

ANNEXURE

**Statement showing Action Taken Report on the Recommendations / Observations contained in the 12<sup>th</sup> Report (14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha) of Standing committee on Urban Development of Ministry of Urban Development**

<b>Recommendation No.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Action Taken by the Government</b>	<b>Whether Accepted or Not by Govt.</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
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<b>7</b>  (7 <sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.2.7)	The committee appreciate that the Government share the aforesaid observation of the Committee. Two new schemes viz. NURM and UIDSSMT are still awaiting approval of the competent authority. The Committee hope that the Government will stick to the time frame given above i.e 2005-06 for the operation of both the new schemes so that the cities selected under the above schemes do not suffer on account of delay in their implementation.	Both the schemes, i.e. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) have been launched and operationalised by the Government on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 2005. The State Governments have been requested to take follow-up action and send their proposals for seeking central assistance under the schemes.	Reply not accepted by the Committee	Further decision of the Committee will be known once ATR furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered by them.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.2.11)</p>	<p>The Committee note that more than half of the financial year has already lapsed and the two new schemes namely NURM and UIDSSMT are still awaiting approval of the competent authority. The Committee are of the view that huge budgetary curtailment on the ongoing schemes such as IDSMT and Mega City Schemes should not have been done just because two new schemes viz. NURM and UIDSSMT have been proposed and are awaiting approval. The Ministry should have made a careful anticipation as to when the newly proposed schemes would come into operation and only after approval of the schemes, the budgetary curtailment on the ongoing schemes should have been effected. In the event of delay in approval of the new schemes, the huge amounts of allocations for the new</p>	<p>Both the schemes, i.e. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) have been launched and operationalised by the Government on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2005. The State Governments have been requested to take follow-up action and send their proposals for seeking central assistance under the schemes. However, ongoing projects of IDSMT and Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities are being provided central assistance for their completion.</p>	<p>Reply not accepted by the Committee</p>	<p>Further decision of the Committee will be known once ATR furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered by them.</p>
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	<p>schemes would remain under-utilised and some vital ongoing schemes of the Ministry would ultimately suffer. The Committee reiterate that all out efforts at the highest level be made to get the new schemes approved so that infrastructure projects &amp; schemes are carried out without any financial crunch.</p>			
<p><b>13</b> (7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.2.13)</p>	<p>The Committee note that while there is a huge allocation of Rs.2800 crore for NURM and Rs.700 crore for UIDSSMT for the year 2005-06, they express their apprehension that such a huge amount may remain unspent, if these schemes do not become operational within the time schedule specified. Even if these schemes become operational, there could be huge under-spending at the end of the financial year. The Committee recommend that all out efforts should be made for proper utilization of the</p>	<p>The Government has launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 03.12.2005 with a central outlay of Rs.50,000 crore for mission period of seven years beginning from 2005-06. A sum of Rs.500 crore was allocated in the RE for 2005-06 as under: -</p> <p>i. Urban Infrastructure &amp; Governance - Rs.400.00 crore (An amount of Rs.90.11 crore was released to the states as ACA)</p> <p>ii. Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) - Rs.100.00 crore</p>	<p>Reply not accepted by the Committee</p>	<p>Further decision of the Committee will be known once ATR furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered by them.</p>

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<b>16</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.2.19)	The Committee do not find that the observation of the Ministry is factually correct. The Committee note that in 2002-03, only Rs.76 crore was utilized out of Rs.90 crore allocated to North-Eastern States. Even in 2003-04, only 92 crore was spent out of the total allocation of Rs.160 crore to NE States. While in 2004-05, Rs.114.50 crore was allocated to North Eastern States and Sikkim, only Rs.57.54 crore could be utilized till January 2005. It is, therefore, not clear as to how the Ministry have made a statement that they have been utilizing the full amount allocated for North Eastern States and Sikkim. The Committee, therefore, reiterate their earlier recommendation and stress that the funds allocated to North Eastern	The Ministry reiterates its statement that funds allocated under the scheme of Lump sum provision of North Eastern including Sikkim have always been fully released. Year-wise statement of funds allocated and released is given below:-  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Funds Allocated for the Scheme (Rs. in lakh)</th> <th>Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2001-02</td> <td>8249.37</td> <td>8249.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2002-03</td> <td>7600.00</td> <td>7600.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2003-04</td> <td>9200.00</td> <td>9200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004-05</td> <td>11450.00</td> <td>11450.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005-06</td> <td>16000.00</td> <td>16000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Funds Allocated for the Scheme (Rs. in lakh)	Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)	2001-02	8249.37	8249.37	2002-03	7600.00	7600.00	2003-04	9200.00	9200.00	2004-05	11450.00	11450.00	2005-06	16000.00	16000.00	Reply not accepted by the Committee	Further decision of the Committee will be known once ATR furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered by them.
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	States under Demand no.100 should be fully utilized. The Committee should be kept informed about the steps taken in this direction.			
(7 <sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.2.28)	As regards, Demand Number 102- Stationary and Printing, the Committee note that there is a total increase of 3.12% in BE (2005-06) over the BE(2004-05) on the Revenue plus Capital Section. In the Capital Section alone, there is an increase in BE (2005-06) by 75% as the BE (2004-05) is Rs 0.20 crore and the BE (2005-06) is Rs 0.35 crore. On the increase in the Revenue Section, the Ministry has stated this increase is to meet the (i) enhancement of Dearness Allowance and annual increment in Pay and Allowances; and (ii) likely increase in tariff of electricity, water charges and other stationery items/office equipment. The Committee recommend that all the civil &	Procurement of the machines for modernization of 11 Government of India Presses could not be completed in time as there was very poor response from suppliers resulting in re-tendering in several cases. However by 31-1-2006 purchase orders worth Rs. 1507 lakh have been placed and machines worth Rs. 935 lakh have already been installed and supply of machines worth Rs. 572 lakh will get completed by 31-7-2006. Tenders in four cases valuing Rs. 581 lakh approximately have been opened on 10-11-2005. Out of these, 3 cases valuing 131 lakh are being re-tendered due to inadequate response.  Under modernization of Government of India Press Santragachi & Temple Street, Kolkata, procurement of new machines worth Rs. 413.95 lakh and Rs. 240.15 lakh respectively, has to be made. Against this, machines worth Rs. 157.90 lakh and Rs. 131.57 lakh have been installed by 6-1-2006 and 16-1-2006 respectively.	Treated as interim reply by the Committee	Its acceptance or otherwise will be known once the ATR furnished to Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered by them.

electrical works and the installation of new machinery should be completed and made functional in a time bound manner. During the course of evidence before the Committee, the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development has admitted that there has been a delay in procurement of machinery and the modernization of the printing presses. The Committee, therefore, recommend that suitable procedures may be evolved so as to minimize incessant delays in procurement of the machineries/ equipment. The Committee are informed that lot of money has been invested on modernisation of printing press at Calcutta but the machineries for this purpose are lying idle. This is a great loss to the nation and the nation cannot afford to bear such loss. Why such a situation arose, the committee

Supply worth Rs. 145.40 lakh and Rs. 34.01 lakh will get completed by 31-7-2006. Civil and electrical works for housing of new machineries have been completed in both the Presses. All new machines are being operated by existing trained staff though they are not adequate.

As regards fixing up responsibility, it is informed that 6 Desk Top Publishing Systems (DTP) costing Rs. 5.76 lakh were procured on 14.7.2004 for Santragachi Press and 2 DTP costing Rs. 1.92 lakh were procured on 8.4.2004 for Temple Street Press. The Staff was hesitant to operate it initially as they wanted redeployment and creation of new posts which was kept in abeyance by Ministry of Finance pending review of Cabinet decision dated 16.8.2002. However due to constant persuasion of staff, the machines have now been put in operation.

	wants to know. A report in this regard is earnestly required and the responsibility should be fixed.			
(7 <sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.2.29)	The Committee recommend that earnest efforts are made at the State as well as the Central level to ensure that the modernization of Printing Presses is completed and the workers handling such machineries are adequately trained to efficiently utilize these State-of-the-Art machines.	<p>The position regarding procurement of machines for modernization has been explained in reply to para 2.28. Civil and Electrical works in all 11 Govt. of India Presses have been completed. 171 technical staff of Presses under modernization has been trained to operate new machines.</p> <p>Creation of posts, redeployment and filling up of vacancies were kept in abeyance by the Ministry of Finance pending review of Cabinet decision dated 16-8-2002. Government has now taken a decision on 1-2-2006 for modernization of Govt. of India Press, Shimla, retention of Govt. of India Forms Store, Kolkata and Office of Assistant Director (OP), Kolkata, transfer of Govt. of India Press, Gangtok to State Government of Sikkim and privatization of Govt. of India Text Book Presses at Chandigarh, Mysore and Bhubneshwar. Ministry of Finance is being approached to allow Govt. of India Presses to achieve the required strength as</p>	Treated as interim reply by the Committee	Its acceptance or otherwise will be known once the ATR furnished to Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered by them.

		envisaged in the Cabinet decisions dated 16.8.2002 and 1.2.2006.		
<b>19</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.2.42)	The Committee were happy to note that the National Mission Mode Project has got the approval of the Planning Commission. They desire that efforts should be stepped up in coordination with the Department of Information Technology and USAID (FIRE-D) in designing and launching the project immediately which would assist in improved service delivery, decentralization, better information management & transparency, citizen's involvement in governance, etc. The Committee would like to hear further in this regard.	Details of National Mission Mode Project on e-Governance in Municipalities is under finalization. The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) in its meeting held on March 10, 2006 considered the Scheme and recommended the same for consideration by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). Accordingly, a draft note in the matter is being prepared for consideration of the CCEA.	<b>Accepted</b>	Further follow up action furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006
(7 <sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.2.52)	The Committee were informed that as many as fifteen states have been provided with financial assistance for training purpose. The Committee also note that a	As many as 23 States/UTs have come forward so far for organizing training programmes for elected women councillors in the urban local bodies through a State-level training institute. Four States/UTs, viz. Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and	Treated as interim reply by the Committee	Its acceptance or otherwise will be known once the ATR

	<p>considerable amount of unspent balances still remain to be utilised. The Committee would like to be apprised about the performance of other states also for training of women councillors, the quality thereof and the deployment of the funds released so far. It appears that only first instalment has been released or that too has not been fully utilised. This shows lack of enthusiasm due to some reasons or other. Besides, many States have not come forward for seeking financial assistance from Union Government for training their women councillors. This further shows that the scheme has not taken off. The Committee would like the government to identify the reasons why the states are unenthusiastic about the training programme. In the circumstances, they recommend that Union</p>	<p>Lakshadweep have no urban local bodies. Elections to the urban local bodies of Jharkhand and Pondicherry are yet to be held. Thus, only six States/UTs, viz. Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands, Dadra &amp; Nagar Haveli, Daman &amp; Diu, Manipur, Meghalaya and Nagaland are yet to come forward to seek Central assistance to conduct the training programmes for women councillors. These States / UTs are being continuously reminded to submit their proposals. So far 20 reminders have been sent to them, the last being dated February 13, 2006.</p> <p>As regards utilization of funds, it is stated that Goa, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh have utilized the funds and have submitted necessary utilisation certificates (UCs). In respect of Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka, UCs for the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of grants have been received. Haryana, Tripura and Uttaranchal have submitted UCs for partial grants and they have been requested to submit the certificates for the remaining grants. Maharashtra Govt. has utilized the grants and is in the process of submitting the UC. As the grant has been released to the Jammu Kashmir and Orissa</p>	<p>furnished to Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered by them.</p>
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	<p>Government should directly interact with the Municipal bodies of these States who are not forthcoming. They also desire that an institutional mechanism should be evolved for motivating the women councillors to actively participate in the local bodies and not to depend on other persons who attend the meetings of the municipal or local bodies on their behalf.</p>	<p>during 2005-2006, the UCs are not due. In respect of other States (i.e. Assam, Gujarat, Punjab (including Chandigarh UT)), Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Delhi) UCs have not been received and they are being persuaded to submit the same at the earliest along with details of training programmes conducted.</p> <p>As regards interacting with the municipal bodies directly, it is stated that as per Entry 5 of the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, 'local government' is a State subject. This Ministry has, therefore, been persuading the States to come forward with requisite proposals for providing training to all elected women councilors.</p>		
<p><b>22</b>  (7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.2.71)</p>	<p>The Committee would like to be informed further about the outcome of the initiatives taken for incorporation of various provisions of Model Municipal Law in Municipalities by the respective State Governments. Annual review of the implementation of the</p>	<p>While most of the States have informed that they have initiated action for amending their municipal law, incorporating the provisions of the Model Municipal Law (MML), no State has so far informed that they have amended its municipal law. States like Jammu &amp; Kashmir and West Bengal have informed that their State municipal laws already contain most of the provisions of the MML and so, there is no need to</p>	<p><b>Accepted</b></p>	<p>Further follow up action furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006</p>

aforesaid enactment should be made keeping in view how some of the States have gone ahead in strengthening the Urban Local Bodies and how some of them are lagging behind. The States which are lagging behind could take a leaf from those States who have gone ahead and accordingly move forward. These interactions would greatly improve the implementation and help in achieving the results. So far as double entry accounting system is concerned, it is not specified why Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland are yet to initiate necessary action for adoption of the aforesaid system. These States should be persuaded to do so by addressing their difficulties.

amend their municipal laws. Similarly, Government of Nagaland has informed that they have recently enacted their municipal law and are in the process of implementation, and, therefore, it would not be feasible for them to go for any amendment for the time being.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2005 requires the State Governments to further implementation of Constitution (74<sup>th</sup> Amendment) Act as well as strengthen community participation as a precondition to accessing of funds under the JNNURM.

As regards annual review of the implementation of the provisions of the MML, this Ministry has initiated action on the suggestion of the Standing Committee by calling for action taken reports from the States.

So far as Municipal Accounting Reforms is concerned, Governments of Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland have been reminded vide letter No.G-20011/1/2005-

		<p>UCD dated March 27, 2006 to take action immediately to implement the accrual based double entry accounting system. A regional workshop on municipal accounting reforms is also being convened shortly for the eastern and north-eastern region States of India to persuade them to implement the accrual based double entry accounting system as well as to address their difficulties in implementing the same.</p> <p>Municipal accounting reforms are also one of the mandatory reforms under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and states are required to furnish specific and time bound commitment for implementation of reforms as precondition to access funds under the Mission.</p>		
<p><b>25</b> (7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.2.75)</p>	<p>The Committee are perturbed to note that a lot of time has elapsed since the occurrence of Tsunami, however a large number of dwelling units for those affected are yet to be constructed. CPWD is still drawing up an action plan for construction of 6650 houses</p>	<p><b><u>CPWD</u></b></p> <p>After occurrence of Tsunami in Dec'2004, CPWD officers interacted with the beneficiaries, local administration and other stakeholders to finalize the design and specifications for permanent shelters. After discussions a design was evolved and a project report submitted to Govt. in</p>	<p>Reply not accepted by the Committee</p>	<p>Further decision of the Committee will be known once ATR furnished to the Standing</p>

	<p>for tribals at Car Nicobar and Southern Islands and 2700 houses for non-tribals at little Andamans &amp; Great Nicobar Islands. The Committee note that although these areas have been severely affected by the Tsunami, CPWD &amp; NBCC are yet to begin construction of dwelling units be taken up by CPWD on top priority basis and completed expeditiously so that people of the Islands do not suffer on account of delay in the construction. NBCC should sort out the construction of OH Water Tank Costing Rs. 3.74 crore at Port Blair as early as possible. Further, the Committee recommend that NBCC should step-up its activity for restoring the water supply and get the construction of the dwelling units complete in the non-tribal areas. Approval for the construction of the dwelling units by the Centre should be given on top priority</p>	<p>Mar'2005 for which Cabinet Note for obtaining approval was prepared by MOUD in Apr'05.</p> <p>Subsequently as desired by the Govt. CPWD built prototype houses at Car Nicobar and Kamorta. This was shown to tribal people to have their comments. After extensive deliberations with local administration, tribal council officials, village captains, NGOs and general public from Jul'05 to Sep'05, final designs were developed and endorsed by A&amp;N Administration and accepted by Govt. Based on these the cabinet note submitted was amended and approved by EGOM in Dec'05.</p> <p>The sanction for the project was conveyed by the Govt. on 08.12.2005. The recommendation of A&amp;N Administration for giving an opportunity to the national NGOs operating in the area was also accepted by the Govt. This required the local administration to finalise the number of shelters which the NGOs will built. After call of EOI, by the A&amp;N administration in December'05 and after assessing the response from NGOs. The number of</p>		<p>Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered by them.</p>
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	basis.	houses to be built by CPWD has now been revised upwards to 7145 units. Tenders for the foundation work have been awarded and work started. Process for pre-qualifying firms for superstructure work has also been completed and tender will be received by end of May 2006.  <b><u>NBCC</u></b>  Construction of over head tanks in Port Blair has been started at six locations in November 2005 by NBCC. Two tanks at Shadipur are under dismantling one of which is half complete. One tank each at Atlanta Point & Mazar park have been completed. Two tanks at Hadoo are in progress and material for two tanks has been shipped from kolkata.		
<b>28</b>  (7 <sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.3.53)	While appreciating the full utilization of Rs.150 crore allocated during the year 2004-05 the Committee express their displeasure over the way it was carried forward during the year 2005-06. They, therefore, stress that the money allocated for a	Central share under AUWSP is released to the State Governments in two or more instalments depending upon the physical progress of the projects and submission of utilization certificates. Time-frame for completion of the projects normally ranges from two to three years. Hence, funds are provided for various ongoing and new projects on the basis of the	<b>Accepted</b>	Further follow up action furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006

<p>particular year should invariably be utilized in that particular year only. They are of the view that, had the Ministry of Urban Development optimally utilized the allocated amount during the year 2004-05, perhaps the Planning Commission / Finance Ministry would not have reduced the allocation under the head during the year 2005-06. The Committee therefore recommend that the implementation process should be strengthened so that funds are optimally utilized within the specified period.</p>	<p>proposals received from the State Governments and the physical progress of the ongoing schemes. Money allocated for a particular year is invariably utilized during the same financial year and there is no scope for carrying forward the unutilized funds to the next financial year. However, if any State Government makes a request for revalidation of sanctions for the next financial year due to their inability to utilize the same in the year in which they were sanctioned, this Ministry examines and permits such requests in consultation with Internal Finance Division in cases of genuine difficulties involving delay in starting or execution of projects. However, such revalidation has no impact on the annual budget allocation for the scheme. It has always been the endeavour of the Ministry of Urban Development to utilize the entire allocation during the same financial year unless it is subsequently revised at the RE level.</p> <p>The scheme of AUWSP has been subsumed in the new scheme of UIDSSMT and no funds are being released for new projects from 2005-06 onwards. Since the allocation is meant to be utilized only for</p>		
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		ongoing projects, the scale of allocation has come down. The outlay for 2005-06 has been reduced to Rs. 44.24 crore from Rs. 95.24 crore in view of the inadequate demands from the State Governments for second and subsequent instalments of Central share. Provision of Rs.50.00 crore has been made in the BE 2006-07.		
<b>31</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.3.65)	The Committee observe that funds are remaining unutilized since 2002-03 due to some reason or the other. In 2004-05, out of the 10 selected IAF airfield towns, funds to the tune of Rs. 40 crore, were released to only 5 IAF airfield towns. For the remaining 5 airfield towns whose DPRs are yet to be scrutinized or received due to some reason or the other, the funds are yet to be released. Even in 2005-06, an allocation of Rs. 55 crore has been made for the project. The Committee find that problems exist at all levels with the State Governments in identification	<p>The Central Sector Scheme of solid Waste Management &amp; Drainage in 10 selected Indian Air Force airfield towns had been approved at a cost of Rs. 99.34 crore for execution in October, 2003 by the Planning Commission for execution. The Ministry is making all out efforts to expedite the implementation of the project. As a result, certain developments have taken place and the updated status is as under:</p> <p>Detailed Project Reports for 9 out of 10 towns have been approved from technical angle for execution. Detailed Project Report for Ambala has been submitted by NBCC to the State Government/Urban Local Bodies for their comments. Preparation of DPR for Ambala has been delayed as the land for disposal and treatment facility at Ambala has only</p>	Reply not accepted by the Committee	Further decision of the Committee will be known once ATR furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered by them.

of land, with HUDCO in preparation of DPRs and in the IAF for clearing the land identified for the project. Problems also exist with State level Implementation Committee & District Level Monitoring Committee in implementation the scheme. The Committee, therefore, reiterate that the Ministry should pursue and coordinate the matter at the highest level namely with the Chief Secretaries of the concerned States, Senior Officials of IAF and HUDCO to get the project implemented in the remaining 5 airfield towns so as to avoid losing costly defence aircraft and invaluable lives of trained pilots. The Committee were informed that the scheme is being reframed. The Committee would like to know how this will help in the implementation and utilization of allocated funds.

been provided by the State Government in the third week of January, 2006. Comments of the State Government on the Detailed Project Report have been submitted by the State Government to NBCC on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2006. NBCC is in the process of modifying the report based on the comments made by the State Government.

Detailed Project Reports for Tezpur and Dundigal have been approved from technical angle by CPHEEO and release of funds is under process.

Out of 10 selected airfield towns, funds have been released to NBCC for execution of the projects at Sirsa, Jodhpur, Gwalior, Adampur and Pune. Funds for execution of schemes at Bareilly and Hindon have been released to UP Government for execution.

There is no proposal to reframe the scheme at this stage.

<p>(7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.3.69)</p>	<p>The Committee note that a provision of Rs.5 crore as 'Supplementary Grant' has been made in September, 2004 for the 'Desalination Plant in Chennai'. However, the project of 'Desalination Plant in Chennai' is yet to take off. The Committee desire that this project must be implemented, expeditiously.</p>	<p>Government of Tamil Nadu has subsequently informed that the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) decided to award the contract for construction of a 100 MLD reverse osmosis-based desalination plant on (Design, Built, Own, Operate &amp; Transfer) DBOOT basis to M/s IVRCL Infrastructure and Projects Ltd., in joint venture with M/s Befesa Construction and Technology, Spain. A letter of intent has been sent to the successful bidder on 4.8.2005. The proposal for foreign investment is under consideration of Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB), Ministry of Finance.</p>	<p>Treated as interim reply by the Committee</p>	<p>Its acceptance or otherwise will be known once the ATR furnished to Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered by them.</p>
<p><b>34</b> (7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.4.5)</p>	<p>The Committee note that even to carry out minor works, CPWD calls for tenders which only delays the works. Moreover, when people approach the CPWD Enquiry Offices, they are asked to meet the concerned contractor. The CPWD cannot wash off their hands on account of delay or deficiency of service just by saying that the particular</p>	<p>For carrying out maintenance, day today routine complaints are invariably attended by work charged staff of CPWD. Only works of addition and alteration, special repairs periodical repairs and minor works involving bulk and specialized and repetitive nature are carried out by calling tenders. In electrical maintenance, the works of rewiring and providing of additional plugs only is done through contracts. All other maintenance works is carried out through work charged staff.</p>	<p>Reply not accepted by the Committee</p>	<p>Further decision of the Committee will be known once ATR furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is</p>

	<p>works has been given on contact. Further, CPWD engineers even fail to check the quality of work executed by the contractors due to which the residents are made to suffer ultimately. The Committee are of the view that all the works, whether minor or major, should be supervised by the senior engineer from CPWD and in case of any delay, deficiency in service or poor quality, the Engineer concerned should be held responsible and subjected to admissible punitive action. The Committee also stress that suitable mechanism be drawn to establish the accountability of CPWD staff towards each work carried out by them.</p>	<p>The mechanism for monitoring of works including maintenance complaints in terms of quality and timely completion has been laid down in CPWD works manual, maintenance manual as well as circulars issued by DG(W) office. The quality of works executed is inspected by the designated engineers and concerned EE/AE/JE are responsible for ensuring the quality of work and material used as per CPWD specifications. Any deficiency in performance is punishable as per rules applicable and action is taken where such charges levied and established.</p>		<p>considered by them.</p>
<p><b>37</b>  (7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.4.10)</p>	<p>The Committee note that most of the work, both electrical or civil, is carried out by Work Charged (WC) staff and not by regular CPWD staff. The Committee recommend that CPWD should first engage its</p>	<p>The regular skilled and unskilled worker of CPWD are called work charged staff since their salaries are debited to the work for which they are engaged. But for this, the work charged staff are regular trained staff of CPWD and are only engaged to carryout the works in first instance. As</p>	<p><b>Accepted</b></p>	<p>Further follow up action furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006</p>

regular and departmental staff who are skilled and especially trained to carry out the work. The Committee would also like to be apprised about the initiatives taken by CPWD especially in three areas namely (i) preparation of category-wise annual action programme for residential accommodation (ii) clubbing the items to lesser number of packages and (iii) initiating only a few annual contracts in the beginning of the financial year for improving ability and quicker response.

already clarified in para 4.5 above, all day today routine maintenance complaints are being attended by CPWD labour posted at service centers. Where CPWD staff is not available or only works of addition, alteration, special repairs, minor works and periodical maintenance of repetitive nature involving specialized large volume of repetitive works are got done through contracts. Annual Action Plans are being drawn based on funds likely to be received for the year in the beginning of the year and works are taken up accordingly. In the year 2005-06 action was taken in three areas namely preparation of Annual Action Plan for Residential colonies, clubbing of the items to lesser number of packages and initiating few annual contracts. For the next financial year all Chief Engineers were asked to prepare Annual Action Plans for maintenance including separate proposals for special repairs, ordinary repairs, and minor works. The Chief engineers have prepared and submitted the Annual Action Plans and all the works under the maintenance heads will be carried as per these Annual Action Plans.

<p><b>40</b></p> <p>(7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.4.15)</p>	<p>The Committee note the steps taken by CPWD in pursuance of their recommendation. The Committee in their 7<sup>th</sup> report had recommended that the Enquiry Offices of CPWD be computerized not only in Delhi but also at all other stations, where CPWD maintains Government residential accommodation. Besides names of officers whom complaints should approach, and the time schedule for attending to various complaints should be prominently displayed on large boards at the entrance of the Enquiry Offices. The Committee recommend that the Ministry should draw up a mechanism so that accountability for not attending to various works at Enquiry Offices can be fixed and appropriate action taken against officials in the event of delay or laxity. Staff manning the Enquiry Offices and the</p>	<p>The Enquiry offices in Delhi are computerized having an interactive voice recoding system (IVRS). Besides Delhi efforts are being made to computerized the Enquiry offices where sufficient number of allottees are there. The Enquiry office at Lal Bhadur Shastri Academy at Mussorie has already been computerized.</p> <p>Names, designation and office telephone numbers of the concerned civil, electrical and horticulture wing officers upto level of Superintending Engineers are displayed prominently in service centres . Disposal of complaints is also monitored online through CPWD Sewa website and also through regular and surprise inspections by Executive Engineers / Superintending Engineers and higher officers.</p> <p>As explained in reply to para 4.5 above the mechanism for monitoring of works including maintenance complaints in terms of quality and timely completion and procedure for enforcing accountability has already been laid down in Maintenance manual, CPWD works manual.</p>	<p>Reply not accepted by the Committee</p>	<p>Further decision of the Committee will be known once ATR furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered by them.</p>
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	<p>staff attending to the complaints may be trained to be courteous while rendering their services. The Committee would like to hear further in this regard.</p>	<p>CPWD Training Institute as well as regional Training Institutes are already organizing specific courses for improving inter personal relations between RWA's and allottees for JE's, AE's and EE's.</p>		
<p><b>43</b>  (7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.4.20)</p>	<p>The Committee note that problems exist due to lack of coordination of CPWD with local bodies. Residents are asked to approach different authorities to get their complaints redressed, who often shift responsibility on another Department. The Committee are of the view that there should be a single window manned by the Liaison Officer for redressal of complaints of the residents so that complaints can approach him and it should be the Liaison officer's responsibility to coordinate with the Urban Local Bodies to get the complaints redressed.</p>	<p>Attempts have been made by the senior officers of CPWD for creating a mechanism for improving coordination between the field officers of CPWD and officers of Local Bodies but this has met with very limited success as the response from the Local Bodies has not been encouraging. However as far as problems relating to services in general to colony is concerned, these are taken up at appropriate level of CPWD with concerned department through regular meetings by SE/EE. These are also taken up in inter-departmental meetings taken by Chief Engineers with concerned Nodal Officers. This apart Assistant Engineers manning various service centres have already been designated as nodal officers for interaction for common problems of colonies with local bodies in respect of areas under their jurisdiction. It is only problem relating to individual quarters that allottees are advised to approach the concerned service provider</p>	<p><b>Accepted</b></p>	<p>Further follow up action furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006</p>

		<p>i.e. NDMC, DJB, MCD or as the case may be. As these bodies report to different authorities, single window system of lodging complaints of individual quarters may be of limited use to the extent of one point entry, since monitoring and redressal of complaints would need to be followed by concerned agency. Therefore, the Local Bodies, i.e. New Delhi Municipal Corporation, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Jal Board have been instructed to nominate Nodal Officers who shall be responsible for the defined geographical areas and shall coordinate with the CPWD officers for maintenance etc.</p>		
<p><b>46</b> (7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.4.22)</p>	<p>The Committee note that in the past the physical targets have not been achieved as a result of which reduction of 50% in the Plan allocation has been made. The Committee hope that the target indicate above will be realized within the specified time with the intensified monitoring efforts launched for physical and financial achievements.</p>	<p>The review of physical and financial progress of General Pool Residential Accommodation projects was being monitored regularly at zonal and directorate level of CPWD. The financial targets set have been achieved. Regarding physical targets out of 1435 units targeted to be completed during 2005-06, 564 units were completed upto 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006. The balance 871 units, could not be completed due to certain reasons which were intermittent architectural changes and initial delay in submission of structural drawing by</p>	<p>Reply not accepted by the Committee</p>	<p>Further decision of the Committee will be known once ATR furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered</p>

		<p>consultant appointed by HUDCO in case of 319 units in Delhi, due to slow progress by the contractor and inadequate allotment of funds in case of 328 units in Jodhpur, due to encroachment on site and delay in shifting of high tension line in case of 6 units at Gangtok, due to deployment of inadequate resources by Contractor in case of 16 units at Chennai, due to slow progress by Contractor due to abnormal increase in price of cement &amp; steel and other materials during contract period in case of 90 units at Pune, due to inadequate allotment of funds resulting in delay in receipt of supply of electrical equipment like lifts, DG set, acute shortage of cement during last few months in Mumbai besides delays in getting approval to water supply, sanitary layout from Bombay Municipal Corporation in respect of 112 units as Mumbai.</p> <p>All the balance 871 Units are now targeted to be completed from June 2006 to September 2006.</p>		by them.
<p><b>49</b> (7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation)</p>	<p>The Committee desire that the computerization of all the eight regional offices of the Directorate of Estates be</p>	<p>The work is under progress and the hardware has been purchased and installed in all the Regional Offices. The installation of LAN in the Regional Offices is also in</p>	<b>Accepted</b>	<p>Further follow up action furnished to</p>

para No.4.26)	completed on top priority basis so as to ensure transparent, hassle free and rule based allotment of residential accommodation. Further, the eight regional offices of the Directorate of Estates be linked to the Headquarters through internet so as to ensure its close monitoring. The Committee should be kept information about the steps taken in this direction.	<p>progress. Government Accommodation Management System (GAMS) will be activated in three Regional Offices viz. Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata after training on Government Accommodation Management System (GAMS) is completed by the end of May, 2006. Regional Offices at Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata are expected to start using Government Accommodation Management System (GAMS) by mid June 2006. The remaining five Regional Offices will be working on Government Accommodation Management System (GAMS) by July, 2006.</p> <p>Directorate of Estates website is being revamped to include all Regional Offices for monitoring all activities under Government Accommodation Management System (GAMS).</p>		the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006
52  (7 <sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.4.28)	The Committee note that identification of land, drawing up of plan & budget estimates, execution of plan, etc. for construction of GPOA and shifting offices out of residential flats of GPOA required long term planning	Priority is being given for construction of requisite number of GPOA's in the country. In the year 2005-06, 23329 sqm of GPOA was targeted to be completed. Out of this 6000 sqm could not be completed upto 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2006 and shall be completed by June, 2006. In the next financial year 2006-07. In addition to 6000 sqm of last year	<b>Accepted</b>	Further follow up action furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006

	<p>and are time taking process. The Committee are of the view that earnest efforts should also be made to adjust the offices occupying GPRA's in places where the demand and pressured on GPOA's is less as in Faridabad and other regional offices. Meanwhile, the Government should take-up the construction of requisite number of GPOA's on top priority basis so that GPRA's are released for the purpose they are meant for. The Committee would like to hear further in this regard.</p>	<p>additional 8738 sqm of GPOA is targeted to be completed and besides this works for 198078 sqm of GPOA are targeted to be started during 2006-07 and completed beyond 2006-07.</p>		
<p>(7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.5.14)</p>	<p>The Committee are concerned to note that objectives of Regional Plan 2001 for achieving a manageable Delhi by 2001 could not be achieved due to the lack of infrastructure in NCR. They are also concerned to note that infrastructure development in 'Counter-Magnet Areas' has not been adequate enough to curb the flow of migratory</p>	<p>The NCR Planning Board has stated that it may not be correct to say that objectives of Regional Plan 2001 could not be achieved due to lack of infrastructure. The realization of the concept of NCR is a long drawn process and the impact of implementation of its plans / objectives is perceptible only over a long period. However, the pace of development need to be stepped up. As per the NCR Planning Board Act, 1985 the Board is responsible for (i) preparation of plan for regional</p>	<p>Treated as interim reply by the Committee</p>	<p>Its acceptance or otherwise will be known once the ATR furnished to Standing Committee on 6.3.2006 is considered</p>

	<p>population into Delhi. They could not become Centres of growth as no integrated work was done. The Committee are concerned that at the initial stage, there are failures. Such an ambitious programme require thorough planning and scrutiny with the prospect of viability. The project is just beginning and hence need to be corrected. The Committee would like to know the details of ailments which precluded these from becoming centres of growth. The Committee feel that a lot is required to be done in NCR towns and counter magnet areas to achieve the objective of NCR. The Committee find that the Regional Plan 2021 is being finalised by NCRPB so as to carry forward the tasks set out in Regional Plan 2001. The Committee recommend that the Regional Plan 2021 should be finalized, expeditiously.</p>	<p>development and coordinating and monitoring its implementation; and (ii) evolving harmonized policy for control of land-uses and development of infrastructure in NCR so as to avoid haphazard development thereof. The achievement of objectives of Regional Plan-2001 could be gauged from the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The population growth of Delhi has declined to 47.02% during 1991-2001;</li> <li>ii) Migration to Delhi has declined to 39.82% in 1991-2001 as compared to 45.06% in 1961-71;</li> <li>iii) Percentage of migration from NCR States to NCT of Delhi has declined to 57.09% in 1991-2001 as compared to 65.76% in 1981-91;</li> <li>iv) The out-migration from NCT of Delhi was 2.42 lakhs to 2.82 lakhs in 3 decades preceding 1991. It increased to 4.58 lakhs in 1991-2001.</li> </ul> <p>The NCR Planning Board has however indicated that there are certain constraints to achieve the desired results. The NCR areas cover part of 4 different States who have different priorities for</p>	<p>by them.</p>
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		<p>implementation of the plans. The development of infrastructure is a very cost intensive area for which adequate funds are not generally available. Another factor which hampers the achievement of objectives is that NCR Planning Board is extending the assistance to the concerned States in the form of loans only which are not very attractive to them.</p> <p>As regards the finalization of Regional Plan-2021, the same has already been notified on 17.09.2005. All the participating States/Central Ministries concerned have been requested to take up implementation of the policies and proposals of Regional Plan-2021.</p>		
<p><b>55</b></p> <p>(7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.5.17)</p>	<p>The Committee note that NCR Planning Board is only a planning body while the task of implementing the polices and programmes lies with the participating State Governments an the relevant Central Ministries. The Committee recommend that the participating States Governments should</p>	<p>For monitoring the implementation of the schemes and programmes in the NCR by the State Governments concerned, there is already a mechanism in place. Besides deliberation in the NCR Planning Board itself, a Project Sanctioning and Monitoring Group under the chairmanship of Secretary(UD) with Members from the State Governments concerned, meets from time to time to review the implementation of the projects. In addition there are NCR Cells set</p>	<p><b>Accepted</b></p>	<p>Further follow up action furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006</p>

	<p>periodically apprise the NCRPB of the status of the implementation of the schemes and programmes and the problems faced by them if any, in its implementation. A mechanism may be drawn so that those States not furnishing the progress in expenditure and those States not showing a desirable level of physical and financial progress are made accountable. If participating States are unable to justify the reasons for delay in implementation and the reasons for low physical and financial progress of the schemes and projects, NCRPB should be vested with necessary powers to sort out the matters.</p>	<p>up separately under the State Governments concerned to coordinate the progress of implementation of the projects.</p> <p>As regards vesting of powers in the NCR, the NCR Planning Board includes the Chief Ministers of Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi with Union Minister for Urban Development as the Chairman of the Board. Therefore, the decisions taken in respect of Regional Planning have the concurrence of the concerned State Governments.</p> <p>In addition, the Ministry feels that the pace of development in the National Capital Region can be accelerated only through a process of incentivisation. The NCRPB is exploring possibility for taking up regional projects which can create an impact on the infrastructure requirement of the NCR and also proposing for higher allocation of funds to the Board.</p>		
<p><b>58</b>  (7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.5.29)</p>	<p>The Committee note that taking recourse to supplementary grants is not a solution to the persisting financial problem. A vital on-going project such as DMRC</p>	<p>The funds have been and are being provided to DMRC as per need and the progress of the Project has not been affected due to inadequacy of funds.</p> <p>DMRC has requested for providing</p>	<p><b>Accepted</b></p>	<p>Further follow up action furnished to the Standing Committee</p>

	<p>should not be at the mercy of supplementary grant every year. The Committee have been stressing again and again that adequate funds be provided to the project at the BE state itself. The Ministry should take up the matter the at the highest level with the Finance Ministry and the Planning Commission so that funds are allocated to the project at the BE state itself.</p>	<p>Rs.270.00 crore as equity, Rs.58.00 crore as Sub-ordinate Debt (SD) and Rs.495.00 crore as PTA for the FY 2006-2007. The amount provided in the Budget of MOUD is Rs.250.00 crore, Rs.58.00 crore and Rs.424.00 crore respectively towards equity, SD and PTA.</p>		<p>on 6.3.2006</p>
<p><b>61</b>  (7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.5.35)</p>	<p>The Committee appreciate the efforts of the Ministry regarding the linking of some of the NCR towns like Gurgaon and Noida with the Metro. The Committee desire that sincere efforts may be made by the Ministry with the State Governments of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in linking Faridabad and Ghaziabad with the Metro which would go a long way in decongesting Delhi.</p>	<p><b><u>NOIDA Extension:-</u></b></p> <p>Government of Uttar Pradesh has accorded approval for extension of Delhi Metro to NOIDA and agreed to provide necessary funds to DMRC for taking up this project. An agreement to that effect has been entered into between DMRC and NOIDA Authority on 04.04.2006. NOIDA Authorities have already released Rs.155.00 crore to DMRC towards 1<sup>st</sup> instalment and DMRC has started work on this extension.</p> <p><b><u>Ghaziabad extension:-</u></b></p> <p>DMRC had earlier prepared a DPR. However DMRC has no information about</p>	<p><b>Accepted</b></p>	<p>Further follow up action furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006</p>

		<p>preparation of DPR for revised alignment.</p> <p>Similarly, for extension of Delhi Metro to Gurgaon, a DPR had earlier been prepared. However, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) is getting various options for extension of Delhi Metro to Gurgaon examined to derive optimal rider ship.</p>		
<p><b>64</b></p> <p>(7<sup>th</sup> Report recommendation para No.5.36)</p>	<p>The Committee would like that necessary steps for approval to phase II of the DMRTS project should be taken up on top priority basis. While linking GTB Nagar with the Metro in Phase II, the Committee desire that other nearby areas having heavy traffic and commuters should also be linked to minimize the pressure on road traffic of the area. It would also make the route popular and commercially viable.</p>	<p>MOUD vide Order dated 30.03.2006 conveyed sanction of President of India for Phase-II of DMRTS Project covering 50.14 kms. The route alignment includes 6.36 kms distance from Vishva Vidyalaya to Jahangir Puri via GTB Nagar.</p>	<p><b>Accepted</b></p>	<p>Further follow up action furnished to the Standing Committee on 6.3.2006</p>