## PAYMENT OF SERVICE CHARGES TO ULBs BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT OF ITS PROPERTIES

A Civil Appeal No.9458-63/2003 filed by Rajkot Municipal Corporation and others Vs. Union of India and others regarding the question whether or not property of Union of India is exempted from taxation of Local Bodies / Municipalities under Article 285 of the Constitution came up for final hearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 19.11.2009. The Hon'ble Supreme court in has held that 'charges will be paid at 75%, 50% and 33 1/3% respectively of the property tax levied on private owners, depending upon whether Union of India or its department is utilising the full services, or partial services or nil services' which is as per the executive orders of the Ministry of Finance.

Based on the above judgment, the Ministry of Urban Development has sent advisories to all States and Ministries in the Central Government to take necessary action as per the judgment.

- 1. Advisory to all Ministries / Departments of the Central Government
- 2. Advisory to all States/UTs
- 3. Final Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court