

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1469
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 15, 2022**

SMART CITIES MISSION

NO. 1469 SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

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

- (a) the role played by the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) in implementing various measures during the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure ease of living for citizens;**
- (b) whether the Union Government is satisfied with the role played by SCM and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the status of the progress of various projects being implemented under SCM and the extent to which targets of various projects under the mission have suffered due to Covid-19 pandemic?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)**

(a) to (c) : Government of India launched Smart Cities Mission (SCM) on 25 June 2015. 100 Smart Cities have been selected through 4 rounds of competition from January 2016 to June 2018.

At the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, Smart Cities implemented locally contextual innovations/interventions to mitigate the negative consequences of the pandemic. COVID Response in Smart Cities can be classified in four major quadrants viz., Information, Communication, Management and Preparedness. Integrated Command and Control Centres were repurposed as war rooms gathering aggregate information on caseload, beds, logistics,

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oxygen availability etc. Multi-channel two-way communication between stakeholders was made possible. Management strategy aimed at creation and effective deployment of health infrastructure. Smart cities also used predictive capabilities to forecast disease spread and needs into the future for effective preparedness. Details of such steps taken by these Cities are also available in the document "*The Smart Responses to COVID-19: A Documentation of Innovative Actions by India's Smart Cities during the Pandemic*" which is available on smarnet.niua.org.

As on 2 December 2022, Government of India has released ₹ 34,399 crore for 100 Smart Cities, out of which ₹ 30,400 crore (88%) has been utilized. Work orders have been issued in 7,738 projects worth around ₹ 1,81,112 crore of which 4,987 projects worth ₹ 92,439 crore have been completed. The period of implementation of SCM has been extended upto June 2023 and all Smart Cities are expected to complete their projects within the stipulated time.
