

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1935  
TO BE ANSWERED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

**IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SMART CITIES**

**NO.1935. SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to add any additional features to the Smart Cities in the country to meet any future exigencies like COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the status of Karimnagar smart city of Telangana; and**
- (c) whether the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted negatively on the development of Karimnagar Smart City and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)**

**(a): Keeping in mind the need for Smart Cities to meet any future exigencies like COVID-19, an Advisory has been issued by Smart Cities Mission on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 allowing flexibility in prioritization of projects to Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) in Smart Cities. The Advisory contains a list of innovations / interventions that could be taken by them in such situations.**

**(b) : As on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, in Karimnagar Smart City, out of a total of 54 projects worth Rs. 1760 crore, 13 projects worth Rs. 287.97 crore have been tendered out, all of which are under implementation/completed.**

**(c) : The lockdown resulted in temporary delay for about a month. The implementation of works under the Mission has now gained momentum.**

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