

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1418
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

BENEFITS OF SMART CITIES

No. 1418. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

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

- (a) whether the people are benefited by the scheme of Smart City and if so, the details thereof including the cities in Himachal Pradesh;**
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to include more cities under the said scheme; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)**

- (a) The objective of the Smart Cities Mission is to promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and application of 'Smart' Solutions.**

The Mission has a two-pronged strategy of Area Based Development (ABD) and Pan-city Development. ABD looks at development of compact areas in a city to create a replicable model for other areas within the city. Pan-city development envisages application of selected Smart solutions to the existing city-wide infrastructure.

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 (SCPs). The SCPs are a citizen-driven document and have been framed after consultation with various stakeholders. As on January 25, 2019, 2,748 projects worth Rs. 1,04,964 crore have been tendered, of which 2,032 projects worth Rs. 62,295 crore are under implementation/have been completed. These projects are in various areas such as urban mobility, non-motorised and public transport, renewable energy, built environment, water and wastewater, solid waste management, information technology (IT) solutions etc. These projects are aimed at enhancing the ease of living of citizens.

Two cities, namely, Shimla and Dharamshala have been selected from the State of Himachal Pradesh for development as Smart cities. A total of 93 projects worth Rs. 4,837 crore have been included by the two cities in their SCPs. As on January 25, 2019, 14 projects worth Rs. 216 crores have been tendered, of which 13 projects worth Rs. 213 crores are under implementation/have been completed in the two cities of Himachal Pradesh. These projects are in the areas of water supply, environment, social sector, economic development, energy etc. and are aimed at benefiting the city residents.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.
