

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1592

TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 10, 2022

PROJETS UNDER SMART CITIES MISSION

NO. 1592. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

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

- (a) whether many proposals under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) which are funded partly by the Centre, remain incomplete due to the COVID-19 pandemic that stalled activities for most of 2020;**
- (b) if so, the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete the pending works; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Government of India launched the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) on 25 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. So far, 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.

COVID-19 pandemic related lockdowns and other unprecedented situations led to temporary interruptions in execution of Smart City works across the country. However, Smart Cities commenced works in right earnest after un-lockdown. The implementation of SCM at the city level is done by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) created for the purpose. At State level, Mission implementation is coordinated by the State level High Powered Steering Committee (HPSC) chaired by the Chief Secretary of the State. At the National level, implementation of SCM is monitored by an Apex Committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). Nominee Directors of MoHUA on the Boards of SPVs monitor progress in respective cities on a regular basis. MoHUA regularly interacts with the States/Smart Cities through video conferences, review meetings, field visits, regional workshops etc. at various levels to assess the performance of cities and handhold them for improving the same. Smart Cities are assessed on various parameters including, but not limited to, project implementation and utilization of funds through the Online Geospatial Management Information System (GMIS). The period of implementation of SCM has been extended upto June 2023 and all Smart Cities are expected to complete their projects within the stipulated time.

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