

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) The duration of the Smart Cities Mission is five years i.e. from Financial Year 2015-16 to Financial Year 2019-20. The Mission may be continued thereafter in the light of an evaluation to be done by this Ministry and incorporating the learnings into the Mission.

(b) and (c) Ninety Nine Smart Cities were selected in four Rounds. These cities have planned investment of ₹ 2,03,979 crores. The Smart Cities Mission (SCM) is not business-as-usual Mission and projects have a strong qualitative element. It takes around 15-18 months from the date of selection of a Smart city to call tenders. The progress of implementation depends on the Round of selection. As reported by the cities, 753 projects worth ₹ 24,511.49 crores have been completed or under implementation.

The implementation of the Smart Cities Mission is being done by a city level Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). Regular monitoring by this Ministry is being done through Video Conference, webinar and meetings at State level alongwith handholding support to speed up preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), calling tenders and implementation on ground.

#### **Launching of liveability index**

1476. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a Liveability Index to decide the rankings among the major cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly with regard to Assam and North Eastern States;

(c) whether Government has announced some incentives to States which have implemented the urban reforms to the satisfaction of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has launched a liveability index which will rank the country's 116 major cities, including 10 cities from Assam and North Eastern States, on the basis of the quality of life they offer. The framework includes 79 indicators (57 Core Indicators and 22 Supporting Indicators). These indicators are organised in 15 distinct 'Categories', designed for

measuring various institutional, social, economic and physical aspects that affect the quality of life of citizens and determine the 'Liveability' of a city. A detailed booklet is available on following web link: [http://smartcities.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Liveability%20Report%20Final\\_17%20May\(1\).pdf](http://smartcities.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Liveability%20Report%20Final_17%20May(1).pdf)

The following cities from Assam and North Eastern States have been included:

Sl.No.	Name of State	No. of Cities	Name of City
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	Itanagar Pasighat
2.	Assam	1	Guwahati
3.	Manipur	1	Imphal
4.	Meghalaya	1	Shillong
5.	Mizoram	1	Aizawl
6.	Nagaland	1	Kohima
7.	Sikkim	2	Namchi Gangtok
8.	Tripura	1	Agartala

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation on June 25, 2015 with focus on water supply and sewerage and septage management in 500 Mission cities. The Mission also incentivizes the States/UTs for implementation of reforms. In the year 2016-17, ₹ 400 crore and in the year 2017-18, ₹ 500 crore were disbursed to 20 States/UTs and 16 States/UTs respectively.

#### **Houses constructed in Odisha under urban housing scheme**

1477. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed, city-wise so far in Odisha under urban housing scheme;

(b) the names of the cities and their areas in the State where houses are being constructed; and

(c) the number of persons benefitted under this scheme, city-wise?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.