GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 437
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 03, 2022

ZERO EMISSION CITIES UNDER SCM

NO. 437. DR. SANJAY JAIWAL:

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

(a) whether cities are evaluated for climate change resilient infrastructure and facilities under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to launch a special climate Smart Cities Mission, focussed especially on building climate change resilient cities in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the current Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework 2.0 is binding on Urban Local Bodies and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is taking steps for promoting ‘Race to Zero’ and other campaigns to create zero emission cities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the funds allocated for the same?

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. 100 Smart cities have been selected through 4 rounds of competition from January 2016 to June 2018. Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) was launched in 2019 as a mechanism to strengthen climate-sensitive development practices in cities. Report of the
second edition of the assessment (CSCAF 2.0) which was open to all Smart Cities, Capital cities and cities with population above 5 lakhs in 2011 Census was released on 25 June 2021. To support climate action across India’s cities, the Climate Center for Cities (C-cube) has been established under National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA). There is no proposal under consideration of Government for launching a Climate Smart Cities Mission.

(d) & (e): The decision regarding participation of Cities/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in ‘Race to Zero’ or similar campaigns is taken by respective State Governments/ULBs. SCM promotes and fosters climate sensitive development through various initiatives.

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