

## Record of Discussion

### Review of Status of Implementation of Flagship Schemes

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A meeting to review the implementation of flagship schemes in Union Territories (UTs) and a review of the PM Gati Shakti layers was held under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (UT&JKL) [JS (UT&JKL)], Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The list of participants may be seen at **Annexure I**.

2. At the outset, JS (UT&JKL) welcomed the participants and set the agenda for the meeting. Thereafter, he invited the Second-in-Command (2IC), MHA to make a presentation. A copy of the presentation may be seen at **Annexure II**.

3. The key discussions and action points that emerged from the deliberations are as below:

#### **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**

- i. The UTs of A&NI, DNH&DD and Puducherry have attained saturation under the scheme. Though a lot of progress has been made in the UTs of Lakshadweep, Ladakh and J&K, they need to make further improvement in providing individual tap connections and in obtaining certification of 'Har Ghar Jal' villages.
- ii. Lakshadweep also needs to expedite the tender process and work orders. The UT expects to complete its targets by May, 2023. The UT will shortly move a proposal for 5 additional desalination plants in the bigger islands.
- iii. In J&K, 4,000 works have been tendered, of which 1,500 have been allotted and work on 900 has commenced so far.
- iv. All works at Ladakh have been tendered and allotted. Progress has slowed due to the ongoing winter season in the UT; however, saturation is expected to be achieved before June, 2023. Further, the process of certification will be completed after the functioning of taps is tested in the winter season.

#### **Swachh Bharat Mission – Gramin 2.0 [SBM(G) 2.0]**

- i. The focus under Phase 2 of the scheme is on achieving ODF+ status. UTs have made substantial progress, especially A&NI and DNH&DD. However, Lakshadweep, Ladakh, Puducherry and J&K have scope for improvement.
- ii. UT of J&K expects saturation by December, 2022. The UT's budget is insufficient to meet the required expenditure (~Rs. 240 crore) for retrofitting of toilets. Therefore, UT has requested D/o Drinking Water and Sanitation (DoDWS) to provide guidance on the issue. Further, the UT has requested DoDWS to share some best practices of other states with regard to the establishment of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants.
- iii. Ladakh aims to complete all pendency under the scheme by November 2022.
- iv. There are data reconciliation issues in the case of UT of Lakshadweep due to poor internet connectivity. Tender for Liquid Waste Management (LWM) has been floated and is under scrutiny. The LWM target is expected to be achieved by end of this financial year.

#### **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin [PMAY(G)]**

- i. The scheme is running in extension phase, and all UTs have to meet their respective targets for sanctioning and completion of houses by 2024.

- ii. UT of DNH&DD expects to complete its targets by March, 2023.
- iii. J&K conducted a survey which indicated a delay in completion of construction as the beneficiaries move to building bigger houses than what was initially planned, which results in lack of funds and stoppage of work. The UT Administration is getting a third party assessment done to provide beneficiaries with some technical/architectural support.

#### **Mission Amrit Sarovar**

- i. UT of J&K has already completed over 2,300 Sarovars against their target of 1,500 Sarovars.
- ii. Lakshadweep has selected 75 sites but is finding it difficult to implement the scheme due to the prevailing logistical/geographical conditions and has requested for exemption from the scheme.
- iii. DNH&DD has been able to identify only 19 sites, given the small size of the UT. Moreover, the ponds in the tribal hilly areas in DNH have hard rock strata which cannot be cleaned or deepened.

#### **Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban [SBM(U)]**

- i. UT of Puducherry has finalized and issued the tenders for waste processing.
- ii. A&NI has achieved 95% of its target for waste processing till date and RFP is ready to be floated for the remaining work.
- iii. Chandigarh has achieved 97% of its target for waste water processing and work is in progress to achieve the remaining targets.

#### **PMSVANidhi**

- i. The scheme has been extended till December, 2024.
- ii. GNCTD is organising weekly camps, and has sensitised financial institutions and zonal officers to increase its rate of first loan disbursement and improve its overall performance.
- iii. In the UT of DNH&DD, the issue of delay in sanction and rejection of loans is being pursued with banks in the District Level Committee meetings. UT expects target completion of 1st instalment loan disbursement to all vendors by January, 2023.

#### **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban [PMAY(U)]**

- i. The time period of the scheme has been extended till December, 2024 subject to certain conditions. Of the 4 verticals of the scheme, Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) has been discontinued with effect from 01.04.2022. No phased sanctions will be made in the other Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) and In-situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR) verticals. Only phased sanctions will be allowed in Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) vertical, subject to a ceiling of 122.69 lakh sanctioned houses.
- ii. A&NI has achieved saturation under the scheme. Puducherry aims to achieve its targets by December, 2022. Chandigarh has reported issues of data reconciliation.

#### **Smart Cities Mission (SCM)**

- i. UTs have a substantial scope for improvement in their performance under the scheme. The required expenditure rate of UTs is very high.

- ii. All the works in Puducherry have been tendered, however, work orders need to be issued. The UT raised the issue that the Lieutenant Governor's power in Puducherry is limited to sanctioning projects worth up to Rs 100 crore, whereas the projects under the Mission exceed this amount; which is why the approval of the Central Government would be required to sanction bigger projects.
- iii. M/o Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) had given an option to the UTs to review stuck projects and select certain categories of projects that the UT could realistically complete till June, 2023.
- iv. NDMC has to reduce its unspent balance to less than Rs 100 crore to enable MoHUA to release the next installment of funds to the UT.

### **Elimination of Hazard from Manual Cleaning of Sewers & Septic Tanks**

- i. UTs should address inadequacies and improve their scheme performance.
- ii. A&NI has reported data reconciliation issues.

### **Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti**

- i. DPIIT has deputed an officer to directly interact with UTs for providing assistance.
  - ii. UTs are yet to upload all the applicable layers in the portal.
  - iii. UTs apart from A&NI need to formulate their respective Logistics Policies. UTs may take a cue from the policies already uploaded on the portal.
  - iv. The uploading of data on the portal is delayed in case of UT of Ladakh as many records are in physical form and in Urdu, which need to be digitised and translated before uploading.
  - v. J&K is facing practical difficulties in uploading data due to constraints in difficult terrains.
  - vi. Chandigarh also needs to digitise certain village records.
  - vii. A&NI requested DPIIT to expedite the visit of the technical support team from DPIIT for handholding support.
  - viii. Puducherry is awaiting a response from the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N) in the matter of geo-referencing of land records.
4. **Based on the deliberations, JS(UT) made the following directions/observations:**
- A. All line Ministries/Departments should deepen their level of engagement with UTs to address any bottlenecks/hurdles in implementation of schemes, so as to ensure time-bound saturation of targets.
  - B. All UTs should expedite saturation of their respective targets under the schemes, and regularly monitor the implementation to identify and resolve bottlenecks, if any. Any issues of data reconciliation with the Ministries/Departments should be resolved expeditiously.
  - C. **JJM:** The UTs of Lakshadweep, Ladakh and J&K should expedite the provision of individual tap connections and obtaining certification of 'Har Ghar Jal' villages. Lakshadweep should share timelines for completion of targets with MHA for follow-ups. J&K should expedite the tendering process and visualise the stages of the scheme so as to meet the scheme targets within set timelines.
  - D. **SBM(G):** DoDWS should provide clarification and guidance to UT of J&K with regard to the matter of fund allocation for retrofitting of toilets and installation of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant.
  - E. **PMAY(G):** MoHUA should make efforts to resolve the fund-related issues of J&K expeditiously to enable it to pick up pace.
  - F. **Mission Amrit Sarovar:** MoRD should consider exempting Lakshadweep from the scheme, and revisit the targets for DNH&DD, in light of its geographical constraints.
  - G. **PMSVANidhi:** Delhi should prepare and share a timeline with MHA for achieving saturation under the scheme within the scheme deadline (December, 2024).

- H. **PMAY(U)**: Ladakh and J&K should expedite sanctioning and completion of houses.
- I. **SCM**: All UTs should make efforts to improve their performance under the scheme.
- J. The **Elimination of Hazard from Manual Cleaning of Sewers & Septic Tanks** is an important scheme that is monitored at the highest levels. Therefore, UTs should address the inadequacies on priority.
- K. **PM Gati Shakti**: UTs should populate all layers on the Portal for effective regional planning. UTs should formulate their Logistics Policies in the next 60 days. Data layers not applicable to the UTs should be communicated to DPIIT so that the correct performance status of UTs can be reflected. DPIIT should reflect clearly the layers that do not apply to various UTs in the portal, and should provide all technical support to UTs, as and when required.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**Annexure I**  
**List of Participants**

**Ministry of Home Affairs**

1. Shri Ashutosh Agnihotri, Joint Secretary (UT&JKL)
2. Shri Ravi Ranjan, Second-in-Command

**In Chair**

**Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade**

3. Shri Shalok Bhardwaj, DDG
4. Shri Ashish Dhawan, Consultant -

**Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation**

5. Shri Ranjit Kumar, Director

**M/o Rural Development**

6. Shri Shakti Kant Singh, Deputy Secretary
7. Shri Sudip Dutta, Under Secretary

**M/o Housing & Urban Affairs**

8. Shri Rajender Jayal, Director
9. Shri Jitender Kumar Mehan, Director
10. Ms. Shalini Pandey, Director
11. Shri B.K. Mandal, Under Secretary
12. Shri Rohit Kakkar, Dy. Adv (PHE)

**Union Territories (through VC)**

13. Shri Nikhil Kumar, Commissioner cum Secretary (Planning), UT of A&NI
14. Shri Dharam Pal, Advisor to the Administrator, UT of Chandigarh
15. Dr. Vijay Namdeorao Zade, Finance Secretary, UT of Chandigarh
16. Shri Karanjit Vadodaria, Joint Secretary (Planning) UT of DNH&DD
17. Shri K. C. Surender, Special Secretary, Urban Development, GNCTD
18. Shri Ranjeet Singh, Special Commissioner II of Industries, GNCTD
19. Shri Raghav Langer, Secretary (Planning), UT of J&K
20. Ms Mandeep Kaur, Secretary (Rural Development), UT of J&K
21. Shri Sanjeev Khirwar, Principal Secretary (Housing & Urban Development), UT of Ladakh
22. Shri Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Commissioner/Secretary (GAD/PWD/Estate), Ladakh
23. Shri Amit Satija, Secretary (Planning), UT of Lakshadweep
24. Shri Rajeev Verma, Chief Secretary, UT of Puducherry

