

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 57
ANSWERED ON 25/11/2024**

URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES UNDER SMART CITIES MISSION

57. SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:

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

- (a) the progress in the implementation of the Smart Cities Mission, and the number of cities that have successfully completed their projects; and
- (b) the manner in which Government is addressing urban infrastructure challenges, especially in fast-growing cities?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As on 15.11.2024, under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), work orders have been issued in 8,066 projects amounting to ₹1,64,669 crore, of which 7,352 projects amounting to ₹1,47,366 crore (i.e. 91% of total projects) have been completed, as per the data provided by 100 Smart Cities. Thirteen (13) cities have completed all of their projects undertaken in the Smart Cities Mission, followed by forty-eight (48) cities with more than 90% completed projects and another twenty-three (23) cities with more than 75% completed projects. Remaining 714 projects amounting to ₹17,303 crore are currently in implementation stage.
- (b) It is pertinent to mention here that ‘Land’ and ‘Colonization’ are State subjects. Further, as per the 12th Schedule of Indian Constitution (Article 243W), Urban Planning including Town Planning is the responsibility of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/ Urban Development Authorities. However, Government of India views high urbanization as an opportunity towards aspirations of faster economic development. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States through schematic interventions/ advisories.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has a multi-pronged approach to ensure planned and comprehensive urban development in the country. In all 4,928 statutory towns & cities, urban issues are being addressed with National urban missions like, “Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)” for sanitation and hygiene, “Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY)” for housing for all, “Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Yojna” and “Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojna-National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM)” for urban poverty alleviation, and “Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT)” for supply of drinking water and sanitation.

Further, 100 cities have been selected under the Smart Cities Mission to incorporate technology towards better and faster urban management. To address the challenges of urban mobility, Metro Rail Transit System (MRTS) is being developed in 27 cities, along with PM e-Bus Seva scheme to upgrade the urban transportation system.
