

(b) A total of 29 cities from Rajasthan have been covered under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). These cities are as under:

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| 1. Ajmer | 16. Beawar |
| 2. Bhiwadi | 17. Chittaurgarh |
| 3. Ganganagar | 18. Hindaun |
| 4. Jodhpur | 19. Nagaur |
| 5. Sikar | 20. Udaipur |
| 6. Alwar | 21. Bharatpur |
| 7. Bikaner | 22. Churu |
| 8. Gangapur City | 23. Jaipur |
| 9. Kishangarh | 24. Pali |
| 10. Sujangarh | 25. Jhalawar |
| 11. Baran | 26. Bhilwara |
| 12. Bundi | 27. Dhaulpur |
| 13. Hanumangarh | 28. Jhunjhunun |
| 14. Kota | 29. Sawai Madhopur |
| 15. Tonk | |
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(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Rajasthan had submitted a proposal to include Sardar Shaher, Makarana, Barmer, Banswara and Karauli in the Mission. The request has been examined. These cities are not eligible for inclusion as per Guidelines of the Mission.

Closure of Government schools

*125. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently more than one lakh Government schools are reported to have been shut down despite a good number of children, in the country, if so, details thereof, State-wise;

(b) what are the reasons for the closure of schools during the last three years and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that student enrolment increased to 25 per cent in

private schools as against nine per cent decline in enrolment in Government schools during the last three years, if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) No, Sir. States and UTs have reported closure of 4,613 Government primary and upper primary schools in 2015-16. The State/UT-wise details on closure of schools are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) The opening and closing of schools is within the purview of State/UT Governments. The total number of Government Schools closed is insignificant as compared to the total number of Government elementary schools, which is 10,80,757 as per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE), 2014-15. The Ministry has emphasized that the States need to take adequate safeguards to ensure that neighbourhood access of any child is not affected by this exercise.

(c) No, Sir. As per U-DISE, 2014-15, the enrolment in private schools at elementary level has shown an increase of 8.47% from 2012-13 to 2014-15. The enrolment in Government schools at elementary level, during this period, has shown a decrease of 4.86%.

Statement

The States and UT-wise detail on closure of schools

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	Number of Schools
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	789
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4.	Assam	0
5.	Bihar	0
6.	Chandigarh UT	0
7.	Chhattisgarh	2862
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0
9.	Daman and Diu	0
10.	Delhi	31
11.	Goa	20
12.	Gujarat	0
13.	Haryana	0

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	Number of Schools
14.	Himachal Pradesh	0
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	0
16.	Jharkhand	4
17.	Karnataka	58
18.	Kerala	0
19.	Lakshadweep	0
20.	Madhya Pradesh	0
21.	Maharashtra	0
22.	Manipur	0
23.	Meghalaya	0
24.	Mizoram	44
25.	Nagaland	0
26.	Odisha	195
27.	Puducherry	0
28.	Punjab	0
29.	Rajasthan	0
30.	Sikkim	5
31.	Tamil Nadu	0
32.	Telangana	56
33.	Tripura	0
34.	Uttar Pradesh	0
35.	Uttarakhand	0
36.	West Bengal	549
TOTAL		4613

Source: AWP and B, 2016-17

Security system in smart city project

*126. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ambitious project of a hundred smart cities is going to change the urban landscape and lifestyle in the country;