

**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 SEPTEMBER, 2007**

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

**1. Important policy related issues**

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

States /UTs who have not yet set up "State Pooled Finance Entity (SPFE)" under the JNNURM for implementation of the scheme in the State were reminded on 24.09.2007 to expedite setting up of their SPFE. They have also been requested to avail the consultancy services of Tamil Nadu Urban Development Fund (Chennai), Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation (Bangalore) who have already gained sufficient experience in this field or any other financial institutions for this purpose, if necessary. The first proposal for issue of tax free Pooled Finance Development Bond worth Rs.45.00 crore as first tranche received from Water and Sanitation Pooled Fund, Tamil Nadu has been scrutinized in the Ministry and this is a good beginning.

**(ii) Urban Sustainability Conference**

An Indian Delegation led by me with representation from some of the States and FICCI attended the session focused on Urban Sustainability Conference which is the part of Asia Pacific Fortnight at Berlin, Germany from 12-15 September, 2007. On the way back, I had a stop-over at London, United Kingdom from 16th September to 17th September, 2007 for an interaction with Thames Water Utilities Limited which deals with private water utilities in U.K. and has state of the art operations. Efforts will be made to draw some lessons from this unique experience.

**(iii) The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) second Ordinance 2007 (No. 7 of 2007) has been promulgated on 15.9.2007, in supersession of the earlier Ordinance promulgated on 4.7.2007. The Ordinance provides for temporary relief from forcible action and for maintaining status quo for a period upto 31.12.2008 in respect of the following category of unauthorized developments in the National Capital Territory of Delhi:**

- (i) Encroachment by slum dwellers and Jhuggi-Jhupri clusters.
- (ii) Hawkers and Urban street vendors.

- (iii) Existing farm houses involving construction beyond permissible building limits and Schools, dispensary, religious institution, cultural institution in rural areas built on agricultural land.
  - (iv) Unauthorized colonies; and
  - (v) Village abadi area and its extension
- (iv) "In-principle" approval of the Planning Commission for the new Kolkata East-West Metro corridor Project covering a length of 13.77 Kms. (8 Kms. underground and 5.7 Kms. elevated) from Howrah Station to Salt Lake, Sector-V has been received on 24.9.2007. The project when finally approved, will be implemented with JBIC assistance.
- (v) A US delegation led by Ms. Sherry E. Little, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Deptt.of Transport, USA visited India during 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2007. During the visit a Memorandum of Cooperation between India and USA on cooperation in Public Transportation Science and Technology was signed on 24.9.2007 in New Delhi.
- (vi) An advisory circular has been issued to all States/UTs seeking feed back on action taken for implementation of National Urban Transport Policy, 2006.
- (vii) All States/UTs have also been advised to designate one Department as nodal Department for dealing with all the matters pertaining to Urban Transport considering the need for better attention to issues relating to this subject.
- (viii) A Three days workshop on Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) was organised by this Ministry at Ahmedabad from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 to discuss different issues related to planning and implementation of BRTS. In addition, one day workshop and exhibition on urban transport, larger planning issues and technology was organized by India USP, a non Govt. organisation at Mumbai on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.
- (ix) **Highlights of action under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) :**
  - (a) Meetings of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) were held on 7.9.2007 & 21.9.2007.
  - (b) 6 (six) projects costing Rs. 79107.24 lakh were approved by CSMC held on 7.9.2007.

- (c) MoA was signed in respect of Delhi on 11.9.07 thereby taking the total of mission cities signing such Agreement to 58.
- (d) Rs. 5552.20 lakh was released by Ministry of Finance on 20.9.2007 under the JNNURM. Of this, Rs. 3774.60 lakh was towards 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment.
- (e) Toolkit Community Participation Fund (CPF) has been circulated to all State Governments/ ULBs.
- (f) Toolkits for Project implementation Unit (PIU) and Programme Implementation Unit (PMU) have been circulated to all State Governments/ULBs.
- (g) Toolkit for appointment of Independent Review and Monitoring Agencies (IRMA) alongwith a suggestive list of consultants to play the role as IRMA under JNNURM has been circulated to all the State Governments/ULBs.
- (h) As a part of capacity building under JNNURM, a Rapid Training Programme (RTP) – Module II has been rolled out with the objective to address core competencies in the area of Preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) under JNNURM.
- (i) Rapid Training Programme (RTP) – Module-III Project Implementation and Management has also been approved by CSMC.
- (j) Progress report in respect of City Development Plans (CDPs), Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) and Meeting of Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) is at Annexure-I

(x) **Progress made under Project for Redevelopment of Netaji Nagar (Govt. Housing Scheme in New Delhi):**

- (a) Airports Authority of India/ Ministry of Civil Aviation has been directed to relocate its towers with the assistance of NBCC. They have been asked to provide the plans and estimates to facilitate the relocation of the towers. NBCC can then work out the process of shifting.
- (b) NBCC has been directed to protect the government land from encroachment and also to remove the encroachment from the Govt. land.
- (c) Eligibility of jhuggi-dwellers shall be considered in consultation with all concerned and in the light of the High Court order of November, 2006 and the stand taken by this Ministry on the matter.
- (d) NBCC shall submit the drawings to NDMC incorporating the latest changes with regard to towers of M/o Civil Aviation/ AAI.

- (e) Draft EFC Note seeking specific approval for the project in continuation of the overall Cabinet approval is under finalization.
- (f) NBCC has been directed to start the work of Type-VII bungalows in anticipation of the approval.
- (g) It has been decided that the date of start of the project shall be reckoned from the date of sanction of the revised estimates or approval of drawings by NDMC, whichever is earlier.
- (h) Railway authorities would be addressed to hand over a part of their land for diversion of road, after NBCC gives the details in this regard.
- (xi) Details of funds sanctioned/released in the month of September, 2007 under the lumpsum provision for projects/schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Region including Sikkim are given in Annexure II.
- (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 September, 2007 are at Annexure-III.

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**Annexure - I**

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

| <b>Item</b>   | <b>Status upto June, 2007</b> | <b>Status upto August 2007</b> | <b>Status during September, 2007</b> | <b>Up-to-date status</b>                     |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>City Development Plan (CDP)</b>                                  |                               |                                |                                      |  |
| <b>i. Received</b>  | 63                            | --                             | --                                   | CDP appraised for all 63 cities under JNNURM |
| <b>ii Appraised</b>   | 63                            | --                             | --                                   |  |
| <b>Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)</b>                                |                               |                                |                                      |  |
| <b>i. Signed</b>  | 57                            | 57                             | 1                                    | 58   |
| <b>Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) Meetings</b> |                               |                                |                                      |  |
| <b>i. Number of meetings held</b>                                   | 34*                           | 36*                            | 2                                    | 38*  |
| <b>ii. Number of Projects approved</b>                              | 230                           | 242                            | 6                                    | 248  |
| <b>ACA released by Ministry of Finance (For 183 projects)</b>       | Rs. 1763.97 crore             | Rs.2239.55 crore               | Rs. 55.52 crore                      | Rs. 2295.07 crore                            |

\* Including the two special CSMC meeting which were held on 4.6.07 and 13.6.07

**Annexure – II**

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

(Rs in lakh)

| <b>Sl.No</b> | <b>NAME OF THE PROJECT</b>   | <b>AMOUNT RELEASED</b> |
|--------------|--|------------------------|
| 1            | Improvement of Upgradation of Road Network in Tawang Township, Arunachal Pradesh<br>(Ex. Agency - State Govt.) | 50.66*                 |
| 2            | Urban Roads at Hawaii Township, Arunachal Pradesh<br>(Ex. Agency - State Govt.)                                | 509.70*                |
| 3.           | Improvement of Road Network at Pasighat Township, Arunachal Pradesh<br>(Ex. Agency - State Govt.)              | 301.17*                |

**\* 2<sup>nd</sup>/Final instalment**

**Annexure -III**

**NO. OF GOVT. HOUSES/QUARTERS ALLOTTED/OFFERED/VACANT AND NO. OF EVICTION CASES PENDING WITH DIRECTORATE OF ESTATES IN DELHI AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, 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        | 339                             | 98                     | 35*   | 12   | 71  |
| Type II       | 482                             | 145                    | 337   | 68   | 172   |
| TypeIII       | 387                             | 66                     | 321   | 39   | 79  |
| TypeIV        | 116                             | 47                     | 69  | 5  | 18  |
| Type IV (Spl) | 26                              | 5                      | 21  | 4  | 9   |
| Type VA)(DII) | 27                              | 9                      | 18  | 3  | 27  |
| D-I           | 39                              | 23                     | 16  | ---  | 2   |
| C-II          | 34                              | 8                      | 26  | ---  | 1   |
| C-I & above   | 8                               | 3                      | 5   | --   | 10  |
| Hostel        | 29                              | 8                      | 21  | ---  | 2   |

\* In respect of 206 Qrs. acceptance/refusal is still awaited from the allottees

