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Subject: Establishment of 'Housing for All - Knowledge Lab (HFA-KL)' - reg.

In pursuance of the vision of Government of India to facilitate "Housing for All by 2022", the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, States/ UTs/ ULBs have taken several steps to implement the housing projects under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). In this regard, knowledge in various thematic areas such as housing technologies, innovative designs/ models/ typologies, housing finance, development policies, comparative analysis etc. is being generated. Stakeholders put in a lot of effort and generate knowledge towards planning and formulation of policy documents, tender documents, Housing for All Plan of Action, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), Innovative Housing Designs and Public Private Partnership Projects. The requirement for a repository of information on these subjects has been felt strongly across States/ UTs. Therefore, a '**Housing for All - Knowledge Lab (HFA-KL)**' is being established to address this need.

2. The HFA-KL will be a web based platform that will act as a source of information on the matters related to affordable housing. Information collated from various sources will be used as a common platform for learning and dissemination. This platform can be accessed by States/ UTs/ ULBs and other stakeholders (i.e. private sector, academia, researchers etc.). Information on the suggested thematic areas can be uploaded by the stakeholders. An indicative list of content/ documents to be included in Knowledge Lab is as follows:-

- a) Policy frameworks, Legislation/ Policies/ Acts from different State/ UT Governments.
- b) State/ UT specific guidelines on Financial mechanism
- c) Vertical-wise Tender Documents such as RFPs, EOIs, Agreements etc.
- d) Thematic DPRs with modal designs and other details.
- e) Specific documents pertaining to conduct of Social Audit/ TPQMA and others.
- f) Domain specific research documents.
- g) Best practices/ success stories/ learnings from failures.
- h) Vertical-wise specific Government Orders (GOs).
- i) International Experiences on Social Housing.
- j) IEC material- audio-visuals, media reports on the subject.
- k) Training and Capacity Building materials.
- l) Climate Sensitive Design and Architecture.

3. The Knowledge Lab will be hosted on PMAY (U) website and co-shared with *Smartnet* for wider outreach. The platform can be used for peer-to-peer learnings, webinars etc. as well.


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Note:

Shri. R K Gautam, Director (HFA-V) will be the overall in-charge of Knowledge Lab. Coordination of overall activities under the Knowledge Lab supported by Shri. Arvind Kumar-Deputy Chief MIS, Ms. Chandana De Sarkar- Lead Affordable Housing Finance in PMU, Shri Khatibullah Sheikh- Lead Affordable Housing and Urban Expert in PMU, Mr. Rohit Khandelwal, Lead-Urban Planner and other Lead PMU members including all Regional Co-ordinators will be part of this activity.

Dir/ DS (HFA-1/3&4) are requested to provide their Division's inputs fortnightly to HFA-5 Division for proper updation of Knowledge Lab.

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