

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 577  
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 4, 2021  
EXPANDING SCM**

**NO. 577. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to expand the number of cities to be developed under the Smart City Mission (SCM);**
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the State of Tamil Nadu;**
- (c) the criteria for selection of cities for SCM;**
- (d) whether the Government is considering Karur city for SCM; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)**

- (a) No, Sir.**
- (b) Does not arise.**
- (c) The selection process of Smart Cities was conducted through a competition in two stages. In the first stage, States/Union Territories(UTs) shortlisted potential Smart Cities based on predefined scoring criteria. In the second stage, competing cities prepared their**

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**Smart City Proposals (SCPs) as per guidelines and submitted them as part of the National competition. A total of 100 cities were selected as Smart Cities in Four Rounds of National Challenge from January, 2016 to June, 2018.**

**(d) No, Sir.**

**(e) As per the first stage of the selection process, the Government of Tamil Nadu conducted the intra-State competition and shortlisted eleven Smart Cities, viz., Chennai, Coimbatore, Erode, Madurai, Salem, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur & Vellore . The city of Karur was not part of the initial shortlist prepared by the Government of Tamil Nadu. All the eleven cities shortlisted by Government of Tamil Nadu have been selected for development as Smart Cities by the Central Government through a nation-wide second round of challenge. As the Smart City Challenge has been completed with the selection of Shillong as the 100th city in June, 2018, it is not possible to add any more cities under SCM.**

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