

Twin-City Arrangement

A twin-city agreement is signed at the local body level as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry. **Hence, a proposal for this purpose is required to be submitted by the concerned State Government after obtaining the consent of the local government of the city in question.**

As the nodal agency, this Ministry seeks comments from all concerned Ministries viz. Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Home Affairs, on the twin-city proposal submitted by a State Government. Once all the concerned Ministries furnish their clearance, the proposal is examined in this Ministry and 'no objection' to the proposal is given with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development. After the approval is given, it is for the concerned State Government/local body to make necessary arrangements for signing of the Agreement.

While conveying our approval, we stipulate that the State Government should send a signed copy of the agreement as well as a report indicating further follow-up. However, no feedback is received from States in this regard.