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Development of smart cities in Bihar

†*257. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to develop small cities in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the names of the cities in Bihar planned to be made a smart city?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Development of cities is a State Subject. Government of India supports this activity through its schemes and programmes. Scheme to develop small cities in the country, Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) was part of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) which has come to end on 31/03/2014. A new mission for support of infrastructure and other component in 500 cities of country is under finalization.

(b) The Draft Concept Paper on developing 100 Smart Cities is available on the Ministry's website (www.indiansmartcities.in). Consultations with State Governments have been held. No city, as yet has been identified as smart city.

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