

MONTHLY SUMMARY ON IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR CIRCULATION AMONG THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, SECRETARIES OF VARIOUS MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS ETC., IN RESPECT OF MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2007

Monthly summary of important policy decisions / events pertaining to the Ministry of Urban Development for the month of May, 2007 is given below:-

1. Events of Public Importance

- (i) The following five functions relating to CPWD were organized during the month :
 - (a) Inauguration of Office-cum-laboratory building of Operations East Coast-II, Marine Wing Geological Survey of India, Visakhapatnam was done by Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India. The sanction was received in March 02 and estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 4.65 crore. The work was completed in December, 04.
 - (b) The inauguration of 188 Nos. family quarters for GC, CRPF, Bangalore was done by Shri S.I.S. Ahmed, IPS, Director General of Police, CRPF, New Delhi. The sanction was received in September, 05 and estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 10.73 crore. The work was completed in March, 07.
 - (a) The inauguration of GPRA 8 Nos. Type-V quarters at Indore was done by Shri A. Chakrabarti, Director General of Works, CPWD. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 160 lakh and sanction was received in November, 03. The work was completed in February, 07.
 - (b) Foundation stone laid by Chief Commissioner, Department of Income Tax, Haryana Zone, Panchkula for construction of residential colony for Department of Income Tax at Panchkula (Haryana).
 - (c) Foundation stone laid by Prof. T.K. Chandrashekhar, Director, NIST, Thiruvananthapuram for Construction of Scholar's Hostel, 4 Nos. Type-IV quarters and 2 Nos. Type-V quarters for CSIR Campus, Regional Research Laboratory, Thiruvanthapuram (Kerala).

(ii) **Pooled Finance Development Fund (PFDF) Scheme**

To provide exemption in respect of interest on bonds issued by a State Pooled Finance Entity and specified by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette, Section 10(15)(vii) of the Income Tax Act has been suitably amended under Finance Act, 2007 enacted on 11.05.2007 and "State Pooled Finance Entity" has been defined therein to mean such entity which is set up in accordance with the Guidelines for the Pooled Finance Development Scheme notified by the Central Government in the Ministry of Urban Development. The Guidelines for Issue of Tax-Free Pooled Finance Development Bonds already finalised in consultation with the Department of Revenue is now under Hindi translation before circulation to all concerned. So far, the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Assam have set up their "State Pooled Finance Entity" for implementation of the scheme in the State.

(iii) **Indo-Japan Working Group on Urban Development**

In pursuance of the Joint **Statement Towards Japan-India Strategic and Global Partnership** announced by the Prime Ministers of Japan and India in December, 2006, inter-alia, referring to the launching of working groups by the two countries in the field of urban development, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Japan on cooperation in the field of Urban Development was signed on 1.5.2007 at New Delhi. MoU was signed by Minister of Urban Development on behalf of Government of India and Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Government of Japan on behalf of Government of Japan. As per the MoU, the Working Group will meet once a year and the first meeting will be held in Japan, and the second and subsequent meetings will be held alternately in India and Japan. The Working Group will be co-chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India and Vice-Minister for Engineering Affairs, Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transport, Government of Japan. Accordingly, Government of Japan has fixed for holding of First Meeting of Indo-Japan Working Group on Urban Development at Tokyo from 18.6.2007 to 19.6.2007 and a field trip on 20.6.2007.

(iv) With the approval of Ministry of Finance, the Dte. of Printing have issued Office Order dated 18.5.2007 fixing the final strength of various categories of posts in the Govt. of India Presses (GIPs), Forms Store, Kolkata and the Office of the Asstt. Director (OP), Kolkata.

(v) Claims Commissioner Rules under the Delhi Metro Railway Act were published alongwith Errata in the Extraordinary Gazette of India

- (vi) The first meeting of the Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) on Model Concession Agreement for Urban Transport Systems and the BRTS was held on 9.5.2007 under my chairmanship. It was decided to hold meeting with the State governments, investors and the State Govt. agencies (to be accompanied by their legal experts) before finalizing the Model Concession Agreement.
- (vii) A decision has been taken to recommend Chennai Metro Rail Project for inclusion in the Rolling Plan for JBIC loan.
- (viii) A meeting was held on 14.5.2007 regarding funding of Metro Rail projects from JNNURM.
- (ix) The Expert Committee meeting on Chandigarh MRTS was held under the chairmanship of Shri K.C. Sivaramakrishnan on 31.5.2007. It was decided to hold the next meeting in the field (Chandigarh) in July, 2007.
- (x) Sanction order has been issued on 17.5.2007 for implementation of High Speed Express Link from New Delhi Railway Station to IGI Airport and Metro connection from Central Secretariat to Badarpur at an estimated completion cost of Rs.3076 crore and Rs.4012 crore, including taxes and duties respectively by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. The Projects are targeted for completion before Commonwealth Games, 2010.
- (xi) A High Powered Committee for availing Carbon Credit under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) for Urban Development Projects has been constituted under my Chairmanship. Details of the Committee are at Annexure-I
- (xii) Details regarding number of Government houses allotted/ offered/ vacant and the number of eviction cases pending with the Directorate of Estates in Delhi at the end of May, 2007 are at Annexure-II.
- (xiii) Details of funds sanctioned/released in the month of May, 2007 under the lumpsum provision for projects / schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Region including Sikkim are given in Annexure-III.

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Annexure - I

Progress made under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) during May, 2007

Item	Status upto March, 2006	Status from April, 2006 to March, 2007	Status during April, 2007	Up-to-date status
City Development Plan (CDP)				
i. Received	22	62	--	62
ii Appraised	14	58	--	58
Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)				
i. Signed	9	49	--	49
Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) Meetings				
i. Number of meetings held	2	28	1	29
ii. Number of Projects approved	23	205	5	210
ACA released by Ministry of Finance (For 183 projects)	Rs. 90.10 crore	Rs. 1353.06. crore	Rs. 51.58 Crore	Rs. 1404.64 crore

NO. OF GOVT. HOUSES/QUARTERS ALLOTTED/OFFERED/VACANT AND NO. OF EVICTION CASES PENDING WITH DIRECTORATE OF ESTATES IN DELHI AT THE END OF MAY, 2007

Type	No. of Houses allotted /offered	No. of Houses accepted	No. of Houses not accepted & therefore, carried forward	No. of Units cancelled wherein eviction proceedings have been initiated during the month	Progressive number in which eviction proceedings are going on
Type I	341	125	47*	10	76
Type II	863	199	664	23	194
TypeIII	615	145	470	35	71
TypeIV	250	62	188	6	28
Type IV (Spl)	12	6	6	1	6
Type VA)(DII)	25	7	18	3	32
D-I	50	20	30	--	5
C-II	17	6	11	--	3
C-I & above	--	--	--	--	17
Hostel	78	24	54	1	3

* In respect of 169 Qrs. acceptance/refusal is still awaited from the allottees

Annexure – III

Statement showing amount sanctioned for the projects in respect of North-Eastern States including Sikkim during the month of May, 2007

(in Rs. Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Released
1.	Construction of Pedestrian walk-way along with NH-31-A from white hall to Ranipool Gangtok, Sikkim (Ex. Agency NBCC Ltd.)	624.21#
2.	Construction Parking cum Shopping complex at Balwakhani, Sikkim (Ex. Agency NBCC Ltd.)	467.26#

Second Instalment

