

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 229
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th AUGUST, 2021

FREIGHT SMART CITIES

*229. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has planned to develop 'Freight Smart Cities' to improve the efficiency of urban freight and create an opportunity for reduction in the logistics costs and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has also launched a website on 'Freight Smart Cities' to improve urban freight and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has urged the State Governments to identify ten cities, to begin with, to be developed as 'Freight Smart Cities' and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA
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REGARDING “FREIGHT SMART CITIES”.**

- (a) The Government is presently holding stakeholder consultations with State Governments, Central Ministries, Technical institutions, etc. to explore the development of freight smart cities in the country.
- (b) Yes Sir. The website provides information on concepts, resources and guidelines.
- (c) State Governments have been requested to identify cities for development as Freight Smart Cities. One of the inputs during stakeholder consultations has been to start with a list of 10 such cities, which has not yet been finalised.
- (d) Independent measures to improve urban freight are regularly undertaken by State and Central Governments. In order to develop a cohesive and planned approach, the Government has held multiple stakeholder interactions with States, technical institutes, Central Ministries towards improving city logistics while making the cities safer and more liveable. A guideline document on “*Enhancing Urban Freight Systems*” which provides 14 key suggested measures for early implementation, has been shared with states on 2nd July 2021. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs had launched a consultation paper on Efficient Urban Freight in February, 2019, comprising three documents viz. Policy Framework, Policy Workbook and Evaluation Metrics.
