

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 874
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 2, 2021**

SMART CITY PROJECT IN PUDUCHERRY

NO. 874. SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:

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

- (a) whether Puducherry is one among the city selected under “Smart City Project” and if so, the present status of the project there;**
- (b) the details of assistance from the Union Government so far;**
- (c) whether there is any external assistance from abroad for this project; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

(a) & (b): Government of India launched the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) on 25 June 2015 for development of 100 cities as Smart Cities. Puducherry was selected for development as a Smart City in Round-3 in June 2017. The status of Smart City projects of Puducherry are given below:-

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(Amount in ₹ crore)

DPR Stage		Tender Stage		Work Order Stage		Work Completed		Total Projects	Total Amount
No. of Projects	Amount	No. of Projects	Amount	No. of Projects	Amount	No. of Projects	Amount		
51	604.68	9	40.47	42	163.89	3	13.60	105	822.64

(Source: Puducherry Smart City.As on 26.11.2021)

So far, the Central Government has released ₹ 111 crore for Puducherry Smart City; out of which ₹ 40.04 crore has been utilized by them.

(c) & (d): The City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) Program has been launched in July 2018 with AFD, European Union and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) for providing technical and financial assistance of € 100 Million to cities in implementing urban infrastructure projects that are integrated, innovation-driven and sustainable. Puducherry is one of 12 Smart Cities which have been selected through a challenge process for funding and technical assistance under the CITIIS Program. Under the program, Puducherry is implementing project named 'Our Neighbourhood is your Neighbourhood too' at a cost of ₹ 99.71 crore. Apart from this, Puducherry Smart City has reported that there is no other external assistance for its Smart City projects.
