

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3079

TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 11, 2019

SMART CITY PROJECTS IN GUWAHATI

No. 3079. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct Narengi-Kuruwa bridge over Brahmaputra river to ease the pressure of traffic congestion in Guwahati under Guwahati Smart City project and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government also proposes to set up optical fibre communication system in Guwahati city under the said project and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there is any plan to conserve water bodies like Sola Beel, Bharalu river, Mora Bharalu and Deeper Beel and soil conservation scheme in the hills of Guwahati under the Guwahati Smart City Project and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to implement the Smart City Projects in Guwahati city?**

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, Sir. There is no project for construction of Narengi-Kuruwa bridge over Brahmaputra river in Guwahati being undertaken by Guwahati Smart City.**

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- (b) **No, Sir. The Guwahati Smart City does not have any project to set up optical fibre communication system in the City. However, the Master System Integrator(MSI) project of Guwahati Smart City envisages to use the existing optical fibre system of various service providers available in the City. The MSI project proposed to be implemented across the city, inter alia, have components such as City Surveillance Systems, Smart Pole, ICT based Solid Waste management, Smart Parking, Environmental Sensors, Flood Water Sensors, App for Smart Governance and Citizen's Services etc. The above Solutions and Services will be made available across the City and centralized monitoring and management of the services will be done from the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) where the representatives of the stakeholder agencies will be stationed for emergency response.**
- (c) **Under Area Based Development(ABD) component of Guwahati Smart City, water body conservation and rejuvenation is sought to be accomplished for the BorsolaBeel which is in the heart of the City. The project components include cleaning of the waterway to improve the quantity of water and creation of space for recreation, inter alia, through establishment of STP, Infrastructure works and beautification and landscaping works etc.**
- (d) **The implementation of the Smart Cities Mission is to be done by the city level Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), incorporated under the Companies' Act, 2013 by State and Urban Local Body (ULB) having 50:50 equity share-holding. The SPV plans, appraises, approves, releases funds, implements, manages, operates and monitors the Smart City development projects. Guwahati Smart City was declared as Smart City on 16th January, 2016. The projects taken up for implementation by Smart City, inter alia, are installation of high mast National Flag at Gandhi Mandap, redevelopment and improvement of Gandhi Mandap, installation of Water ATMs, Installation of Smart Bio-Toilets and Installation of LED street lights etc. The Smart City also have proposals at hand for Intelligent Street Lighting System, Brahmaputra Riverfront Development project and Master System Integrator etc.**