

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3571**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON APRIL 04, 2022**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF SWACHH BHARAT MISSION IN URBAN CENTRES**

**NO. 3571. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:**

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

- (a) whether Government has prioritized the urban centres located in different cities for the introduction of Swachha Bharat Mission and making them free from garbage because the effect of the efforts made are not visible uniformly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the local bodies are not allotted funds as per the requirements; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and further action Government proposes to take to ensure that the efforts of cleanliness and garbage removal are visible on the ground?

**ANSWER**  
**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE**  
**MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)**

(a) & (b): All statutory towns as per census 2011 are covered under Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM-U) launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014 and SBM-U 2.0 launched on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021. Sanitation is a State subject under Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. SBM –U is more of a behaviour change programme and the results of garbage free cities is largely decided by the engagement of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) with the public and the ‘Jan Andolan’.

SBM-U under Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) helps the cities in Solid Waste Management (SWM) in various ways, which include financial assistance, technical protocols and standards, capacity building of ULBs, conducting Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns for behaviour change, annual sanitation survey of cities (Swachh Survekshan), Information Technology (IT) platforms like Swachhatam portal and Swachhata App, protocols like Star Rating protocol of Garbage Free Cities (GFC), protocols for ODF+ and ODF++ and Water+ protocol, etc.

(c) & (d): Grant-in-Aids/ACA is provided to States/UTs as per SBM(U) & SBM(U) 2.0 guidelines based on receipt of proposals complete in all respects and duly approved by the State High Power Committee(SHPC) of the concerned State/ UT. Direct funding to ULBs is not permissible as per the guidelines of the Mission.

The nature and quantum of actions required to be taken for cleanliness and garbage removal would vary from one ULB to another. Accordingly, it is for the ULBs to assess their needs and formulate Action Plan, get it approved by the State High Power Committee (SHPC) and submit to Government of India for Central Share (CS) funding. Further steps proposed for garbage free urban India are proposed in the Operational Guidelines of SBM-U 2.0.