

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1984
TO BE ANSWERED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

DEVELOPMENT WORKS UNDER SCM

NO.1984. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

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

- (a) whether the development works under Smart City Mission (SCM) have suffered during Covid-19 period;**
- (b) if so, the details of works scheduled to be completed and undertaken during this period in various cities, city-wise particularly in Bhubaneswar;**
- (c) the details of works delayed along with the details of cost of each of these works escalated; and**
- (d) the details of corrective steps taken by the Government to give pace to various such projects and complete them without any further delay?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): During the COVID 19 lockdown period, execution of works under the Smart Cities was temporarily halted in varying proportions across the country. However, most cities have

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commenced works after un-lockdown which eased the availability of labour and the movement of materials. This could possibly delay the execution of projects by a few months in some cases.

Bhubaneswar Smart City have informed that none of their projects were slated to be completed or started during the COVID 19 lockdown period. However, there were ongoing projects which got temporarily delayed. Corrective measures for quick remobilization of work force were undertaken by the Smart City, for which support for return of migrant laborers were provided. Work has now commenced on all such projects.
