

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1765**

TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 05, 2024

SELECTION OF KARUR UNDER SMART CITY MISSION

NO. 1765. MS. S JOTHIMANI:

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

- (a) the criteria for the selection of cities under the Smart Cities Mission;**
- (b) the reasons for excluding Karur under the Smart Cities Mission; and**
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to recognise and develop Karur as a smart city in the future being the fourth largest textile hub in the country and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

- (a) 100 cities have been selected under Smart Cities Mission (SCM) after 2 stages of challenge process. In the first stage, State/UT Governments shortlisted potential smart cities within the State/UT. Cities emerging successful in first stage, were then recommended by the State/ UT Governments to Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for the second stage of National competitions. As per the SCM guidelines, second stage criteria include city level and Smart City Proposal (SCP) level evaluation based on factors, viz., credibility of implementation, city vision & strategy, impact of proposal, cost effectiveness, innovation, scalability etc.**
- (b) The State Government of Tamil Nadu did not recommend the proposal to include Karur in the SCM.**
- (c) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Central Government to extend the existing SCM by including additional cities.**
