

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1.	Which are the cities covered under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT)?	All cities and towns, as per 2001 census, not covered under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) are covered under UIDSSMT.
2.	What are the objectives of UIDSSMT?	The objectives of UIDSSMT are (a) improvement of infrastructure, creation of durable public assets and improvement in quality of services in cities and towns; (b) enhancing public-private-partnership in infrastructure development; and (c) promote planned and integrated development of towns and cities.
3.	How does UIDSSMT differ from earlier schemes like Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT)?	<p>i) Assistance to urban local bodies under UIDSSMT is linked to implementation of an integrated set of mandatory and optional reforms to be carried out at the State and urban local body/parastatal levels within the scheme period of 2005-06 to 2011-12. Release of funds under IDSMT is not linked to reforms.</p> <p>ii) UIDSSMT, unlike IDSMT, does not lay down any caps on project size for different categories of towns.</p> <p>iii) The assistance available under UIDSSMT is almost fivefold as that of IDSMT.</p>
4.	What are the reforms envisaged under UIDSSMT?	UIDSSMT requires States and ULBs/ Parastatals to undertake a set of 23 reforms which can be categorized into (a) mandatory reforms at the State level; (b) mandatory reforms at the level of urban local bodies/parastatals; and (c) optional reforms at urban local body/parastatal level. Details regarding reforms can be seen in the guidelines.

5.	Is there any difference between reforms under UIDSSMT and JNNURM?	No. There is no difference between reforms to be implemented under UIDSSMT or JNNURM.
6.	What is the difference between mandatory and optional reforms?	Both mandatory and optional reforms are to be completed within the scheme period of 2005-06 to 2011-12. However, the States and ULBs/parastatals have option to implement any two reforms out of the ten optional reforms for each year of the scheme and do not have to initiate implementation of all of the optional reforms during the initial period of the scheme.
7.	What is the period available to ULBs for implementing reforms which would like to access funds under the scheme after 2007-08?	All reforms under UIDSSMT must be completed within the Scheme period. ULBs which wish to avail assistance under the scheme after 2007-08 will be required to put reforms on fast track so as to complete them before end of financial year 2011-2012.
8.	Are the cities required to prepare City Development Plans (CDPs) under UIDSSMT as required under JNNURM?	Preparation of CDP is not a pre-requisite for accessing funds under UIDSSMT. However, cities may initiate steps for preparation of vision plans through stakeholder consultations as promotion of planned and integrated development of towns and cities is one of the three key objectives of the scheme. Requirement of funds for the purpose can be met from incentives for capacity building available under the Scheme.
9.	Is there any state-wise/city-wise allocation of funds under UIDSSMT?	Though there is indicative State-wise allocations under UIDSSMT, funds are not allocated city-wise.
10.	What is State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) under UIDSSMT?	The State Level Sanctioning Committee under UIDSSMT is the body which examines and approves projects under the scheme. It also monitors implementation of reforms and projects.

11.	What is Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) under UIDSSMT? Who are the Parties to this Agreement?	Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) under UIDSSMT is the Agreement that commits the State Governments and Urban Local Bodies/Parastatals to implement the reforms envisaged under the Scheme within the Scheme Period as per agreed time-lines. It also commits Government of India to provide assistance to ULBs for undertaking identified projects as per the scheme.
12.	What is the format for submitting specific time-lines pertaining to reforms?	Specific format can be accessed and downloaded at www.urbanindia.nic.in →Programme→Urban Development→UIDSSMT→“Information to be submitted along with Memorandum of Agreement pertaining to reforms” for twelve reforms. For rest, JNNURM Tool Kit can be referred to.
13.	What support to Urban Local Bodies shall be available for implementing reforms related to MIS, GIS, and Accounting Reforms?	Financial support for MIS, GIS, and Accounting Reforms can be sought under National Mission Mode Project on e-Governance and Capacity Building under UIDSSMT.
14.	In case some Urban Local Bodies are not in position to meet their contribution on their own, can its share be contributed by State Governments?	The States can contribute the share of ULBs if they wish to.

15.	Would loss of revenue due to lowering of stamp duty be compensated?	This is an unlikely scenario and not borne out by experience of states that have lowered stamp duty.
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16.	Can the role of State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) under UIDSSMT be assigned to an organization specially created for the purpose?	While the role of SLNA can be assigned to an organization specially created for the purpose or an existing organization, this should be done with utmost care to ensure that the SLNA has the capacity to perform its role efficiently.
17.	Can the cost of preparation of DPRs be paid upfront?	The cost of preparation of DPRs shall be provided on reimbursement basis.
18.	Is it necessary to hire consultants for preparation of DPRs?	No.
19.	Is there any format for submission of Appraisal Reports by SLNA?	The Guidelines for submission of Water Supply, Sewerage/Sewage Treatment Plants, Solid Waste Management and Storm Water Drainage are available on the Web Site under UIDSSMT. The Appraisal Reports should conform to the Guidelines. In respect of roads/construction projects, CPWD guidelines/norms may be referred to.
20.	What is the mechanism for monitoring of projects at the central level?	The Ministry of Urban Development shall periodically monitor projects under UIDSSMT through designated officers/outsourced agencies.