GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 131
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 10, 2022

NURTURING NEIGHBOURHOODS CHALLENGE IN CITIES

NO. 131.   SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
            SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:

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

(a)   whether the Government has recently organized an online event where it announced eleven winning cities for the 'streets for people challenge' and ten winning cities for the pilot stage of the 'nurturing neighbourhoods challenge';

(b)   if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed by the Government for choosing such cities;

(c)   whether the Government proposes to provide any financial assistance to cities which performed better in 'streets for people challenge' and if so, the details thereof;

(d)   whether the Government proposes to actively engage local population of the cities selected for the 'streets for people challenge' by spreading awareness and encouraging them to transform their traffic centric streets into people-centric streets and if so, the details thereof; and

(e)   whether the Government proposes to include more cities, in addition to present hundred cities under 'streets for people challenge' and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a)   to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *131 (11TH POSITION) FOR ANSWER ON 10.02.2022 REGARDING NURTURING NEIGHBOURHOODS CHALLENGE IN CITIES.

(a)   to (e) Yes, Sir. An online event was held by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on 17 January 2022 to announce 11 winning cities for the Streets for People Challenge and 10 winning cities for the pilot stage of the Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge.

Under the Streets for People challenge, participating cities undertook pilot projects on redesigning streets, citizen surveys and conducted capacity building workshops. The Challenge was conducted in two phases. 38 cities submitted their proposals in Phase-1 of the Challenge in July 2021. Of these, 30 cities were shortlisted and evaluated to finally identify 11 winners for Phase-1. Stage-wise submissions from cities were reviewed based on the quality of pilot interventions, participatory processes, quality of city-level scale-up plans and innovative strategies for funding the implementation of long-term measures.

Under the Nurturing Neighborhoods Challenge, a jury including both national and international technical experts was constituted to evaluate pilot projects proposed and implemented by participating cities in Phase-I of the Challenge. Projects were evaluated based on assessment of outcomes on ground, quality of design and implementation, and the processes adopted for city-level change. Details of winning cities under both the challenges is at <u>Annexure-I</u>.

Each of the 11 winning cities of the Streets for People Challenge will receive Rs. 50 lakhs to scale up their initiatives in Stage 2 of the Streets4People Challenge.

As part of the Streets for People Challenge, there is a strong emphasis on community-led action and hence, cities have proactively engaged with approximately 1.5 lakh citizens through tactical urbanism methods.

Season-2 of the Streets for People Challenge has been launched. All Smart Cities, all cities with over 5 lakh population, all State/UT Capital cities and all cities with Municipal Corporations will be eligible for Season-2 of the Challenge.

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Annexure-I in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *131 for answer on 10.02.2022 regarding Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge in Cities asked by Shri Sanjay Sadashivrao Mandlik and Shri Subrat Pathak, Hon'ble MPs.

List of Winning Cities under Streets for People and Nurturing Neighborhoods Challenges

S.No.	State	Winning Cities under Streets for People Challenge
1	Maharashtra	Aurangabad
2	Karnataka	Bengaluru
3	Haryana	Gurugram
4	Kerala	Kochi
5	Nagaland	Kohima
6	Maharashtra	Nagpur
7	Maharashtra	Pimpri Chinchwad
8	Maharashtra	Pune
9	Rajasthan	Udaipur
10	Madhya Pradesh	Ujjain
11	Andhra Pradesh	Vijaywada
S.No.	**State**	**Winning Cities under Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge**
1	Karnataka	Bengaluru
2	Karnataka	Hubballi-Dharwad
3	Madhya Pradesh	Indore
4	Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur
5	Andhra Pradesh	Kakinada
6	Kerala	Kochi
7	Nagaland	Kohima
8	Orissa	Rourkela
9	Gujarat	Vadodara
10	Telangana	Warangal