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The Chief Secretaries – All States/UTs

**Sub: Parking Policy and Using land as a resource.**

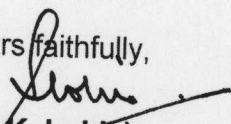
Sir,

Various cities are sending proposals related to urban transport for sanctioning under Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission. While considering such projects the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development observed that none of the proposals is incorporating the Parking improvements and leveraging land as a resource along the transport corridor. Roads are prime urban space and parking on major arterial roads unnecessarily eats up considerable space which should be available for mobility. Most of the cities do not have a well laid out parking policy. As a result, free parking is permitted even on major arterial roads as a rule rather than as exception. Land utilized for parking is a premium urban space and needs to be charged accordingly. As such, there is a need to have a proper Parking Policy for each city/town, regulation of parking requirement through proper parking fee, ban on parking on the major arterial roads and encouraging paid parking complexes on PPP basis.

2. Land is a very important resource which needs to be leveraged to part finance the urban transport projects. This can be done on PPP basis. Furthermore Bus Terminals, Bus Stops etc. should also be taken up on PPP not only to reduce the burden on exchequer, but also to bring in the best architectural design and space utilization. There is also a need for densification along the major transport axes/corridors as a step towards land use and transport integration. Such densification is not only a must for the overall sustainability of any high capacity public transport system, but also essential for decreasing the transport demand through private modes.

3. CSMC in its meeting held on 05.03.2007 desired that the State Governments/UTs should amend the byelaws suitably for achieving the above mentioned aims. Furthermore, all the urban transport proposals must accompany time frame for effecting these policy changes.

Yours faithfully,

  
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