

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2464**

TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 17, 2021

NURTURING NEIGHBOURHOODS CHALLENGE UNDER SCM

NO. 2464 SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has finalised the names of the 25 cities selected for the Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and the shortlisted cities would carry out projects for making early childhood friendly neighbourhoods, including Hyderabad, Kakinada and Warangal etc.; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made State-wise and city-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge is an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to sensitize, guide and enable Indian cities to adopt an early-childhood lens in designing neighbourhoods in order to promote health and well-being of young children and their caregivers. Participation in the Challenge was made open to all Smart Cities, all Capital cities and all cities above 500,000 in population. After the initial period of handholding and submission of applications, 25 cities have been selected through a competitive process to proceed to Phase-I of the pilot stage of the Challenge. A jury has been constituted to evaluate the proposals of the selected 25 cities. The selected cities have started mobilizing nodal persons and/or teams to initiate actions under Phase-I of the Challenge. The details of these cities is given in **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2464 for answer on 17.3.2021 regarding Nurturing neighbourhoods challenge under SCM by Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav, Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

Details of States/Cities selected to proceed to Phase-I in Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge

State	City
Andhra Pradesh	Kakinada
Gujarat	Rajkot
	Vadodara
	Surat
Haryana	Rohtak
Himachal Pradesh	Dharamsala
Jharkhand	Ranchi
Karnataka	Bengaluru
	Hubballi-Dharwad
Kerala	Kochi
	Thiruvananthapuram
Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur
	Indore
	Ujjain
Maharashtra	Nagpur
Nagaland	Kohima
Odisha	Rourkela
Rajasthan	Kota
Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore
	Erode
	Salem
	Tiruppur
Telangana	Hyderabad
	Warangal
Tripura	Agartala
