

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) The Smart Cities Mission has adopted a three-pronged strategy focusing on creating city-wide core infrastructure through convergence, applying Smart Solutions across such core services to improve service delivery, and developing area-level models. Thus, a substantial proportion of the investments planned will provide city-wide benefits. Of a total investment of 1.95 lakh crores proposed by Ninety selected cities, about 40,000 crores is earmarked for creating city-wide core infrastructure through convergence. The total investment proposed in Area Based Development (ABD) is ₹ 1,52,500 crores. Additionally, the ICT-enabled Smart Solutions, with an aggregate investment of about 37,000 crores will also have a pan city impact. Thus, the impact of the three strategic components of the Mission cannot be separately identified.

(b) The Smart Cities Mission Guidelines provide for setting up a Smart City Advisory Forum at the City level for all Smart Cities to advise and enable collaboration among various stakeholders and to include the MP, MLA, Mayor, District Collector, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), local youths etc.

Information from all Smart Cities regarding constitution of the Advisory Forum is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Progress of Smart City Development Project in Amritsar

1950. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for the progress of Smart City Development Project sanctioned in the year 2015-16 for Amritsar;

(b) the main reasons for continuous delay in completing this project;

(c) the utilization of allocations during 2016-17; and

(d) the details of allocations made during 2017-18?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is continuously supporting the Smart City of Amritsar. Amritsar was selected as a Smart City in Round 2 in September, 2016. The Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for implementation of projects at city level, has been formed on 13.12.2016 and Project Management Consultant (PMC) for project preparation, tendering and implementation has been engaged in November, 2017.

(b) There is no continuous delay in the project implementation. The implementation of the Smart Cities Mission is done by a City level Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). After selection of a city as Smart City, SPV has to be incorporated, human resources to be appointed and Project Management Consultant (PMC) to be engaged. This takes 12-15 months. Now in Amritsar, the PMC has been appointed.

(c) and (d) Subsequent to formation of SPV, ₹ 27 crores has been released to the Government of Punjab in April and June, 2017 (Financial Year 2017-18) for Amritsar Smart City. Out of which, till date city has reported utilization of ₹ 0.20 crore.

Swachhta Index 2018

1951. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether false claims about sanitation infrastructure and their usage to improve rankings the Swachhta Index would cost municipal bodies dear;

(b) whether the next survey of Swachhta would cover 4,041 cities and towns with total population of 40 crore;

(c) whether Government has introduced the provisions for rewarding innovative practices which would get additional weightage of 5 per cent;

(d) whether the methodology and weightage for Swachh Survekshan, 2018 have been modified based on extensive consultations with city and State Governments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) The Government of India conduct Swachh Survekshan to assess the cleanliness status of cities/towns on various parameters as Open Defecation Free (ODF) progress, collection and transportation of solid waste, processing and disposal of solid waste, Information, Education and Communication (IEC), Capacity Building (CB) and Innovation, etc. Information provided on these parameters by the Urban Local Body (ULB) is validated. If there is more than 20% negative deviation, negative marking is exercised.

(b) Yes Sir, the Swachh Survekshan-2018 covers 4041 ULBs as per 2011 census with total population of more than 40 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.