GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5959

TO BE ANSWERED ON APRIL 03, 2018

PACE OF DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS

No. 5959 SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work on half a dozen projects including Smart City and Swachh Bharat launched to expedite the agenda of development is progressing at a very slow pace and only 22 per cent of the funds has been spent on these schemes; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) & (b): Under Smart Cities Mission, the progress depends on the date of the selection of the Smart City. After selection, it takes around 18 months to set up Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), to procure Project Management

Consultant (PMC) firm, to hire Human Resources, to prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and then to call for tenders. For Cities selected in Round 1 (January 2016), where 18 months have lapsed, about 51% of the projects have been either tendered or under implementation. In Round 2 & 3, nearly all the cities have set up SPVs. In Round 3 and Round 4, cities have recently been selected and are in the process of establishing SPVs and procuring PMCs. The progress is as planned as it takes around 18 months to call for tenders from the date of selection of a city as Smart City.

Since the launch of the Smart Cities Mission, till date, Rs. 9,939.20 crores has been released by the Government of India to States for Smart Cities. The cities have identified 3,012 projects worth Rs. 1,38,984 crores for implementation. Out of which, 753 projects worth Rs. 24,511.49 crores have been completed or under implementation; tendering has started for 287 projects worth Rs. 14,296 crores.

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) [SBM-U], construction of 44,87,289 Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) units (70.23%) have been completed out of the target of 66,42,221 IHHL units. Similarly, 3,09,578 Community Toilet (CT)/ Public Toilet (PT) seats (60.97%) out of the target of 5,07,750 CT/PT seats have been constructed (as on 19th March 2018).

Out of Rs. 14,623 crores allocation made under SBM-U for the entire mission period (from 02.10.2014 to 02.10.2019), a sum of Rs. 6,295.03 crores (i.e. 43%) have been released up to 26.03.2018 for utilization by States/UTs.
