

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1967
TO BE ANSWERED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

EASE OF LIVING INDEX

NO.1967. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

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

- (a) the list of parameters and indicators and their weightage to rank cities under the Ease of Living Index assessment launched to assess the improvements brought in quality of life by Government's initiatives in 100 Smart Cities and 14 other Million Plus Cities across India;**
- (b) whether rankings also highlighted the data insufficiency of the indicators and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to build a robust data culture by encouraging cities to share reliable disaggregated data for a more credible index and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether a Citizen Perception Survey has being conducted from the 1st February, 2020 till 15th March, 2020 on behalf of the Government for the assessment exercise with respect to quality of life in the cities 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): The list of parameters, indicators and their weightage to rank cities under the Ease of Living assessment framework-2019 for 111 cities, including Smart Cities, Capital Cities and Cities with million plus population Cities across India is at Annexure-I. The framework developed to assess cities under 'Ease of Living-2019' is comprehensive and covers critical pillars of Livability namely Quality of Life, Economic Ability, and Sustainability and uses 49 indicators across 14 categories.

(b): The ranking of cities under Ease of Living Assessment Framework 2019 has not been finalized till now.

(c) Yes, Sir. In order to create a robust data culture at the city level to collect, process, and share reliable data, the Ministry has launched the DataSmart Cities Strategy in Feb 2019.

(d) Yes, Sir. A Citizen Perception Survey under the Ease of Living Assessment exercise was conducted from 16th January, 2020 to 20th March, 2020. Under this survey, more than 31 lakh citizens had given their feedbacks online and around 96 thousand responses were received from citizens through a face-to-face Survey.

Annexure-I in reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1967 for answer on 22.09.2020 regarding Ease of Living Index by Dr. Shashi Tharoor Hon'ble Member of Parliament

Ease of Living Index, 2019- Parameters, Indicators and weightage

Ease of Living Index:

Pillars	Pillar Weight (%)	Category	Category Weight (%)
Quality of Life	35	EDUCATION	5
		HEALTH	5
		HOUSING AND SHELTER	5
		WASH AND SWM	5
		MOBILITY	5
		SAFETY AND SECURITY	5
		RECREATION	5
Economic Ability	15	LEVEL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	7.5
		ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES	7.5
Sustainability	20	ENVIRONMENT	5
		GREEN BUILDING	5
		ENERGY CONSUMPTION	5
		CITY RESILIENCE	5
Citizen Perception Survey	30	A SURVEY WAS UNDERTAKEN FOR ASSESSING CITIZEN PERCEPTION UNDER EASE OF LIVING 2019 FRAMEWORK	30
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The list of indicators is as follows:

Pillars	Category	Indicator No.	Indicator	
General		0	Total Population of City as per Census 2011	
			Total Area of City as of 31st March 2019	
			Total Number of Household in the City as per Census 2011	
Quality of Life	Education	1	Household Expenditure on Education	
		2	Literacy Rate	
		3	Pupil-Teacher Ratio at the Primary Level	
		4	Pupil-Teacher Ratio at the Upper Primary Level	
Quality of Life	Education	5	Dropout Rate at Secondary Level	
		6	Percentage of Schools with access to Digital Education	
		7	Percentage of Professionally Trained Teachers	
		8	National Achievement Survey Score	
	Health		9	Household Expenditure on Health
			10	Availability of Healthcare Professionals

Pillars	Category	Indicator No.	Indicator
Quality of Life	HEALTH	11	Accredited Public Health Facilities
		12	Availability of Hospital Beds
		13	Prevalence of Diseases
	HOUSING AND SHELTER	14	Households with Electrical Connections
		15	Beneficiaries under PMAY
		16	Slum Population

Pillars	Category	Indicator No.	Indicator
Quality of life	WASH AND SWM	17	Deviation of Total Water supplied from Service-Level Benchmark
		18	Households with Piped Water Supply
		19	Swachh Survekshan Score
		20	Amount of Wastewater treated
		21	Households Connected to Sewerage Network
		22	Coverage of Stormwater Drainage Network
	Mobility	23	Availability of Public Transport
		24	Transport related Fatalities
		25	Road Infrastructure

Pillars	Category	Indicator No.	Indicator
Quality of Life	SAFETY AND SECURITY	26	Prevalence of Violent Crime
		27	Extent of Crime recorded against Women
		28	Extent of Crime recorded against Children

Pillars	Category	Indicator No.	Indicator
Quality of life	SAFETY AND SECURITY	29	Extent of Crime recorded against Elderly
	RECREATION	30	Share of Total Area of Cities that is Open Space for Public Use
		31	Availability of : a. Music, Dance and Drama Centre/Theatres b. Community Halls c. Restaurants d. Cinema Halls (Number of Screens)
Economic Ability	LEVEL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	32	Traded Clusters
		33	Cluster Strength
	ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES	34	Credit Availability and Accessibility
		35	Number of Incubation Centres/Skill Development Centres

Pillars	Category	Indicator No.	Indicator
Sustainability	ENVIRONMENT	37	Water Quality
		38	Total Tree Cover
		39	Households using Clean Fuel for Cooking
		40	Rainwater Harvesting Structures
		41	Air Quality Index : a. SO2 b. NO2 c. PM10 d. PM2.5
	GREEN BUILDING	42	Does the City incentivise Green Buildings?
		43	Green Buildings

Pillars	Category	Indicator No.	Indicator
Sustainability	ENERGY CONSUMPTION	44	Energy Requirement vs Energy Consumption
		45	Energy consumed from Renewable Sources
		46	Number of sustained Electrical Interruptions
	CITY RESILIENCE	47	Does the City have a Disaster Management Plan in place?
		48	Are Early Warning Systems (EWS) in place for Hazards?
		49	Number of Deaths and Directly affected Persons attributed to Disasters