

CHAPTER-I

INTRODUCTEION

The erstwhile Ministry of Urban Development and Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation have been merged into one Ministry i.e. Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation w.e.f. 27.5.2000. The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation now comprises of two Departments, namely,

- (A) Department of Urban Development
- (B) Department of Urban Employment & Poverty alleviation

The broad functions of the Ministry are as under:-

(A) **DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

1.1.1 Promotion of Urban Development, Local Self Government, Planning and Development of National Capital Region, Planning and Coordination of Urban Transport System.

1.1.2 Urban Water Supply and Sanitation

1.1.3 Design, construction and maintenance of Central Government Residential and Non-Residential buildings and connected works other than those for Defence Services, Railways, Communications, Atomic Energy and All-India Radio

1.1.4 Administration of Govt. of India Estates.

1.1.5 Procurement and Distribution of Stationery and ancillary stores to Government Offices. Undertaking of Government Printing, Sale and Distribution of Government Publications.

1.1.6 Administrative control of Public Sector undertaking, namely, National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC) and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

1.1.7 Promotion of Urban Development: Central Government provides broad guidelines and financial support to the States. The primary responsibility in respect of urban and Regional Planning and Development vests in the States.

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (CPWD)

1.1.8 CPWD is an attached Office of this Ministry. The CPWD is the primary agency for design, construction and maintenance of Central Government, residential and non-residential buildings etc. The Organization is headed by Director General (Works) and assisted by Additional Generals, Deputy Director Generals, Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers and other Staff located at Delhi and in other parts of the country. There is also an Architectural Wing under the Director General (Works).

1.1.9 DIRECTORATE OF ESTATES:

The Directorate of Estates is an Attached Office of the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation and is responsible for allotment of Office and Residential accommodation in the General Pool, allotment of shops/markets in some Central Government Colonies and management of Government Hostels, Vigyan Bhavan, and Mavalankar Auditorium in New Delhi. It also manages Government Estates in Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai, Nagpur, Shimla, Chandigarh, Faridabad and Ghaziabad.

1.1.10 LAND AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (L&DO)

Land and Development Office (L&DO) is an attached Office of the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation and is responsible for administration of about 50,000 leases of Central Government in Delhi. 3300 leases are perpetual leases of Nazul Land and the remaining are Rehabilitation leases. It also looks after conversion of leasehold residential properties upto 500 sq.mtrs. plot area into freehold apart from allotment of land to various

Government/Semi-Government Departments and Social, cultural, charitable, educational and religious institutions. It is headed by a Land & Development Officer.

DIRECTORATE OF PRINTING

1.1.11 Directorate of Printing is responsible for printing work of the i) Parliament ii) Ministries and Departments of Govt. of India (iii) Standard Forms and (iv) Certain School books. The Printing Presses are departmentally managed Govt. Undertaking.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TCPO)

1.1.12 Town and Country Planning Organisation (TCPO) is an apex technical advisory body on the matters relating to Regional Planning, Research, formulation of infrastructure development, programmes and policies etc. and functions under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (UD) in the Ministry. The Chief Planner, a technical person, is the Head of Department and is assisted by multi-disciplinary team of Town Planner, Architects, Engineers, Regional Planners, Urban Designers, Sociologists, Economists, Geographers, Environmental Planners, etc.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATIONS

1.1.13 The Department of Publication is a centralised organisation dealing with stocking, sale, distribution, advertising and catalogue, etc. of Govt. of India publications brought out by various Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India.

STATIONERY AND PRINTING

1.1.14 The Department of Stationery is responsible for the procurement storage and supply of miscellaneous stores, paper and other paper made items to the various Govt. of India Department and Offices throughout the country and also to the Indian Missions abroad.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PLANNING BOARD (NCRPB)

1.1.15 National Capital Region Planning Board was constituted in 1985 for preparation of a Regional Plan for development of National Capital region as well as for co-ordination and

monitoring of the implementation of the Plan and evolving harmonious policies for control of land use and development of infrastructure in the National Capital Region so as to avoid haphazard development of the Region. A full time Member-Secretary is the Chief Executive of the Board.

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1.1.16 Main activities of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) are development of acquired land, development of infrastructure like road, drains, water supply, sewerage and other facilities, development/construction of commercial centres and construction of dwelling units. The developed land is utilized for providing plots and also for construction of houses of various categories. The land is also allotted to cooperative societies.

DELHI URBAN ART COMMISSION:

1.1.17 The Delhi Urban Art Commission was set up in 1974 by an Act of Parliament with a view to advise the Central Government in matters of preserving, developing and maintaining of the aesthetic quality of Urban and Environmental Design within Delhi. The Commission is advisory in nature and is headed by a Chairman.

RAJGHAT SAMADHI COMMITTEE

1.1.18 The Rajghat Samadhi Committee, a body corporate, created by an Act of Parliament called the "Rajghat Samadhi Act, 1951" and "Rajghat Samadhi (Amendment) Act, 1958" is an autonomous body, entrusted with the responsibilities (i) administering the affairs of the Samadhi and to keep the Samadhi in proper order and in a state of good repair; (ii) organizing and regulating periodical functions at the Samadhi; and (iii) doing such other things as may be incidental or conducive to the efficient administration of the affairs of the Samadhi.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF URBAN AFFAIRS

1.1.19 The NIUA was set up in 1976, as an autonomous organisation registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 for carrying out research in urban development and

administration **and** for collecting, processing, storing and disseminating information regarding urban local bodies with regards to their functioning, management, finance, development programmes and personnel training.

INSTITUTE OF URBAN TRANSPORT

1.1.20 The Institute of Urban Transport was set up in the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation on the basis of a Memorandum of Association prepared **and** approved by the Ministry for setting up of the Institute. The Institute has been registered as a society on 7th May, 1997 under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860. The most important objectives of the Institute are – (a) to promote, encourage and coordinate the state of art of urban transport, including planning, development, operation, education, research and management; (b) to organize lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences, etc. on subjects pertaining to urban transport; (c) to conduct courses in the state of art of urban transport with the cooperation of Universities, Colleges and other educational institutions, to hold classes and examinations, to award certificates, medals, scholarships and diplomas; (d) to establish and maintain libraries and operate documentation centre and disseminate information on urban transport; and (e) to do all such other acts and things as are or may be deemed incidental or conductives of the Institute.

MAJOR PLAN SCHEMES – URBAN DEVELOPMENT

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM TOWNS (IDSMT)

1.1.21 The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium towns (IDSMT) was initiated during the sixth Five Year Plan (1979-80) and has been continued in the successive plans. It aims at improvement of infrastructure in selected towns having growth potential so as to enable them to emerge as regional centres of economic growth and employment multiplier so as to contain migration of population to large cities/towns.

SCHEME OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN MEGA CITIES

1.1.22 The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities has been introduced from 1993-94. This scheme is applicable to Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad.

1.1.23 In addition to the above, two major schemes like Urban Mapping and Research and Training in Urban Development and Local Self Government are also being implemented in the Urban Development sector

URBAN TRANSPORT

1.1.24 Since 1986 Ministry of Urban Development **and** Poverty Alleviation is the nodal Ministry for co-ordination of Urban Transport in various cities in India. The basic functions of this Ministry in this regard **are** to assist the State Governments in conducting feasibility studies for providing suitable types of Mass Rapid Transport System/Light Rail Transport systems in Urban areas. Besides this, the Ministry renders assistance in obtaining necessary clearances of the Government of India for such projects wherever necessary and also takes up proposals with various International Agencies for possible Project Assistance.

The major initiative by this Ministry in the area of urban transport is **in the** form of grant of 40% of the cost to be given to the State Govts. for the preparation of Comprehensive Traffic System Management Plans, feasibility studies and DPR for Urban Transportation Projects i.e. Mass UrbanTransport Projects. So far feasibility studies for improvement of Traffic **and** Transportation scenario at Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Jaipnr, Ahemdabad, NOIDA Jammu, Cuttack Bhubaneshwar, Simla, Lucknow, Kanpur and Lucknow-Kanpur corridor, Agracity and Agra Mathura Ferozabad - Fatehpur Sikri Taj Trapezium areas **have** already been completed. From among these studies, theprojectfor a Metro Rail Transport System for Delhi is currently under implementation.

Feasibility **study** for Comprehensive Traffic and Transportation plan are in progress in urban areas of Thiruvananthapuram, Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior and Kochi. Techno economic feasibility study for Thane mass transport system

is almost complete. Study for short-term improvement measures/solutions for traffic and transportation issues for Rajkot, Jamnagar and Bhavanagar has already been awarded by the State Govt. of Gujarat. Such study for the city of Raipur has also been awarded by the Govt. of Chattisgarh.

Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has also agreed to meet 40% of the cost of preparation of a Detailed Project Report for setting up of the Electric Trolley Bus project in Chandigarh

WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION

1.1.25 Water Supply and Sanitation including Solid Waste Management are State subjects and the Schemes are planned, formulated, executed, operated and maintained by the State Government Department/Local Bodies. Technical guidance for planning, formulation and implementation of the Water Supply and Sanitation Projects is provided by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization (CPHEEO) of this Ministry.

The Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programmes (AUWSP) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme initiated with the objective of solving the drinking water problems in town having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 Census.

In addition to AUWSP, scheme for Low Cost Sanitation for Liberation of Scavengers, Training in Public Health Engineering and Research in Monitoring and Management Information System (MIS) are also being implemented. This Ministry also provides equity to HUDCO for financing Urban Water Supply schemes as well as for urban infrastructure.

PUBLIC WORKS

1.1.26 Under Public Works, the Ministry provides funds for construction and maintenance of General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) and General Pool Office Accommodation (GPOA). The Plan also supports the CPWD Training Institute as well as Research and Development Cell.

PROVISIONS FOR NORTH EAST REGION

1.1.27 Based on the directive of earmarking 10% of the Budget support to the development of North East, this Ministry has set apart 10% of its Budget support for the schemes for the benefit of the North Eastern States including Sikkim.

NATIONAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LIMITED (NBCC)

1.1.28 National Building Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC) was incorporated as a Public Sector Company in November, 1960. The business of the Corporation relates to execution of civil engineering projects, rendering of consultancy services and development of real estate projects with major focus on home market and on turnkey ventures.

The Chairman-cum Managing Director is assisted by functional Directors Executive Directors etc. and supporting staff to manage the affairs of the Corporation.

DELHI METRO RAIL CORPORATION LIMITED (DMRC).

1.1.29 Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) - a Govt. Company - with Govt. of India (GOI) and Govt. of National Capital Territory of India has been set up to implement the Delhi Metro Rail Transport System Project.