

**Record of discussions of the, fourth meeting of the National Advisory Group on Urban Sanitation (NAGUS) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (UD) on 6.1.2011 in the Conference Room of Ministry of Urban Development, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi**

1. The fourth meeting of the National Advisory Group on Urban Sanitation was held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. The list of participants is given at **Annexure**.

2. Secretary (UD) welcomed all the members present and emphasized the importance that the Ministry of Urban Development assigns to the issue of Sanitation. He stated that the adoption of the National Urban Sanitation Policy is the first step towards the achievement of the goal of total sanitation for all. He highlighted the importance of rating of cities. He stated that the rating of cities has given baseline data which the cities should use as a roadmap for initiating improvements. The rating exercise indicated that 189 cities were in red category, where the sanitation situation was alarming and needed immediate remedial measures. 230 cities were in the black category requiring considerable improvements. Only 4 cities were in the blue category. He emphasized the need for convergence of city sanitation plans with existing plans and also stated that State Sanitation Strategies should identify sources of funding in a realistic manner.

3. Director (WS) made a presentation on NUSP with a special focus on the progress in formulation of State Sanitation Strategies and City Sanitation Plans. Out of 24 states, that had indicated that they would formulate state sanitation strategies, 6 states had submitted their strategy to MoUD i.e Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and West Bengal. 4 states are in the process of finalization i.e Orissa, Karnataka, Tripura and Tamil Nadu. 81 cities had assured submission of City Sanitation Plans to MoUD by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011. Director informed the members about the progress in formation of City Sanitation Task Force (CSTF) and Baseline data collection & creation of database/GIS. 53 cities out of 85 cities had formed their City Sanitation Task Force and 14 out of 85 cities had completed base line data collection.

4. During discussions, following suggestions were made:
- i. It is essential that States focus on the issue of sanitation by formulating State Sanitation Strategies. Further, the City Sanitation Task Force (CSTF) will play an important role in addressing sanitation related concerns within the city. Accordingly, a letter would be addressed to the Chief Secretaries of the state by Secretary (UD) regarding these aspects.
  - ii. Representative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare emphasized that health and sanitation are closely associated and interlinked. Accordingly, synergies with the National Urban Health Mission which is under formulation need to be attempted.
  - iii. Representative of Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF) suggested that formulation of CSP would be emphasized under the National Ganga River Basin Programme.
  - iv. Ministry of Water Resources emphasized that cities were highly dependent on groundwater and there is a need to establish well planned sewerage systems especially in the big cities as smaller cities are dependent on onsite treatment.
  - v. Representative of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation stated that due to limited financial resources with the state governments, low cost sanitation schemes should be promoted.
  - vi. States and cities should plan and prioritize their finances. They must keep provision for funding sanitation related services. At present Government of India, will provide no funding but specific issues can be identified and addressed in future.

5. Additional Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Government of Orissa, gave an update of the progress within the state. He stated that the draft State Sanitation Strategy was ready and is with state government for consideration. With reference to the CSPs, 8 cities have been supported by the MoUD.

6. Secretary (UD) explained that though financial constraints are a major issue, for the Urban Local bodies, efforts could be made in the context of substantial devolution that would be made under the Thirteenth Finance Commission Award. He

emphasized that Public – Private Partnership is also a possibility which needs to be explored.

7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Shri. Navin Kumar, Secretary (UD), Ministry of Urban Development – **Chairperson**
2. Sh. S.K. Singh, Joint Secretary (Housing), Ministry of HUPA
3. Sh. Chaitanya Murti, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi
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