

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 787
TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 24, 2025

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN AMRITSAR CITY

NO. 787. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is going to develop Amritsar as a state-of-the-art urban city with world-class road infrastructure, considering its international significance as a spiritual, cultural, and tourism hub, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government would sanction a dedicated infrastructure development plan including construction of iconic flyovers, elevated corridors and smart roads starting from Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport to the Golden Temple and covering other major entry points and tourist zones, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government would consider launching a special urban transport corridor project for Amritsar under the Bharatmala or Smart Cities initiatives; and**
- (d) if so, the details and timelines thereof and if not, whether the Government would consider Amritsar's long-standing demand for a complete urban mobility and aesthetic revamp, if so, the details thereof ?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)

(a) to (d) : As per the provisions of Article 243W of the Constitution, in conjunction with the Seventh and Twelfth Schedules, matters relating to urban development fall within the purview of states/ Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). However, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) provides programmatic support to the State/ Union Territories (UTs) in their urban development agenda through its flagship Missions/ Programmes viz. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) & AMRUT 2.0, Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) & SBM-U 2.0, Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY—U) & PMAY-U 2.0, Urban Transport (UT), etc.

Through these Mission/ Schemes, the Central Government approves the State Plans and provides the Central Assistance (CA) to the States. The projects are selected, designed, approved and executed by the States/ UTs and the cities/districts.

Under Smart City Mission (SCM), an area-based development approach through retrofitting, redevelopment and greenfield development in 100 cities is followed. As on 11.07.2025, Amritsar has taken up a total of 44 projects, including road projects, amounting to ₹1,911 crore, under the SCM. Out of these 41 projects amounting to ₹1800 crore have been completed. For Smart Mobility, 9 projects worth ₹244 crore have been taken up by Amritsar under SCM, of which 8 projects amounting to ₹197 crore have been completed.

Further, Government of India launched "PM-eBus Sewa Scheme" on 16th August 2023 with the aim to augment city bus operations by deployment of 10,000 electric buses on PPP model. Central Assistance (CA) on Per-km of bus operation for 10 years along with one-time CA for development of Associated Infrastructure (i.e. Behind-the-Meter power and bus depot infrastructure) is provided under the Scheme.

Under the PM-eBus Sewa Scheme, 347 e-buses have been sanctioned for the State of Punjab including 100 e-buses for Amritsar and 1st Tranche of ₹18.06 Cr. have been released to Punjab including ₹5.05 Cr for Amritsar for the development of Associated Infrastructure.

Besides, keeping in view that Amritsar is one of the most prominent cities of the country in terms of heritage, culture, and socio-religious importance, Government of India has taken up several measures to enhance the travel experience and improve convenience to tourists traveling to Amritsar by roads.

Some of the important National Highway Development Projects taken up and under implementation by Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH) in and around Amritsar are Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway including Spur for Amritsar connectivity, Amritsar Bypass (to facilitate movement of visitors to Attari-Wagah Border), Amritsar-Ramdas corridor (to facilitate tourists visiting Kartarpur Sahib), Amritsar-Una Corridor (connecting Amritsar to Anandpur Sahib) and Beas-Batala-Dera Baba Nanak corridor (connecting Beas to Kartarpur Sahib Corridor).