

## **Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM)**

Central Government has launched the JNNURM to give focused attention to integrated development of urban infrastructure and services in select 63 mission cities (cities having population above 10 lac as per 2001 census and cities culturally and historically significant and cities with tourist importance) with emphasis on provision of basic services to the urban poor including housing, water supply, sanitation, road network, urban transport, development of inner (old) city areas etc. A provision of Rs.50,000 crore has been made available as reform linked Central assistance over the Mission period of seven years beginning from 2005-06. Another Rs. 50,000 crore will come from the States and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). JNNURM with reform agenda is a unique mission. The implementation of the mission in right perspective will create environment for cities to become efficient, equitable and accountable. Any statutory or procedural bottlenecks in implementation of JNNURM need to be sorted out so that cities become major partner in the process of economic and social development and inclusive growth. Comprehensive planning and effective monitoring are, therefore, essential to take the JNNURM to its logical conclusion so that financial and functional efficiencies of urban local bodies are improved.

Provision of additional Central assistance is linked to implementation of certain mandatory as well as optional reforms at the State and ULB/Para-statal levels. Implementation of all mandatory and optional reforms has to be completed during the Mission period. Central assistance is in the form of 100% grant to be funded as Additional Central Assistance (ACA). To avail the assistance, Cities have to prepare City Development Plans (CDPs) and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). Also, the State Governments and Urban Local Bodies/Parastatals have to sign Tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Central Government. The MoA should indicate commitments and milestones to be achieved in the implementation of reforms at the State & ULB/Parastatal levels. The funds would be released in four installments. The first installment shall be released on signing of MoA and approval of City Development Plans (CDPs)/Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). Balance will be released in subsequent installments depending upon achievement of reform/milestones and progress of projects.

The JNNURM follows two track strategies. Track I consists of integrated development in 63 identified mission cities. Track II consists of UIDSSMT and IHSDP for catering to other cities. Track I consists of two Sub-Missions: "Urban Infrastructure and Governance" (UIG) under the Ministry of Urban Development and "Basic Services to the Urban Poor" under the Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation.