

acknowledgement by the international community that Pakistan uses terrorism as an instrument of state policy and of the necessity for Pakistan to put an end to this practice immediately. Terrorism emanating from territory under Pakistan's control is a core concern for India; Government has repeatedly conveyed to Pakistan that it must honour its commitment of not allowing its territory and areas under its control to be used for terrorism against India.

Government has also conveyed to Pakistan, including at the highest level that a meaningful dialogue, to resolve outstanding issues and to build peaceful cooperative ties, necessarily requires an environment free from violence and terror.

Government continues to take all necessary steps to safeguard India's territorial integrity and the safety and security of our citizens.

#### **Criteria for smart cities**

443 SHRI D. RAJA :

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN :

SHRI C.M. RAMESH :

SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV :

Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal to develop some cities into smart cities in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the criteria for a smart city, which are the cities selected for developing into smart cities and what steps are being taken to implement the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIA (BABUL SUPRIYO) BARAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Mission for developing Smart Cities is being formulated in consultation with State Governments. City selection will happen after finalization of the Smart City Mission Scheme.

#### **Development of smart cities**

444. SHRI MAJEED MEMON : Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to develop some cities into smart cities during the current as well as in the next financial year under its scheme to develop them into smart cities; and