

**Air purifiers in DDA gymnasiums**

†1057. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of gymnasiums being run by DDA in Delhi;
- (b) whether there is a feeling of suffocation in Delhi these days and during the whole winter season, due to pollution and owing to it, there is difficulty in exercising even inside the gymnasiums;
- (c) whether it has become essential to install air purifiers in Delhi's gymnasiums, especially the DDA gymnasium of Vasant Kunj by the DDA and whether Government has any plans in this regard; and
- (d) if so, by when and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has intimated that in total it runs 40 numbers of multigyms (fitness centres) at its various sports complexes, golf course and green areas.

(b) DDA has further informed that no complaint has been received from members of sports complexes and golf course, regarding suffocation while exercising in gymnasium due to pollution.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Progress under 'Smart Cities Mission'**

†1058. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made under the scheme which was begun to transform hundred cities of the country into smart cities;
- (b) the names of those cities that have been declared as "smart city" under this scheme;
- (c) by when the other cities included under this scheme would be made "smart cities"; and

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(d) the quantum of amount that was to be spent on each of the smart cities under the scheme and the expenditure that had already been incurred on it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) Government of India launched Smart Cities Mission on 25 June 2015 for developing 100 cities as Smart Cities. The objective of the Mission is to promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and application of 'Smart Solutions'. The State-wise details of the Smart Cities is given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to USQ No. 1046 (Part (a) and (b))].

(c) In the approach to the Smart Cities Mission, the objective is to promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and application of 'Smart' solutions. The focus is on sustainable and inclusive development and the idea is to look at compact areas, create a replicable model which will act like a light house to other areas within the city and other aspiring cities. There is no proposal, at present, to include more number of cities under SCM.

(d) As per SCM Guidelines, the Central Government proposes to give financial support to the extent of ₹ 48,000 crore over a period of five years *i.e.* an average of ₹ 500 crore per city over the Mission period. As on 15th November, 2019, the Government of India has released ₹ 18,614.10 crore to the States. A total of 5,151 projects worth of ₹ 2,05,018 crore have been proposed by these cities as part of their Smart City Proposals (SCPs) that are under various stages of implementation. As of 15th November 2019, 4,178 projects worth ₹ 1,49,519 crore have been tendered out, of which work orders for 3,376 projects worth ₹ 1,05,458 crore have been issued and 1,296 projects worth ₹ 23,170 crore have been completed.

#### **SCM in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu**

1059. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up more 'Sewage Treatment Plants' (STPs) in the Thoothukudi district under 'Smart Cities Mission' (SCM);