

Status of project twinning of cities

1730. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the present status of the project Twinning of Cities;
- (b) how many of them are completed, the details name-wise;
- (c) whether there is any plan to include more cities under this project and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of foreign aid received for each city, till date; and
- (e) whether any city is excluded from the selected list and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) For the purpose of facilitating the strengthening of bonds of friendship between a city in India and the twinned city in another country, the Ministry of Urban Development has brought out Guidelines for Twinning of Cities, 2014 by revising the earlier guidelines which were issued in the year 1994. This is a facilitative framework and not a project. As per information available, details of twinned cities are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Inclusion of cities by the Ministry of Urban Development does not arise as it is up to the States to submit proposals for twinning of cities. The proposals are examined and considered for approval as per the Guidelines for Twinning of Cities, 2014.

(d) No details of foreign aid received by the cities under Twinning Agreements signed under the aegis of the Guidelines of Twinning of Cities has come to the notice of the Ministry of Urban Development.

(e) The Ministry of Urban Development does not select cities for twinning. It only examines and considers proposals for approval submitted by the State Governments.

Statement*Details of Indian cities twinned with foreign cities***1995-2010**

1. Amritsar (Punjab)	+	Sandwell (U.K.)
2. Aurangabad (Maharashtra)	+	Cusco (Peru)
3. Bangalore (Karnataka)	+	Nanjing (China)

4. Bikaner (Rajasthan)	+	Udine (Italy)
5. Delhi (New Delhi)	+	London, Chicago, Dushanbe (Tajikistan)
6. Diu (Daman and Diu)	+	Lources (Portugal)
7. Jalandhar (Punjab)	+	London Borough (Hounslow, U.K.)
8. Jamshedpur (Jharkhand)	+	Gunsan City (Korea)
9. Mumbai (Maharashtra)	+	Seoul, Busan (South Korea), Izmir (Turkey)
10. Panjim (Goa)	+	Vigan (Philippines)
11. Port Blair (Andaman and Nicobar Islands)	+	Phuket (Thailand)
12. Jaipur (Rajasthan)	+	Pocheon (South Korea)
13. Chennai (Tamil Nadu)	+	San Antonio (Texas, USA), Kuala Lumpur, (Malaysia)
2013		
14. Kolkata, West Bengal	+	Kunming, China
15. Bengaluru, Karnataka	+	Chengdu, China
2014		
16. Ayodhya City, UP	+	Janakpur Municipality, Nepal
17. Varanasi City, UP	+	Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Nepal
18. Bodh Gaya City, UP	+	Lumbini Sanskritik Municipality, Nepal
2015		
19. Chennai, Tamil Nadu	+	Chongqing, China
20. Hyderabad, Telangana	+	Gingdao, China
21. Aurangabad, Maharashtra	+	Dunhuang, China
22. Mumbai, Maharashtra	+	Shanghai, China
23. Ahmedabad, Gujarat	+	Guangzhou, China

Smart Cities Mission in Puducherry

1731. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan of including Puducherry in the Smart City Project;