

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 OCTOBER, 2007

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

1. Important policy related issues

(i) Pooled Finance Development Fund (PFDF) Scheme under JNNURM

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 was considered in the meeting of the Committee to process the application for issue of tax free bonds under Pooled Finance Development Fund (PFDF) Scheme held on 3.10.2007 and the proposal of Water and Sanitation Pooled Fund, the State Pooled Finance Entity (SPFE) of Government of Tamil Nadu was recommended to Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) for notifying the specified bond in the Official Gazette. The proposal involves release of Rs.4.50 crore towards contribution to CREF and Rs.1.16 crore for Project Development cost.

(ii) ADB assisted North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme (NERUDP)

Consequent upon transfer of the project to Ministry of Urban Development from Ministry of DONER, Asian Development Bank made a detailed presentation on the Development Investment Programme for North Eastern Region Capital Cities on 22nd October, 2007. First phase of the Program is to cover five capital cities of north east states namely Agartala (Tripura), Shillong (Meghalaya), Aizwal (Mizoram), Kohima (Nagaland) and Gangtok (Sikkim). The objectives of the investment programme for these five cities are to (i) Improve the quality of life of urban residents, including the poor in the capital cities, (ii) Enhance urban productivity and efficiency through improved urban infrastructure and services and capacity building for enhanced urban governance, finance, and service delivery systems. The total cost of the investment programme is estimated at \$350 million out of which \$245 million is proposed to be financed by ADB from its capital resources.. Funding mechanism will be 70% ADB loan and the remaining 30% is to be borne by Central and State Governments. But fund flow to these States will be as per the 90:10 formula. However, the issue regarding provision for 10% loan component assigned to the State Governments will be considered in consultation with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance before signing of agreement with the States. The ADB team requested this Ministry to appoint a full time Project Director, constitute ADB Cell and Project Management Unit (PMU) in the Ministry which can monitor the progress of implementation of project under ADB funding. As a next step, an ADB Appraisal Mission

would be fielded early next year which would visit the States for 2-3 weeks. The loan negotiations would be scheduled during 1st half of next year.

Wrap-up meeting with the ADB Mission was held on 31,10,2007 under my Chairmanship when ADB team apprised of the present status of project preparation of Phase-II of the programme covering the remaining 3 capital towns of the North East to be taken up in four urban local bodies viz., Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Imphal and Itanagar in the States of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. With a view to facilitate early commencement of the project, it was decided that a meeting with the participating North Eastern States would be convened by the end of December, 2007 and all efforts would be made to commence the Phase -I in 2008 and Phase-II in 2010.

- (iii) The Project Approval Committee chaired by the Urban Development Minister in its meeting dated 26.10.2007, has approved five infrastructural projects for Delhi amounting to Rs. 807.12 crore.
- (iv) Following notes for Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) on Delhi MRTS Project have been circulated by the Ministry on 11.10.2007 to all concerned Ministries/Departments, GNCTD and DMRC for comments before submission to EGoM for its consideration :-
 - (a) Extension of Metro to NOIDA and Tax concessions for NOIDA & Gurgaon Metro extensions.
 - (b) Lease charges for Railway land spared for Delhi MRTS Project Phase I and Phase II.
- (v) Following agenda notes have been proposed by the Ministry for the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on Delhi MRTS under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary to be held on 13.11.2007 :-
 - (a) Review of Delhi Metro Project (with special reference to the timelines relating to Commonwealth Games, 2010)
 - (b) Change of gauge of Inderlok/Kirtinagar – Mundka line from Broad Gauge to Standard Gauge.
 - (c) Transfer of land by Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corporation to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd.
 - (d) Exemption from the rule of immediate absorption in Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd. and Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL).
 - (e) Deputation of Railway officers to DMRC and BMRCL.
 - (f) Change in the Allocation of Business Rules – Transfer of the subject of “technical planning” in respect of Metro Rail Systems and other Guided Urban Mass Transit System (GUTS) from Ministry of Railways to Ministry of Urban Development.
 - (g) Strengthening the institution of Commissioner of Railway Safety.

- (h) Extension of Airport Express Line to Dwarka Sector-21.
- (i) 11 cities have been identified and selected by the Ministry to undertake the preparatory work for seeking World Bank/GEF assistance for 'Sustainable Urban Transport Project'. The cities are Ahmedabad, Indore, Pune/Pimpri-Chinchwad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Thiruvananthapuram, Ajmer, Pushkar, Mysore, Bangalore, Jalandhar and Naya Raipur. Out of these 5 to 6 cities will be finally selected based on population criteria, regional spread, demonstration effect/value and commitment by the city/state authority to implement the project.
- (ii) I briefed the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development on the subject of Govt. of India Stationary Office on 10.10.2007.
- (iii) In view of the difficulties being faced in implementation of Cabinet decision regarding privatization of Text Book Presses, extension of time upto 30.8.2008 has been sought vide this Ministry's letter dated 9.8.07. Reply from the Cabinet Secretariat is awaited.
- (ix) **Highlights of action under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) :**
- (a) A Meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) was held on 26.10.2007 under my chairmanship.
 - (b) 6 (six) projects costing Rs. 54513.96 lakh were approved by CSMC in its 37th meeting held on 26.10.2007.
 - (c) Rs. 33.93 crore was released by Ministry of Finance as ACA for approved projects on 3.10.07.
 - (d) A comprehensive Review meeting of JNNURM was held with Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of State Governments on 8.10.07 .
 - (e) A National Conference on JNNURM, inaugurated by the Prime Minister was held on 9.10.07. Urban Development Ministers of State Governments, Mayors, Secretaries, Municipal Commissioners, SLNAs and Resident Commissioners participated in the Conference.
 - (f) A Consultation on Constitution of City Technical Advisory Group (CTAG) under JNNURM was held on 30-31.10.07.
 - (g) Rapid Training Programme for the urban local Body personnel has started.
 - (h) PIU/ PMU for Madhya Pradesh has been approved. This is the first such approval for a state.
 - (i) Programme Monitoring & Evaluation System (PMES) software has been developed.
 - (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) Airport Authority of India / Ministry of Civil Aviation has again been directed to take immediate steps for relocation of towers and operations to the location identified and cordoned off and also to give details of the cost of relocation which is to be met from the project cost.
 - (b) NBCC has been directed to construct 500 EWS houses.
 - (a) CMD, NBCC has informed that the standard and norms being followed by CPWD shall be applied in this project also.
 - (b) An amount of Rs. 45 crore has been released from the Escrow account to the implementing agency i.e. NBCC, towards
 - (c) advance and reimbursement of the expenditure already incurred.
 - (d) EFC memo has been prepared and is being circulated to the Ministry of Finance, M/o Law, M/o Civil Aviation and Planning Commission.
- (xi) Details of funds sanctioned/released in the month of October, 2007 under the lumpsum provision for projects/schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Region including Sikkim are given in Annexure II.
- (xii) Directorate of Estates has revised the rates of licence fees for govt. accommodation w.e.f. 1.7.2007. 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 October, 2007 are at Annexure-III.
- (xiii) Details of works awarded to National Building Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC) during October, 2007 are at Annexure-IV.
- (xiv) The position as regards compliance status of implementation of the COS decisions pertaining to this Ministry is at Annexure-V.

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Annexure - I

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

Item	Status upto August, 2007	Status upto September, 2007	Status during October, 2007	Up-to-date status
City Development Plan (CDP)				
i. Received	63	--	--	CDP appraised for all 63 cities under JNNURM
ii Appraised	63	--	--	
Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)				
i. Signed	57	58	1	58
Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) Meetings				
i. Number of meetings held	36*	38*	1	39*
ii. Number of Projects approved	242	248	6	254
ACA released by Ministry of Finance (For 183 projects)	Rs. 2239.55 crore	Rs.2295.07 crore	Rs.33.93 crore	Rs.2329.00 crore

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

Statement showing amount sanctioned for the projects in respect of North-Eastern States including Sikkim during the month of October, 2007
(Rs in lakh)

Sl.No	NAME OF THE PROJECT	AMOUNT RELEASED
1	Construction of Super Market at Telimura, Tripura (Ex. Agency - NBCC Ltd.)	233.95*
2	Construction of Market complex at Kumarghat, Tripura (Ex. Agency - NBCC Ltd.)	315.41*
3.	Land Protection and Parking Places at Gohpur, Arunachal Pradesh (Ex. Agency - State Govt.)	31.24*

* 2nd/Final instalment

NO. OF GOVT. HOUSES/QUARTERS ALLOTTED/OFFERED/VACANT AND NO. OF EVICTION CASES PENDING WITH DIRECTORATE OF ESTATES IN DELHI AT THE END OF OCTOBER, 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	290	123	63*	21	63
Type II	658	167	491	50	167
Type III	412	87	325	37	64
Type IV	230	70	160	6	19
Type IV (Spl)	28	14	14	--	13
Type VA)(DII)	34	7	27	1	30
D-I	67	10	57	--	1
C-II	17	7	10	3	3
C-I & above	7	2	5	--	9
Hostel	60	13	47	--	1

* In respect of 104 Qrs. acceptance/refusal is still awaited from the allottees

Annexure – IV**Works Awarded to National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd.,
(NBCC) during the month of October, 2007**

Sl.No.	Name of Work	Clients	Value (Rs. In Lakh)
1.	PMGSY Work Ph-V at Agartala	Govt. of Tripura	25877
2.	Cooling Tower Pkg. for Farakka Super Thermal Power Project Stg.III (1x500MW)	NTPC	1784
3.	Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Cooling Tower Pkg. for Farakka Super Thermal Power Project Stg.III (1x500MW)	NTPC	2271

Status of implementation of the COS decision pertaining to Bangalore Metro Rail and Gauge for Metro Rail Systems

- (i) In the COS meetings held on 14.8.2007 and 30.8.2007, the Ministry of Railways was asked to relieve the required number of Senior level Railway officers to the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation selected on deputation basis. The Railway Ministry has since written in the last week of October conveying its readiness to relieve four officers out of the five (one officer having expressed his unwillingness). Meanwhile, references were made to DOPT and Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare to exempt BMRC (and DMRC) from the rule of “sending officers PSUs/autonomous bodies on immediate absorption basis” and their replies have been received. Further, this aspect is also included as an agenda item in the forthcoming Empowered Committee meeting on 13.11.2007.