

**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

**Land for smart cities**

†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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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The Smart Cities Mission strategy consists of area-based development and support of Smart Solutions to improve services and infrastructure. Area-based development will transform existing areas (retrofit and redevelop), including slums, into better planned ones, thereby improving liveability of the whole City. New areas (greenfield) will be developed around cities in order to accommodate the expanding population in urban areas. Application of Smart Solutions will enable cities to use technology, information and data to improve infrastructure and services. Comprehensive development in this way will improve quality of life, create employment and enhance incomes for all, especially the poor and the disadvantaged, leading to inclusive cities.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Smart cities in Kerala**

454. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities in the State of Kerala identified to make smart cities under clusters scheme;

(b) the role of state Government in this regard; and

(c) when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO) : (a) There is no cluster scheme at present, but a Smart Cities Mission was launched on 25th June, 2015.

(b) According to Smart Cities Mission Guidelines, the State Government have to shortlist potential Smart Cities in Stage 1 of the Challenge (competition) and thereafter shortlist cities to prepare Smart City Proposals for the Stage 2 Competition.

(c) The Smart Cities Mission is launched.

#### **Funds for development schemes**

455. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL : Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to mobilize fund for the development of Smart Cities and also for the two other schemes Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and Pradhan Mantri AwasYojana through the resources of urban local bodies from collection of user charges, beneficiary charges, impact fees, land monetization loans etc. if so, the details thereof; and