

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2462
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 20, 2021

FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO ULBS

NO. 2462. SHRI VAIKO:

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Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds transferred to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the country, especially in Andhra Pradesh for improvement of city infrastructure under AMRUT and Smart City Mission during the last five years;
- (b) whether the quality of infrastructure created utilising Central Government funds is very poor;
- (c) whether Government is monitoring the quality of work; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken to improve the quality?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

(a): Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) was launched on 25 June 2015 covering 500 selected cities across all States/ Union Territories (UTs). The Mission focuses on the development of basic urban infrastructure in the sectors of water supply; sewerage and septage management; storm water drainage; non-motorised urban transport and development of green spaces and parks. As AMRUT is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, projects are funded out of the contributions of the Government of India and Government of States plus Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) taken in a definite proportion depending on size and location of cities and sector of the projects. AMRUT projects in UTs are fully funded by the Government of India. Projects under AMRUT are executed by the ULBs and parastatals. The entire contributions in a State are transferred in a Single Nodal Account wherefrom funds are released to the implementing agencies.

Against the approved plan size of ₹77,640 crore for all States/UTs for the entire Mission period, ₹35,990 crore has been earmarked as committed Central Assistance for projects. The approved plan size for the State of Andhra Pradesh is ₹2,890 crore, of which committed Central Assistance is ₹1,057 crore. Central Assistance released during the last 5 financial years, to States/UTs and to the State of Andhra Pradesh in particular, for AMRUT projects are given below:

(Figures in ₹Crore)

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
Andhra Pradesh	70.32	397.90	91.39	246.69	0	0	806.3
All States / UTs	2,402.32	3,528.36	5,339.07	5,685.64	6,147.21	3,848.90	26,951.5

Government of India launched the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) on 25 June 2015. 100 Smart Cities have been selected through four rounds of competition from January 2016 to June 2018. As per SCM Statement and Guidelines, Government of India has to provide financial support to the Mission to the extent of ₹48,000 crore over five years i.e. on an average ₹100 crore per city per year. An equal amount on a matching basis is to be contributed by the State/Urban Local Body (ULB). Government of India has released ₹27,359.60 crore under SCM, out of which ₹22,467.81 crore (82%) has already been utilized. In Andhra Pradesh, 4 cities namely Visakhapatnam, Tirupati, Kakinada and Amaravati have been selected for development as Smart Cities. Government of India has released ₹1,824.20 crore for the Smart Cities in Andhra Pradesh; out of which ₹1,657.42 crore has been utilised by these Smart Cities.

(b) to (d): Under AMRUT, projects are implemented by States /UTs through the ULBs or parastatals. These agencies are required to get the quality of work done and material used in constructions checked through various agencies. Quality of work and quality checks applied are also verified by the Independent Review and Monitoring Agencies (IRMA) appointed for each State/UT. Central Assistance are released to a State/UT, only when issues raised by IRMA are complied with by the State/UT.

Implementation of SCM at the City level is done by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) which is 50:50 owned by respective States/Urban Local Body. SPVs plan, implement, operate, and monitor projects encapsulated in their SCPs under the overall guidance of the State's High Powered Steering Committee (HPSC).
