

(b) and (c) The projects to be undertaken and time-frame for completion of these projects has been given by the cities in their Smart City Proposals (SCPs) which are available on the Smart Cities Mission website ([www.smartcities.gov.in](http://www.smartcities.gov.in)).

Round-wise selection of cities and timeline for completion of projects is given below:—

Selection in Round	Selection of Nos. of cities	Time-line for completion of Projects
1	20 Smart Cities in Round 1 in January, 2016.	Round 1 cities –2019-20 to 2020-21
Fast Track	13 Smart Cities in Fast Track Round in May 2016.	Round 2 cities (including Fast Track cities) –2019-20 to 2021-22
2	27 Smart Cities in Round 2 in September, 2016.	
3	30 Smart Cities in Round 3 in June, 2017.	Round 3 cities –2020-21 to 2021-22
4	9 Smart Cities selected in Round 4 in January, 2018 and 1 more city in June, 2018.	Round 4 cities –2020-21 to 2022-23

#### **Pickpocketing in Delhi Metro by women gangs**

1355. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 90 per cent of the incidents of pickpocketing are performed by women gangs in the various stations of Delhi Metro;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to form an antitheft squad at every line of the metro?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) to (c) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has been entrusted the security of Delhi Metro. The detection and prevention of crime falls under the domain of concerned State Police Department.

Delhi Police has informed that a total number of 17 cases have been registered by Delhi Metro Police regarding pickpocketing through groups during the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 (upto (31.05.2019). Out of which, 11 and 06 cases were committed by women groups and male groups respectively. The details are as under:—

Years	Total reported cases of pickpocketing in Delhi Metro	Cases involving Female groups	Cases involving Male groups
2016	1313	01	00
2017	1753	06	03
2018	699	04	03
2019 (upto 31.05.2019)	540	00	00

Delhi Police has informed that following steps have been taken to prevent crime in Delhi Metro:—

- (i) The Metro Stations are adequately covered under the jurisdiction of 16 Police Stations of Metro.
- (ii) Delhi Police is doing regular patrolling on metro stations with a view to intercept and check the suspects.
- (iii) Group patrolling by Station House Officer and staff at all the Metro Police Stations is being done near metro stations to check suspects.
- (iv) Police Assistance Booths are functioning at major metro stations.
- (v) Private companies working in Metro have been briefed to keep a watch on their staff and to have better supervision on their work.
- (vi) Regular liaison is being kept with the CISF authorities, and joint drives are conducted from time to time.

For sections of Delhi Metro network in the State of Haryana, Commissioner of Police, Gurugram has informed that during the year 2017, only one case has been registered under section 379 of Indian Penal Code in which one woman was arrested.

Commissioner of Police, Faridabad has informed that during the year 2018, one case was registered under section 379 of Indian Penal Code in which two women were arrested. Senior Superintendent of Police, Jhajjar has informed that no case of pickpocketing through women gangs has been reported in Jhajjar District. The continuous vigil and patrolling are done by local Police and CISF staff, including female staff, on the metro station and surprise checking from time to time.

For sections of Delhi Metro network in the State of Uttar Pradesh (UP), Superintendent of Police, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar have informed that no such incidents have occurred. To prevent such type of incidents, effective checking campaigns are done by local police from time to time and effective action being taken against the suspect persons.

Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) has also informed that they have installed CCTV cameras to cover most of the area of metro stations like platform, concourse, entry point and other circulating areas. Regular announcements are made in the trains by DMRC requesting commuters on the precautions to be taken.

#### **Redevelopment of flats on North and South Avenue, Delhi**

1356. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 400 flats on North Avenue and South Avenue, Delhi are likely to be rebuilt along the lines of the 36 flats on North Avenue that have just been rebuilt after being demolished in 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the new buildings on North Avenue and South Avenue will be constructed using fly ash and waste bricks;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the next phase is likely to include 144 flats on North Avenue after its vacation; 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.

(c) and (d) It has been decided to construct a total of 144 duplex houses in North Avenue in a phased manner.