

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4740
TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 21, 2025**

PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY IN CITY PLANNING

NO. 4740. SHRI SHASHANK MANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has outlined a vision for enhancing the capacity of urban staff to work in coordination with advanced smart city technologies;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the training programmes or skill development initiatives introduced in this regard;**
- (c) whether there are specific programmes aimed at promoting gender equality and empowering women in urban planning and management roles; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is implementing Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), which was launched on 25 June, 2015. Smart elements, components and technologies are part of AMRUT projects and this aims to promote sustainable urban development. AMRUT guidelines provide for smart elements such as Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) as part of the water supply and sewerage projects. As reported by States/Union Territories (UTs), 230 Water supply projects and 146 Sewerage projects have been implemented with SCADA.

Technology Sub-Mission is an important component of AMRUT 2.0 to encourage start-up ideas and private entrepreneurship and commissioning them into the pilot projects. As reported by States/UTs, under AMRUT 2.0, 1,512 water supply projects, 247 Sewerage projects are approved with SCADA. Under AMRUT, against the target of 45000 functionaries, 57134 functionaries have already been trained so far. Under AMRUT 2.0, capacity building programs are conducted for all stakeholders including contractors, plumbers, plant operators, students, women and citizens.

(c) & (d): MoHUA has designated 4 Institutes in different regions as Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Urban Planning and Design, which inter alia impart certified trainings/ certified courses to Civil Servants, State Town Planners, Municipal Officials, practitioners/professionals, young students etc.

MoHUA has launched Urban Renaissance Tech Program (URTP) for Urban Managers to create techno managerial leaders in urban planning and management roles, so far, 300 professionals have registered for the program.

Besides, MoHUA has also designated 6 institutes as AMRUT Funded Centre of Urban Planning for Capacity Building. The role envisaged for these institutes inter alia include subject specific trainings to Municipal officials/ Town and Country Planning officials, augmenting capacity building of State / Local authorities and hand holding them in urban planning.

MoHUA promotes gender sensitive and inclusive urban planning. Under AMRUT 2.0, Ministry has also launched AMRUT Mitra initiative which involves women Self Help Groups (SHGs) in water demand management, water quality testing, water infrastructure operations, and other water sectoral projects. So far, 1965 projects worth ₹162.81 crore have been approved under this initiative.
