

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4109
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 19, 2024**

SELECTION OF GREENFIELD CITIES

NO. 4109. SHRI SASIKANTH SENTHIL:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has selected the eight Greenfield cities recommended by the 16th Finance Commission in 2021, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure the utilisation of the grant before the deadline up to March 31, 2026;**
- (c) the details of the challenges faced by the Government during the selection process of these Greenfield cities; and**
- (d) whether any special considerations has been given to the proposals received from the Northeastern States for the development of Greenfield cities and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): 15th Finance Commission (15th FC) has allocated ₹8,000 crore as performance based challenge fund for incubation of eight new cities. A State can have only one new city through this fund.

In line with the recommendations of 15th FC, the Ministry constituted an Expert Committee (EC) for finalization of bid parameters for incubation of new cities. The Committee finalized minimum eligibility conditions & bid parameters, and a Request for Proposal (RfP) was circulated to all States. The Ministry received 26 proposals from 21 States upto the last date. Due to non-receipt of qualitative proposals from North-Eastern States, fresh/revised proposals were sought from these States. Consequently, total 28 proposals from 23 States have been received.

All the proposals are at the competent level for examination/scrutiny.

(d): To give impetus to the proposals from North-Eastern (NE)/Hilly States for incubation of new city, the preferred size of proposed cities is more than 25 Hectares. For all other States, preferred size of proposed cities is more than 50 Hectares. Envisaged population of the new city in NE and Hilly States is at least 25,000. For all other States, envisaged population is 1,00,000.

Further, considering the small urban population in NE/Hilly States, Rs. 500 crore for a city has been allocated.
