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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2003
TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 30, 2026**

DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES AS 'GROWTH HUBS'

NO. 2003 SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

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

- (a) the current status of the project to develop cities as "growth hubs" in line with the announcement made in the Union Budget 2024-25; and**
- (b) whether any city from Bihar has also been selected under the said project and if so, the details thereof, city-wise?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) scheme has been operationalized with the launch of Operational Guidelines for UCF on 15th April, 2026. The scheme guidelines are in public domain and may be accessed at

<https://www.mohua.gov.in/static/uploads/2026/04/7950afb9b2d5cb773ba3d6c64bde9726.pdf>

UCF supports the development and strengthening of urban infrastructure through implementation of transformative and impactful projects under three verticals namely 'Cities as Growth Hubs', 'Creative Redevelopment of Cities' and 'Water and Sanitation'.

So far, 33 projects have been approved/ accorded in-principle approval. No proposal has been received from Bihar State for consideration under UCF.
