

**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 JAISWAL:**

**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**

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**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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