

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3644
TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 10, 2023
GARBAGE FREE STATUS TO CITIES**

NO. 3644. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-U) 2.0 on October 1, 2021 with a vision of achieving garbage free status for all cities through hundred per cent source segregation, door to door collection and scientific management of all fractions of waste and garbage;**
- (b) if so, the status of the garbage free metropolitan cities of the country including Mumbai;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware of improper garbage management in various cities and towns of the country; and**
- (d) if so, the initiatives being taken by the Government to address the problem?**

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

(a) & (b) : Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM-U) 2.0 has been launched on October 1, 2021 for a period of five years with a vision of scientific solid waste management, sustainable sanitation. The SBM-U 2.0 is being implemented in the country through State Governments and Union Territory (UT) Administrations in all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) including Metropolitan Cities and Mumbai. The action plans including the projects prepared by the ULBs as approved by the State Level Technical Committee (SLTC) are received at Government of India for approval and release of Central Share (CS) funds.

Under SBM-U 2.0 emphasis is being given on million plus cities including Metropolitan cities and Mumbai to manage their Solid waste with upgradation into waste to energy and help them achieve 100% saturation within the mission period.

(c) & (d) : Sanitation is a State subject under 7th schedule of the constitution. It is the responsibility of State/ULBs to plan, design, execute, operate and maintain sanitation projects in the urban areas of the country. To supplement the efforts of the ULBs/States/UTs in this regard, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has been facilitating through financial and technical support.

The progress made in Solid Waste Management (SWM) and sanitation by the States/UTs under SBM-U is regularly assessed by 3rd party verification through annual 'Swachh Survekshan' survey. In addition, annual 3rd party Open Defecation Free (ODF) and Garbage Free City (GFC) certification is also being taken up. Central teams conduct field visits, State review and regular capacity building programmes. Also, Centre of Excellence has been established to promote peer-to-peer learning.
