

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1580  
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

**DEVELOPMENT OF SMART CITIES**

**NO. 1580. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:**

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

- (a) the status of development of smart cities in the country;**
- (b) whether the smart cities mission help cities specifically to tackle traffic jams and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the manner in which funds were allocated for the mission during the previous year;**
- (d) the benefits that would be accrued to the selected cities;**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to include more cities under the mission in the near future; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (f): Government of India launched the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) on 25th June, 2015 for development of 100 cities as Smart Cities. The selection of 100 Smart Cities has been completed through 4 rounds of selection from January 2016 to June 2018. As on 21 January 2022, these Smart Cities have tendered out 6,721 projects worth ₹ 1,88,506 crore; work orders have been issued in 6,124 projects worth ₹ 1,62,908 crore; 3,421 projects worth ₹ 58,735 crore have been completed. As on 21 January 2022, Government of India has released ₹ 28,413.60 crore for 100 Smart Cities, out of which ₹ 23,668.27 crore (83%) have been utilized.**

**Efficient urban mobility & public transport are core infrastructure elements of Smart Cities. Creating walkable localities and promoting non-motorized transport options is a priority in Smart Cities. As a result, road networks are created or refurbished keeping in mind needs of public transport, pedestrians, and cyclists. Cities have taken up various projects in areas of Integrated Transport Management (ITS), Intelligent Traffic Management Systems (ITMS), Adaptive Traffic Control Systems (ATCS), development of complete streets, public bicycle sharing systems, automated parking management systems, multi-modal transit hubs etc. to reduce traffic congestion and provide efficient urban mobility. Integrated Command and Control Centers (ICCCs) have also been operationalized in 75 Smart Cities which ensure better monitoring and efficiency in many areas including traffic management.**

**Projects under SCM are aimed at improving liveability, economic ability, and sustainability. The focus is on sustainable and inclusive development and the idea is to look at developing compact areas, creating replicable models which will act as lighthouses to other aspiring cities through work on four pillars of comprehensive development — institutional, physical, social, and economic infrastructure. Presently, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for adding more cities under SCM.**

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