Minutes of the meeting with Centres of Excellence under CBULB Scheme, held under the chairmanship of Secretary (UD) on 8th-9th July, 2013 at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

1.   A Meeting with the Centres of Excellence (CoEs) under CBULB Scheme was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (UD) on 8th- 9th July 2013.

2.   Secretary (UD) welcomed all the participants. The list of participants is given at **Annexure - I.**

3.   In the introductory session of the meeting, Secretary (UD) and JS (UD) spelt out the expectations of the Ministry from the CoEs and emphasized the following issues :-

- The Ministry's role in promotion of research projects should be duly reflected and prominence given to the Ministry while propagating the projects. COEs should assist the ministry to achieve its mandate, and should conceptually act as the ministry's arm.

- Planned urbanization is a concern – research activities should be more focused on reaching the ultimate beneficiary. For this purpose, research projects should be taken forward through empanelment of consultants, development of toolkit etc.

- CoEs should increase their presence and visibility in the states.

- The following information should be uploaded on the website of each CoE, which will in turn be linked to the ministry's website:

  ➢ All activities done by CoEs under the CBULB Scheme.
  ➢ All activities done by CoEs in the urban sector, including Research articles published by faculty members.
  ➢ Details of training programmes, including terms of training, list of trainers and details of participants
  ➢ Budget utilization and details of Annual Action Plan.

- There should be more co-ordination with ATIs of the states, so as to avoid duplication of work in training programmes.

- UCs for grants utilized should be submitted in the prescribed format (Form GFR 19A), and unutilized amount surrendered.

- Each research activity of the CoEs should have a dedicated team.

- Each research project should culminate in issue of Guidelines by the ministry on the subject, and release of final instalment by the Ministry for the project will be linked to such issue of guidelines.

4.   This was followed by individual presentations of the projects undertaken and completed during the last two years and their project proposals for the next two years, by each CoE. Specific action points emanating from the presentation by each CoE were as follows:

(i)   **TERI :**

(a)   Project on enhancing public participation through effective functioning of Area Sabhas : A meeting may be held with states , who would give thematic presentations on the subject.

(Action: MoUD)

(b)   Project for developing a course module for Green Buildings: The project may be taken forward by helping other institutes, including NIUA and state ATIs to organize training programmes on the subject. Organizations like AICTE and Council of Architecture may also be involved in the further development of the subject, with TERI coming up with the basic formulation. Advisory may be issued to state governments by M/o Urban Development to incorporate relevant clauses in building byelaws for promotion of green buildings.

(Action: TERI, MoUD)

(ii)   CED, Thiruvananthapuram:

(a) Project on Solid Waste Management: A meeting may be held by JS(UD) in Thiruvananthapuram with CED and other stakeholders, including vendors, so as to explore a viable solution for the SWM issues faced by Government of Kerala.

(b) The Handbook on Slaughter House Management should be circulated to all Municipalities after due vetting.

(Action: MoUD)

(c) The India Waste Management Portal developed by CED was appreciated in the meeting, with the directions that a Glossary on Training Institutions should be added to the portal within a month.

(Action: CED)

(iii) LBSNAA:

Secretary (UD) desired that the scope for partnership of the Academy with other institutions, including TERI and NIUA , through MoUs etc, should be explored.

(Action: LBSNAA)

(iv) IIT, Guwahati:

(a) The timeframe for the proposed training programmes to officials of North- Eastern states may be reduced , and the programmes run parallel to each other.

(b) The possibility of converting IIT, Guwahati into a RCUES for the North East may be explored. A proposal to this effect may be sent to MoUD after examining the feasibility in terms of infrastructure etc.

(Action: IIT, Guwahati)

(v) ASCI, Hyderabad :

(a) The training material and details of resource persons for the Certification courses on Solid Waste Management and the course on Water Supply may be uploaded on the website of ASCI.

(Action: ASCI)

(vi) IIM, Bangalore :

(a) Project relating to Database on Municipal Finance : MoUD should write to State Finance Commissions recommending the CoE for data on financial status of municipalities.

(Action: MoUD)

(b) Expansion of this project should be included by the CoE in the Action Plan for the current year. The strategy should be reoriented to cater to all states.

(Action: IIMB)

(vii) Centre for Science and Environment :

(a) Project relating to water audit : Scope may be expanded to cover the entire country. CPWD may also be assisted in this regard, and CSE may explore the possibility of entering into an MoU with the CPWD Training Institute in Ghaziabad.

(Action: CSE)

(viii) IRADE :

(a) The CoE should firm up a fresh proposal including priority areas under NMSH after discussions with CPHEEO etc.

(Action: IRADE)

(ix) IIT, Madras :

(a) Project relating to setting up of a plant for waste water management: The CoE should focus on tie-ups with ULBs instead of setting up its own plant. A revised proposal should be sent in this regard.

(b) The scope for developing the proposed training programme on wastewater management into a diploma course may be explored.

(Action: IIT,Madras)

5.   While concluding the meeting, the following points were stressed by Secy (UD) regarding the implementation of projects under CBULB Scheme by

all CoEs, in addition to the points which were emphasized in the introductory session:

(a) MoUD would constitute Research Advisory Committee comprising officers from Central Government/ State Government and other stakeholders, for each CoE.

(b) Efforts should be made to derive maximum mileage from each project, with the primary objective of reaching the ultimate beneficiary, through empanelment of consultants, development of toolkits, and development of exclusive portals on the research areas.

(c) Priority should be given by the CoEs to knowledge networking through their websites.

(d) It should be ensured that there is no duplication of projects under different schemes of Government of India.

(e) Funds under JNNURM should be availed wherever feasible.

(f) CoEs should focus on the core areas assigned to them by the Ministry.

(g) CoEs should explore the scope for peer learning and for entering into MoUs with each other.

(h) Efforts should be made to expand the scope of research activities to cater to the country as a whole.

(i) In all projects, the SLBs notified by the ministry should be followed.

(j) Measurable outcome of each project should be visible within a year, and if found satisfactory, the timelines would be extended by another year.

(k) All CoEs may submit revised proposals based on the deliberations during the meeting, within a week.

6.   The revised proposals sent by the CoEs are approved subject to financial concurrence.

7.   The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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