Office Memorandum

Subject: Monthly Summary on principal activities for the Cabinet for the month of November, 2016.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the unclassified monthly summary on the principal activities of Ministry of Urban Development for the month of November, 2016.

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To

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I  Swachh Bharat Mission

i. A total of 394 cities/towns have been declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) in urban areas of the country. Total 28,445 wards across the country, including 2,038 wards during the month, have been declared as ODF. The Quality Council of India (QCI), as third party agency for certifying the protocol of declaring ODF cities, has certified 176 cities/towns as ODF in the country during the month of November, 2016.

ii. The fortnight of 16–30 November, 2016 was devoted to the theme “Special focus around community and public toilets”. The activities included ODF declaration by third party inspection, intensive triggering exercise, inauguration of new community and public toilets, audit of existing community and public toilets, etc.

iii. Ministry of Urban Development has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, East Delhi Municipal Corporation and National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to use the solid waste of Ghazipur landfill site in road construction between Delhi to Meerut i.e. NH 24. The Ministry proposes to take up the remediation of the existing dumps of top 20 biggest cities in a time bound manner.

II  Smart Cities Mission

i. Varanasi, Ajmer, Kota, Ujjain, Gwalior and Tirupati of round 2 of Smart Cities Mission have created their Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs).

ii. This Ministry has started the process to set the standards for the Smart Cities in India and 16 key features have been outlined which would form the guiding framework for the development of Smart Cities in India. Cities have used this framework to determine their pathway towards ‘smartness’ in their SPVs. Extensive consultations are being
done to finalize the standards. The Draft Standards for Smart Cities in India has been circulated to States / Smart Cities and has also been uploaded on the MyGov.in portal for suggestions. It is targeted to complete the process and finalize the standards by 31st January, 2017.

III. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT)

The State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) for the year 2016-17 in respect of the States of Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh were approved. The 3rd and final SAAP of the States of Rajasthan and Gujarat States have also been approved.

IV Heritage Cities

Eight Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) worth of Rs. 67.15 crore for the cities of Dwarka, Gaya, Kanchipuram, Mathura and Velankanni have been evaluated.

V. Urban Transport

The following documents have been prepared for use by the States / UTs / Cities for improving Urban Transport system in their cities / States: Generic and City specific (i) Operation Documents for Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority (UMTA) & Urban Transport Fund (UTF) and UMTA Bill, (ii) Operation Document for Traffic Management and Information Control Centre (TMICC) & National Public Transport Helpline (NPTH) and (iii) Guidelines & Model Contract Documents for City Bus Private Operations under the World Bank–GEF-UNDP assisted Sustainable Urban Transport Project (SUTP). The documents are available in the Ministry’s website in the link

http://moud.gov.in/division_work_allocation/urban_transport/sustain_sutp

VI Local Self Governance (LSG)

The Ministry of Urban Development has recommended to the Ministry of Finance for release of 14th Finance Commission Basic Grants (ULBs) to 13 States, viz. Sikkim, UP, Telangana, Karnataka, Tripura, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal, Manipur, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu for the year 2016-17.
VII  Delhi matters:

The Ministry has notified two rules viz. (i) Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General Rules) 2016 and (ii) Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (Agreement for Sale) Rules, 2016 for implementation of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. Vice Chairman, DDA, has been designated as the interim Regulatory Authority for Delhi under the Act till the formation of the three members Regulatory Authority in Delhi.

VIII. Other matters:

This Ministry has anchored the work of Sectoral Group of Secretaries on Health, Sanitation and Urban Development for which Secretary (UD) is the Rapporteur. The task of the group entailed, inter-alia, carrying out Mid-Term Review of major policies and programmes, suggesting realignment of physical targets, financial outlays and implementation strategies and to pinpoint the possibilities of convergence between programs/schemes of various Ministries. This also involves reviewing all autonomous organizations within the fold of each Department / Ministry in the group.