

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1305
TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 27, 2023**

HRIDAY YOJANA

NO.1305. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

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

- (a) the salient features and objectives of 'Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana' (HRIDAY);**
- (b) the number of cities covered under HRIDAY and the progress made so far in this regard;**
- (c) the impact of HRIDAY on the preservation and promotion of India's cultural heritage; and**
- (d) the fund allocated and utilised for the same till date?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) was launched on 21 January, 2015. The main objective of the scheme is to preserve the character of the soul of heritage city and facilitate inclusive heritage linked urban development. It was implemented in 12 cities namely Ajmer (Rajasthan), Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh), Amritsar (Punjab), Badami (Karnataka), Dwarka (Gujarat), Gaya (Bihar), Kanchipuram and Velankanni (Tamil Nadu), Mathura and Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Puri (Odisha) and Warangal (Telangana). Out of 77 approved projects, 76 projects have been completed under the scheme.

The mission has ended on 31 March, 2019 and its Heritage component has been merged in the scheme "National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive(PRASHAD)" under Ministry of Tourism.

(d): Under the HRIDAY Scheme Rs. 453.90 crore was allocated to all 12 cities and Rs. 402.08 crore was released. Utilization certificates of Rs. 326.07 crore has been received from cities.
