

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 830**  
ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023

**SPMRM IN WEST BENGAL**

830. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Government proposes to develop rural areas by provisioning of economic, social and physical infrastructure facilities under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM);
- (b) if so, whether it is also true that the mission aims to develop 300 Rurban clusters within the year 2025; and
- (c) the detail of clusters which have been taken up in West Bengal and the funds disbursed for the same and if no cluster has been taken up, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a)& (b) Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) was launched on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016 by the Government of India to develop 300 Rurban clusters across India as socially, economically and physically sustainable regions by providing economic, social and infrastructure amenities. The Mission was launched initially for a period up to March, 2020. Thereafter, “sunset date” for the scheme was declared as 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

(c) The State of West Bengal was allocated 14 clusters, out of which, the State identified only 10 clusters. The details of the clusters identified is at Annexure 1. However, out of 14 clusters allocated, 7 clusters were withdrawn by the Government of India from the State of West Bengal in January 2021, as no progress was made in these clusters.

The Integrated Cluster Action Plan (ICAP) for the remaining 7 clusters allocated was approved by the Ministry in March 2016. Rs. 35.10 crore was released as Central share of Critical Gap Fund (CGF) and Rs. 1.05 crore was released as administrative fund to the State. However, no further progress was made by the State in the implementation of Mission. The State returned the CGF amount to the Consolidated Fund of India.

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## Clusters identified in the State of West Bengal

S.No.	District	Cluster
1.	Hooghly	Khirkundu-Namajgram-niala
2.	Hooghly	Garalgacha
3.	Hooghly	Chandrahati-I
4.	Hooghly	Jayer-Dwarbasini
5.	Howrah	Jalabiswanathpur
6.	Howrah	Parbatipur
7.	Bankura	Malian (T)
8.	Burdwan	Ukhra (T)
9.	South 24 Praganas	Bansra
10.	South 24 Praganas	Bonhoogly I & II

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