Convergence of the Smart Cities Mission with other Central/State schemes is an integral part of the design of the Mission. Following an Area Based Development (ABD) approach, at the planning stage itself, cities have added convergence projects in the Smart City Proposal (SCP) with Schemes like Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban (PMAY-U), National Solar Mission, Digital India etc. Around 21% of the estimated cost of Rs. 2,05,018 crores of 5,151 projects given by 100 cities in their SCPs has been proposed to be funded through convergence.

Felling of trees for constructing new housing projects

2602. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of trees have been felled for constructing new housing projects in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of trees cut during the last three years in Delhi for various Government projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) to (c) Department of Forests and Wildlife, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that 12,849 trees have been cut during the last three years *i.e.* 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 in Delhi for various Government projects.

Waste in tier-I and II towns

2603. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average quantum of waste collected per day in the country;

(b) whether this includes only urban cities and Tier-I and II towns and if so, the reasons why the wastes generated in rural areas is not included;

(c) if not the share of rural waste in the total waste collection;

(d) how the waste collected is being treated;

(e) the details of quantum of waste processed and dumped openly during the last three years; and

(f) whether the situation has improved after the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) initiative and if so, the details thereof?