

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1505
ANSWERED ON 09/12/2024**

INCLUSION OF CUTTACK UNDER SMART CITY MISSION

NO. 1505. SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering Cuttack, Odisha for inclusion in the Smart Cities Mission, and if so, the steps which have been taken to upgrade the city's infrastructure, utilities, and urban services;
- (b) the timelines for the implementation of smart infrastructure in Cuttack, and manner in which it will improve the quality of life for residents; and
- (c) the amount of fund allocated for development of Cuttack under the Smart Cities Mission and the specific areas that will benefit from this funding?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

- (a) to (c) 100 cities have been selected under Smart Cities Mission (SCM) after 2 stages of challenge process. In the first stage, State/UT Governments shortlisted potential smart cities within the State. Cities emerging successful in first stage, were then recommended by the State/ UT Governments to Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs for the second stage of National competitions. Since State of Odisha was allocated only two cities, Bhubaneswar and Rourkela were selected under SCM. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Central Government to extend the existing SCM by including additional cities.
