

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *155

TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 27, 2018

RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER SMART CITIES MISSION

No. *155. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the 25th report of the Standing Committee on Urban Development, only 2 per cent of the funds have been released under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), since 2015;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this is the lowest utilisation percentage among all the schemes being run currently by the Ministry;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether SCM is on track to achieve the targets set for 2019 to 2021?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *155 FOR ANSWER ON 27.12.2018 REGARDING UNDER UTILISATION OF FUNDS UNDER SMART CITIES MISSION.

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The 25th Report of the Standing Committee has not yet been made available to the Ministry. As per the Mission guidelines, the Central Government plans to give a financial support to the extent of Rs. 500 crore to each of the selected 100 Smart cities over the Mission period (2015 to 2020). The budgetary allocation since the launch of the Mission in June 2015 till the current year (2018-19) is Rs. 16,604.20 crore, of which Rs. 14,221.20 crore have already been released under the Mission so far. As on November 1, 2018, a utilisation of Rs. 3,560.22 crore has been reported by the cities, which is more than 25% of the funds released till then.

(c)&(d): Does not arise in view of (a)&(b) above.

(e) 100 cities have been selected for development as Smart cities in four rounds as below:

- 20 Smart Cities in Round 1 in January 2016
- 13 Smart Cities in Fast Track (FT) Round 2 in May 2016
- 27 Smart Cities in Round 2 in September 2016
- 30 Smart Cities in Round 3 in June 2017
- 10 Smart Cities in Round 4 in January 2018 & June 2018.

It takes around 12-18 months for a selected city to set up Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), procure Project Management Consultant (PMC), hire necessary human resources, call tenders and issue work orders. The implementation plan is given by each Smart City in its Smart City Proposal (SCP). The timeline for completion of projects is given below:

- Round 1 cities- 2020-21
- Round 2 cities- 2021-22
- Round 3 cities- 2021-22
- Round 4 cities- 2022-23

A total of 5,151 projects worth Rs. 2,05,018/- crore have been included by the selected 100 cities in their Smart City Proposals. These projects are executed through convergence of resources from Central/State Government/Local Body as well as externally funded Schemes/projects. It also envisages around 20% of funding through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs).

As on 30th November, 2018, 2,342 projects worth Rs. 90,929/- crore have been tendered, of which 1,675 projects worth Rs. 51,866/- crore are under implementation/have been completed. The pace of implementation of projects has picked up significantly during the last one year. There has been a 290% increase in projects tendered, 332% increase in projects grounded/completed and 479% increase in projects completed since October 2017.
