

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5505
TO BE ANSWERED ON APRIL 03, 2025**

REVIEW OF PENDING PROPOSALS FOR NEW CITIES IN ODISHA

NO. 5505. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has set a timeline to review the proposals received from the State Government of Odisha for new cities and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the review is likely to be completed, district-wise;**
- (b) whether the Union Government has examined that these proposals meet key requirements such as environmental impact, infrastructure and long-term planning and if so, the details thereof along with the factors being considered in the review;**
- (c) whether the Union Government would work with the State Government of Odisha and local bodies to ensure that these new cities meet the needs of the growing population; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken to monitor their progress?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): 15th Finance Commission (15th FC) has allocated ₹8,000 crore as performance based challenge fund for incubation of 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 bid parameters included plan of connectivity (inter and intra city), city planning including environmental sustainability, availability of basic municipal services, residential occupancy in 5-10 years, creation of jobs, availability of social infrastructure etc.

The Ministry received 26 proposals from 21 States, including a proposal from the State of Odisha, 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.