

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1215
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBURARY 09, 2023
RANKING OF CITIES**

NO. 1215. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has launched guidelines for new finance based ranking of cities which would evaluate urban units on fifteen key parameters including resource mobilisation, expenditure performance and fiscal governance and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is also true that a separate ranking would also evaluate cities on beautification and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether it is also true that the ranking are aimed at motivating city and State officials to implement municipal financial reforms and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
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(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)**

(a) to (c): The 'City Finance Rankings' launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) aim to evaluate, recognize and reward India's cities/ Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) on the basis of the quality of their current financial health and improvement over time in financial performance. The participating ULBs will be evaluated on 15 indicators across three key municipal finance assessment parameters, namely: (i) Resource Mobilization, (ii) Expenditure Performance and (iii) Fiscal Governance. By creating an environment of healthy competition, the financial rankings aim to motivate the urban local bodies to implement municipal finance reforms and identify areas of improvement in their financial performance.

MoHUA has also launched City Beauty Competition 2022 which aims to encourage and recognize the transformational efforts made by cities and wards in India to create beautiful, innovative and inclusive public spaces. Wards and public places of cities would be judged against the five broad pillars viz. (i) accessibility (ii) amenities (iii) activities (iv) aesthetics and (v) ecology. This initiative would generate healthy competition amongst wards and cities, while also inculcating a sense of community ownership and pride.
