

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1364
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 18, 2018**

RATING SYSTEM FOR CITIES

No.1364. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a rating system for the cities based on their living standards;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the parameter identified/adopted for the ratings;**
- (d) the benefits of such rating; and**
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the urban facilities in the cities?**

ANSWER

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

(a)to(c): The Ministry has released 'Ease of Living Index, 2018' on August 13, 2018. The framework developed to measure 'Ease of Living' covers all pillars of urban development (Physical, Institutional, Social and Economic) and uses 78 indicators across 15 categories. The indicators, ranking of cities, report and analytics on Ease of Living Index are available in public domain at easeofliving.niua.org.

- (d): The Ease of Living Index seeks to help cities assess their liveability vis-à-vis national and global benchmarks. It is to enable cities to leverage this knowledge to formulate plans and prioritise investments. Ease of Living assessment standards are linked to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of United Nations (UN).**
- (e): The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is implementing various Missions to improve urban facilities in the cities. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) focuses on water supply, sewerage and septage management, storm water drainage, parks & green spaces and non-motorized urban transport in 500 Mission cities across the country. Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) aims at making urban India free from open defecation and achieving 100% scientific management of municipal solid waste in all statutory towns in the country. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) aims to fulfil the housing needs of the urban poor including the slum dwellers. Urban Transport Scheme aims at encouraging cities to plan and manage their urban transport system to conserve energy and land, control pollution and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Smart Cities Mission has the objective of promoting 100 cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and application of 'Smart' Solutions. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission provides skill training and interest subvention on loans to urban poor to enable them to earn their livelihoods.**

Some other Schemes being implemented by the Government of India include the Digital India Programme which aims at providing government services electronically to citizens, Integrated Power Development Scheme to strengthen sub-transmission and distribution networks in the urban areas, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana ((PMBJP) to provide quality medicines at affordable prices to the masses etc.