

Centre seeks UT admin report on Rs 125-cr Smart City fund ‘irregularity’

Tewari raised issue in LS on April 2, seeking a time-bound, independent forensic audit, fixing responsibility

Hina Rohtaki
Chandigarh, July 22

THE UNION Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has sought a detailed report from the Chandigarh Administration on the allegation of misappropriation of Rs 125 crore Smart City Mission fund deposited in a scheduled commercial bank in the city.

On April 2, Chandigarh MP Manish Tewari raised the issue during Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha.

In a letter dated July 4, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu informed Tewari. “This Ministry has sought a detailed report from the Chandigarh Administration. The same is, however, awaited. A comprehensive reply addressing the issues raised by Tewari will be furnished after the requisite information is received from the Chandigarh Administration,” the Chandigarh MP said.

Citing an internal inquiry, Tewari merited the House’s attention towards the alleged discrepancies in the transfer of funds, and raised serious questions over the handling of public money and financial governance.

Tewari also alleged that three fraudulent debit entries amounting to more than Rs 18 crore were detected in the civic



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body’s accounts after the transfer of funds. The Chandigarh MP stressed the matter raised concerns “not only over the safety of public funds, but also over the accountability of officials and institutions responsible for maintaining financial safeguards”. Seeking strict action, Tewari urged the Centre to order a time-bound, independent forensic audit of all transactions and fix responsibility for the lapses.

The Congress leader also called for stronger technology-enabled verification and audit systems to prevent such irregularities in the future, emphasising that the alleged diversion and manipulation of public funds required urgent corrective action.

Thousands gather in Sector 17 for candle march, demand Pradhan’s resignation



Students, teachers and residents during the protest in Chandigarh on Wednesday. EXPRESS

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Chandigarh, July 22

MORE THAN a thousand students, teachers and citizens gathered at Sector 17 Plaza on Wednesday evening to demand the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the alleged NEET paper leak, while expressing solidarity with students protesting at Delhi’s Jantar Mantar.

The protesters condemned the Delhi Police action against students during Monday’s demonstration in the national capital and sought accountability for the use of force.

Besides demanding Pradhan’s resignation, the protesters called for the abolition of the National Testing Agency (NTA), a review of the National Education Policy (NEP), and stricter action against those involved in examination paper leaks. They also highlighted the shortage of

Express solidarity with Jantar Mantar protesters; demand NTA’s abolition, NEP review and action over paper leaks

permanent faculty and inadequate infrastructure in higher educational institutions.

“A lot of new courses have been introduced, but there are no permanent teaching staff or facilities available,” said Vrishali, a student and member of the DISHA Student Organisation.

Several speakers linked the growing migration of students abroad to shortcomings in India’s higher education system, arguing that many talented students are compelled to seek opportunities overseas.

Retired principal Abnash Singh said India’s education system often produces skilled graduates whose contributions ultimately benefit other countries.

Former journalist Navneet Kaur echoed the concern, say-

ing, “The Indian middle class is struggling to educate its children, and these paper leaks only add to their misery.”

A group of Nihang Sikhs also visited the protest site and extended support to the students, saying gurdwaras would remain open to anyone requiring assistance. They criticised the police action against unarmed protesters in Delhi.

“The students are asking for their rights. They don’t have any arms, as guaranteed under the Constitution, but the authorities are beating them up,” said Baba Raja Raj Singh.

Police personnel deployed at the venue said they were present to ensure the safety and security of participants, adding that peaceful protest was a demo-

cratic right. The display of flags of various student organisations alongside the national flag drew mixed reactions from those present.

While many participants said the common cause was more important than political affiliations, others felt that only the tricolour should have been displayed during the demonstration.

Advocate Waqar Khurshid said, “If our motive is the same, we should all stand together and make our voice heard.”

The protest concluded with a candle march through Sector 17, with participants expressing hope for a more transparent and accountable education system.

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Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.06.2026 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.06.2025 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2026 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations (net)	8,68,224	7,43,321	29,74,098
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,57,493	94,620	4,37,349
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,57,493	94,620	4,37,349
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	65,632	60,744	2,76,786
5.	Total Comprehensive income for the period (comprising Profit/Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)	Refer Note 2		
6.	Paid Up Equity Share Capital	12,53,956	12,53,956	12,53,956
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves)	17,56,007	15,41,844	17,56,007
8.	Securities Premium Account	5,04,211	5,04,211	5,04,211
9.	Net Worth	27,15,348	22,22,207	24,46,221
10.	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	0.08	0.08	0.09
11.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.73	0.83	0.70
12.	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)-			
	1. Basic:	0.52	0.48	2.04
	2. Diluted:	0.52	0.48	2.04
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Sr. No.	Name of the Branch Name of the Account Name & Addresses of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagers of property/ies)	Details of the Encumbrances Known to the Secured Creditors	A) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount as on C) Possession Date u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/ Physical/ Constructive	A) Reserve Price B) Earnest Money Deposit C) Bid Increase Amount	Date of Auction Time of Auction
1.	PNB ARMB Pathankot (829500) M/s Teg Motors Pvt. Ltd. Director 1. Sh. Nishan Singh and Upkarandeep Singh Both S/o Kartar Singh, Ram Talai, G.T. Road, Amritsar - 143001. 2.Mr. Nishan Singh S/o Sh. Kartar Singh, House No. 240, Village Hassanpura, (Gokulwal), Dera Baba Nanak Road, Batala-143505.(Director/Guarantor). 3. Mr. Upkarandeep Singh S/o Sh. Kartar Singh, R/o House No. 240, Village Hassanpura, (Gokulwal), Dera Baba Nanak Road, Batala-143505. (Director/Guarantor) 4. Smt. Inderjit Kaur W/o Sh. Ajit Singh, R/o House No. 147-C, Urban Estate, Phase-1, Jalandhar-144022.(Director/Guarantor). 5. Sh. Gurpreet Singh S/o Sh. Ajit Singh, House No. 147-C, Urban Estate, Phase-1, Jalandhar-144022.(Guarantor). 6. Sh. Dharambir Singh S/o Sh. Lakhwinder Singh, Village Gokulwal, Dera Baba Nanak Road, Batala. (Guarantor). 7. Sh. Sulakhn Singh S/o Sh. Gurdip Singh Now Deceased through his Legal heirs : 1. Manjit Singh S/o Sh. Sulakhn Singh. 2. Manpreet Singh S/o Sh. Sulakhn Singh, R/o Village Malakwal, PO Kala Afghan, Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur. (Guarantor/Mortgagor). 8. Sh. Rachpal Singh S/o Sh. Gurdip Singh, Village Malakwal, PO Kala Afghan, Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur. (Guarantor/Mortgagor)	PROPERTY ID : PUNB829500P47 Land and Building on Plot measuring 14 Marla being part of land measuring 2 Kanal being 40/78 share of the land measuring 3 Kanal 18 Marla bearing Khewat No. 114, Khatauni No. 325, Khasra No. 23R/9/23/2, Situated at Village Gokulwal, Hadbast No. 242, Tehsil Batala as per jamabandi for year 2003-2004 belonging to Sh. Sulakhn Singh and Sh. Rachpal Singh S/o Sh. Gurdip Singh. Bounded as under : North : Property Dalbir Singh, East : Road, West : Property Sulakhn Singh Jaspal Singh, South : Road.	Registered Mortgaged to PNB Prem Nagar, Batala	A) 11.09.2019. B) Rs. 53,22,542.92 as on 31.07.2019 + further interest W.e.f. 01.07.2019 C) 12.03.2021 D) Symbolic Possession	Rs. 58,91,000/- Rs. 5,89,100/- Rs. 50,000/-	12.08.2026 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM

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Sr. No.	NAME OF BORROWER(S)/ GUARANTOR(S)	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING	DETAILS OF PROPERTY/IES	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Inspection of Property	Authorised Officer & Contact No.
				EMD Bid Increase Amt.		
1.	Borrower: 1. M/s Shree Ganesh Fertilizers, Shop No. 60, Grain Market, Tehsil Zira, District Ferozepur Through its Proprietor Sh. Prem Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Saroop. 2. Sh. Prem Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Saroop, Village Pandori Khatrian, Tehsil Zira, District Ferozpur Pin 142050. 3.Smt Shankuntla Devi alias Kusum Nanda (Guarantor/Mortgagor), W/o Sh. Davinder Kumar, Now Deceased through following Legal Heirs. a) Sh. Davinder Kumar (Husband), R/o House No. 54, Ward No. 15, Aman Nagar, Tehsil and Post office Zira, District Ferozepur. b) Sh. Rohit Nanda (Son) S/o Sh. Davinder Kumar, R/o House No. 54, Ward No. 15, Aman Nagar, Tehsil and Post office Zira, District Ferozepur. c) Ms. Richa Nanda (Daughter) D/o Sh. Davinder Kumar, R/o House No. 54, Ward No. 15, Aman Nagar, Tehsil and Post Office Zira, District Ferozepur.	Rs. 20,06,527/- (Rs. Twenty Lakhs Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven Only) as on 27.07.2017 plus Future Interest, Charges thereon and Less amount recovered if any).	Property ID –SBIN0527100161 EM of Commercial Property ½ share of 0-9 Marlas 1 Sarsahi, Measuring 0-4 Marlas 5 Sarsahi, Size 10x125', vide sale deed No. 2936 dated 25.10.2010, SCF No. 60, Situated in Grain Market, Near Water Works, Talwandi Road, Zira, in the name of Smt. Shakuntla Devi Alias Kusum Nanda W/o Sh. Devinder Kumar. Now representative through legal heirs. Bounded as under: North: Street, South: Street, East: Plot No. 61, West: Shop of Pooja Rani. Type of Possession : Physical.	Rs. 19,55,000/- Rs. 1,95,500/- Rs. 50,000/-	04.08.2026 12:00 hrs to 13:00 hrs	CM Sh. Jaibir Singh Mob. No. 99881-92220, Manager (C.C.O.)- Sunny Karir, Mob. No. 9888347623

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