activities for implementation of the program.
- (d) The Survey of India (SoI) has already been requested by the Department to commence the aerial survey activities, and they are into the process of floating tender for drone flying. The GIS-integrated records will be generated concurrently during the ground truthing activities undertaken by the State. Simultaneously, ULB-level capacity-building activities are being conducted, wherein ULB-wise survey teams are being trained.
