

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3421
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 12, 2026
SWACHH SURVEKSHAN REPORT 2025**

NO. 3421. SHRI T R BAALU:

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

- (a) whether the Swachh Survekshan report 2025 has revealed that most of the cities with a population above ten lakhs have failed to meet the prescribed norms for cleanliness and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether even cities where Smart City projects are being implemented are facing poor cleanliness conditions and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the remedial measures taken along with the special financial assistance provided to such City Corporations to ensure that citizens are assured of good living conditions?**

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

(a): MoHUA has been conducting an annual cleanliness survey – Swachh Survekshan since the year 2016, which has over the years played a key role in triggering positive competition amongst cities towards achieving the objectives of the Mission. As per Census 2011, there are 47 ULBs having million plus population, out of which 44 ULBs were assessed (3 ULBs from West Bengal didn't participate in SS 2024-25). Out of the 44 cities assessed, 42 cities scored above the national average, while 2 cities scored below the national average.

(b) & (c): Out of 96 cities where Smart City projects are being implemented, 37 cities scored between 80–100% of the maximum marks, indicating strong performance. Another 23 cities fall in the 60–80% range, reflecting satisfactory performance. With the aim to improve the performance of low performing cities, MoHUA has launched the Swachh Shehar Jodi (SSJ) initiative, under which top-performing “mentor cities” are paired with lower-performing “mentee cities” based on their performance in Swachh Survekshan rankings.

Further, under SBM-U 2.0 financial assistance is provided to all urban local bodies to achieve Garbage Free Status through 100% scientific management of all fractions of municipal waste. Under SBM – U 2.0, the total financial outlay of the States and UTs for the entire Mission Period is ₹1,41,600 crore, including Central Assistance of ₹36,465 crore.
