GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1827 TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 04, 2021

SWACHH SURVEKSHAN 2021

NO. 1827. SHRI SANJAY SETH: SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted Swachh Survekshan 2021 recently and if so, the details thereof along with the objectives and salient features thereof;
- (b) the number of cities covered under the survey along with the number of days for which the survey was conducted, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government is likely to assess the impact of the Swachh Survekshan on the basis of data collected and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken to make the Swachh Survekshan successful and to create awareness amongst all sections of the society for cleaner cities?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Government of India has conducted Swachh Survekshan-2021 recently to inculcate healthy spirit of competition amongst Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and States/ Union Territory Administrations by ranking them on the basis of their performance in the survey. The third party led field assessment along with adequate weightage of citizen's feedback in the overall ranking of cities are the salient features of Swachh Survekshan. All the States/UTs covering 4,320 ULBs along with Cantonment Boards have been covered under the survey.

(c) & (d) : The cities are ranked on the basis of the marks obtained by them under different performance indicators collected during the survey. Based on their performance under Swachh Survekshan, the cities make strategies to improve their ranking in the subsequent years. Further, the performance of the States/ULBs are reviewed regularly and those which could not perform well are guided through regular interaction with the officials, field visits, assisting them in preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPRs) along with releasing fund through Central Assistance under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U). Swachh Survekshan is an evolving process and its performance framework is strengthened continuously in order to motivate cities to perform better in achieving the objectives of SBM-U. The citizen's participation is a major indicator of Swachh Survekshan which ensures that the ULBs constantly engage with all section of society for achieving the goal of cleaner cities.