

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 683.
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 22ND JULY, 2022.**

FREIGHT SMART CITIES

683. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has planned to develop 'Freight Smart Cities' to improve the efficiency of urban freight and create an opportunity for reduction in the logistics costs and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has also launched a website on 'Freight Smart Cities' to improve urban freight and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has urged the State Governments to identify ten cities, to begin with, to be developed as 'Freight Smart Cities', if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps being taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI SOM PARKASH)**

- (a) to (d):** A study has been assigned to a professional agency with the objective of better planning for transport and logistics infrastructure and explore measures which can be taken to make Indian cities as smart from the perspective of transportation of cargo in addition to the passengers moving within and through the cities, to enhance logistics efficiency and accordingly develop model plans for the representative cities in various categories. A website for the purpose of public/stakeholder consultation has been launched on an experimental basis. (Link: <http://logistics.gov.in/states-uts/freight-smart-cities/>). Further, 'Freight Smart Cities' is not a scheme or a project, hence no city in any State has been identified or included under this initiative for development.
