

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2319
TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 03, 2023**

MONITORING OF SCM

NO. 2319. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:

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

- (a) the total number of officials involved in maintaining and monitoring the overall data of the Smart Cities Mission (SCM);**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to recruit more officials for maintaining and monitoring the data of SCM;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to conduct capacity building programme to enhance efficiency of these officials with regard to monitoring of data on the portal; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) : 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. The Mission Secretariat of SCM is headed by Joint Secretary & Mission Director who is assisted by 3 Directors, 1 Deputy Secretary, 3 Under Secretaries and other Ministerial support staff. The Mission is also supported by a Smart City Mission Management Unit (SCMMU) having 11 multi-sectoral professionals responsible for management and monitoring of mission activities. Online data is captured from Smart Cities through the Geospatial Management Information System (GMIS) which is a real-time, comprehensive and geo-enabled management and monitoring tool for the Mission.

(b) & (c) : At present, there is no proposal under consideration of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for appointing more officials for maintaining & monitoring of data of Smart Cities as the current staff is sufficient for the work.

(d) & (e) : Developing capacities of Government officials is an on-going process. The National Program for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB)-Mission Karmayogi envisioned by the Government addresses the need for enhancing the capacity of civil servants to fulfil the changing needs and aspirations of the citizens.
