GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4757 TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 21, 2025

SCM IN JHUNJHUNU

NO. 4757. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH OLA:

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

- (a) whether it is true that a fast-growing urban area like Jhunjhunu city in Rajasthan has been left out of the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) while many other smaller cities have been included;
- (b) if so, the justification/reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide budget for the development of the urban area by including Jhunjhunu city under SCM in future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): 100 cities have been selected under Smart Cities Mission (SCM) after 2 stages of challenge process. In the first stage, State/UT Government shortlisted potential smart cities within the State/UT. Cities emerging successful in first stage, were then recommended by the State/ UT Government to Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for the second stage of National competitions. Under Smart Cities Mission (SCM) four cities, viz. Ajmer, Jaipur, Kota and Udaipur have been selected in the State of Rajasthan. Jhunjhunu was not included in the cities recommended by the State Government of Rajasthan for selection under SCM.
- (c) to (e) With the closure of SCM on 31st March, 2025, there is no further budgetary provision under SCM to add new cities under SCM.
