Subject: Bringing Urban Transport under the Urban Development Department.

Dear Chief Secretary,

Please refer to our letters of even no. dated 29.08.2007 and dated 1st March, 2012 (copies enclosed) regarding nominating a single department at state level to deal with all Urban Transport issues.

It is a matter of concern that despite this being one of the condition of reforms at state level under the scheme for funding of buses for urban transport under JnNURM, and issue of above mentioned two advisories from MoUD to all the Chief Secretaries of the States/UTs, only few states like Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan have brought Urban Transport under one nodal department i.e. the Urban Development Department.

It is now well recognised that urban transport is the kea driver to our country’s development as more than 70% of GDP comes from cities. No planned urbanisation can be successful without keeping in place an effective and efficient urban transport system. Urban Transport and Urban Planning have got to go together. However, it has been observed that the subject of urban transport continues to be segregated between different Departments of Transport and Urban Development at state level.

It is reiterated that in order to integrate land use and transport plans, as envisaged in the NUTP-2006, and to have a coordinated mechanism at the State Government level, it is desirable to designate the Urban Development as the Nodal Department for all aspects relating to Urban Transport including land use planning for urban transport. This will ensure that Urban Transport remains an integral part of Urban Planning at all levels and the cities are planned in a holistic manner.

I would, therefore, request you once again to look into this matter personally and take appropriate action as required for amending the Rules for Allocation of Business for designating the Urban Development Department as the nodal Department for all the Urban Transport related matters including land use planning for urban transport.

With regards,

Encl: As above.

To,

All Chief Secretaries-States/UTs

Yours sincerely,

(Sudhir Krishna)
Dear [Name],

Please refer to letter of even No.K-14011/07/2007-Metro/UT dated 29.08.2007 (copy enclosed) from the then Secretary (UD) regarding nominating a single department at State level to deal with all urban transport issues. This has also been made one of the condition of reforms at State level under the scheme for funding of buses for Urban Transport under JNNURM vide this office letter No.K-14011/48/2006-UT (Pt.) dated 12/01/09 (copy enclosed).

Urban Transport is not only an integral part of Urban Development but they are also completely intertwined. Urban Transport and Urban planning go together. Though at Central level the nodal Ministry for Urban Transport is Ministry of Urban Development, in most of the States, the Subject of Urban Transport is segregated between different Ministries/Departments of Transport, urban development and Town & Country Planning etc.

In order to integrate land use and transport plan, as envisaged in the National Urban Transport Policy, 2006 and have a coordinated mechanism at the State Government level, it would be desirable to designate the Urban Development Department as the Nodal Department for all issues relating Urban Transport. The Urban Development Department should also coordinate with the Unified Mass Transit Authority for all the million plus cities. The Transport Department may continue to look after intercity and other State wide Transport related issues. This will help in ensuring that Urban Transport remains an integral part of Urban Planning at all times and the cities are planned in a holistic manner.

I would therefore, request you to look into this aspect personally and take appropriate action as required for amending the Rules of Business of allocation for designating Urban Development Department as the nodal Department/Ministry for Urban Transport for all one million plus cities.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sudhir Krishna)

Shri Debendranath Sarangi
Chief Secretary,
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Dear Shri

Urban Transport is an integral part of urban development. Urban Transport and urban planning go together. However, urban transport is not being given due importance at the stage of planning which it deserves. One of the reasons for this is perhaps lack of clarity in the allocation of subjects between different Ministries/Departments. Though at GoI level the nodal Ministry for Urban Transport is Ministry of Urban Development, in most of the States, the subject of Urban Transport is segregated between different Ministries/Departments of Transport, urban development and Town & Country Planning etc.

In order to integrate land use and transport plan, as envisaged in the National Urban Transport Policy, 2006 and have a coordinated mechanism at the State Government level, it might be desirable to designate one department as the Nodal Department for Urban Transport. This Nodal Department shall also coordinate with the Unified Mass Transit Authority for all the million plus cities. This will help in ensuring that Urban Transport remains an integral part of urban planning at all times and the cities are planned in a holistic manner.

I would, therefore, request you to look into this aspect personally and take appropriate action as required for amending the Rules of Business of allocation for designating one department/ministry as the nodal department/ministry for Urban Transport for all 0.1 million plus cities.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(M. Ramachandran)

To,

All Chief Secretaries - States/UTs.