

Foreign assistance for smart cities

452. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of countries that have expressed their interest in building smart cities, with special reference to Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO) : None of the countries have shown specific interest to build Smart Cities according to the Smart Cities Mission Guidelines in Tamil Nadu. However, following countries have expressed interest to participate in the development of Smart Cities:

- (i) United States of America
- (ii) Spain,
- (iii) Canada,
- (iv) France,
- (v) Germany,
- (vi) China, and
- (vii) Singapore

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†453. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to develop smart cities in the country, if so, the names of the smart cities to be developed, State-wise and location-wise;
- (b) whether already settled cities/towns would be selected for developing those as smart cities, if not, whether farmers land would be acquired for developing smart cities; and
- (c) if so, the details of difficulties being faced by the Government in selecting already settled cities/towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO) : (a) Yes, Sir. The States/UTs are shortlisting the names of potential Smart Cities as part of Stage 1 of the Challenge (competition).

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